

Trojans track and field team finishes third at invitational

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The Colby Community College's women's track and field team finished third at the McPherson Invitational last weekend at McPherson College with 120 points while the men's team placed fourth with 98.

For the women, Tonya and Scarla Nero finished first and second in the women's 10,000-meter run on Saturday, on March 14, with times of 37 minutes, 56 seconds and 39:14.50 respectively. Their times were good enough to qualify them for the junior college nationals from Thursday to Saturday, May 21 to 23, in Hutchinson.

For the men, Darren Sporing finished first in the 3,000-meter Steeplechase with a time of 10 minutes, 52.73 seconds. It was the first time Sporing has ever ran the steeplechase, said coach Crystal Berndt. "He ran very well," she said.

John Zamora grabbed two gold medals, finishing first in the finals of the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.18 and first in the 200-meter dash with 23.11.

For the women, Tonya Nero placed first in the 1,500-meter run with 2:23.16. Maria Rodriguez was fourth with 2:34.72 and Scarla Nero sixth with 2:39.04.

Rodriguez ran first in the 5,000 meters with 5:22.86 and Tatian Bartruff finished fifth in 5:39.54.

Lisa Faimon finished second in the women's high jump with a 1.53-meter jump and second in the women's triple jump with 10.57 meters. Danae Rice took third in the women's pole vault with vault of 2.59 meters.

Riley Sickels placed fourth in the women's long jump with 4.56 meters. Angela Schulte was second in the hammer throw with 38.99 meters. She barely missed qualifying for nationals, said Berndt.

Courtney LeClair finished first in the 100-meter hurdles at 18:04

and placed fifth in 400-meter hurdles with 1:16.86.

Alicia Cooksey finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13 minutes, 82 seconds.

The Colby women took second in the 4 x 100 relay with a time of 53.61.

On the men's side, Joel Scott took third in pole vault with a leap of 3.65 meters and fourth in the high jump with a 1.73-meter jump. Scott also placed fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 12.46 meters.

Samuel Mwago placed fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.17. Stevorn Richards finished fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.69.

Charmant Ollivier placed second in the 800-meter dash at 2:00.97 and Albert Mong'ony finished fifth with 2:01.77.

Mon'ogony was second in the 1,500-meter run with 4:12.06. Anthony Whiteman took sixth in the 1500 meters run with 4:31.08.

Kansas City Royals defeat Athletics

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Mike Aviles hit a grand slam in the third inning and drove in five runs and the Kansas City Royals defeated the Oakland Athletics 8-3 on Tuesday night.

Royals right-hander Zack Greinke, who had given up 11 runs in eight innings in his previous two starts, struck out eight in five innings and allowed three runs, two earned, on four hits and two walks.

All three Oakland runs off Greinke came in the third. Nomar Garciaparra and Bobby Crosby had RBIs, while the other run scored on an Alberto Callaspo throwing error.

After the game, Kansas City manager Trey Hillman made it official — Gil Meche would start the April 6 opener at Chicago, while Greinke would start the second game.

Aviles, who started last season at Triple-A, was promoted on May 29 last season and became the Kansas City regular shortstop on June 6, hitting .325 with 10 home runs and 51 RBIs in 102 games. He finished tied for fourth in the American League rookie of the year balloting.

"It's a complete 180, definitely for the better," Aviles said of the turnaround of his fortunes from the 2008 camp. "I'm not saying

it was bad in 2007, but it's a lot different now. I can't complain. I worked really, really hard to be where I'm at right now. I'm going to work harder to stay where I'm at and get better.

Getting ready for a smash



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Gray Henry got ready to smash the tennis ball on a windy Tuesday afternoon at the college tennis courts. The team's first match will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 26.

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