

Eagles take first at home

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The Colby High boys' and girls' track teams both took first at the Colby Invitational on Friday at Dennen Field.

The Lady Eagles snared first place in five events and the boys took first in three.

The boys finished ahead of 11 teams with 111 points while the girls led 10 teams with 157. The girls closest competitor was Oakley, 54 points behind them.

For the girls, sophomore Emilea Finley and juniors Kayla Hockersmith and Katrina Kaus all took the gold in two events. Finley finished first in the 1,600 meters with 5 minutes, 33.8 seconds, while Hockersmith came in first in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet, 8.5 inches and Kaus was first in the 3,200 meters with 13.01.7.

The three girls represented three quarters of the 4-by-400 relay team that took first with 4:16.5. The other member of the team was freshman Alexa Haas.

Junior Kaylee Marston finished first in the discus with a 96' 5" throw.

On the boys side, senior Adam Weber took first in the shot put with a heave of 44' 9", junior Andrew Flanagan snared first in the 300-meter hurdles with 42.35 and freshman Beau Brown finished first in the 100-meter dash with 11.28.

Junior Josh Middleton took second in the shot put with 43' 1" and sophomore Jared Nally finished second in the 1,600 meters with 4:59.9.

Senior Braden McKee took second in the triple jump with 38' 10.25" and Nally came in second in the 1,600 meters with 4:59.9. The 4-by-400 relay team of Weber, freshman Wyatt Binder, junior Troy Koon and Brown took second with 46.15 and the 4-by-800 relay squad of seniors Torey Taylor and Kalen Rasmussen and juniors Christian Wilson and Kale Amberger came in second with 8:52.8.

On the girls side, Sophomore



Colby High senior Braden McKee cleared the bar in the high jump at the Colby Invitational Friday at Dennen Field.

Paige Roopchan took second in the long jump with 15' 8.5" and the triple jump with 32' 9.5". Finley came in second in the 800 meters with 88' 8" and in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 7' feet. Haas finished second in the 400 meters with 1:05.3 and Hockersmith took second in the 200 meters with 27.94.

Haas came in third in the 100 meters with 13.27 and the 200 meters with 28.1. Roopchan took third in the 100-meter hurdles with 17.07. Sophomore Morgan Bell finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with 50.96 and the high jump with 4' 10".

Junior Sara Martin took fourth in the javelin with a throw of 88' 8" and the 3,200 meters with 16:00.5. Senior Rachel Lamm snared fourth in the 100-meter

hurdles with 17.07 and freshman Shelby Gardner came in fourth in the shot put with a 30' 2" throw.

Gardner finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 88' 4" and the 4-by-100 relay team of juniors Anna Taylor and Kelsey Voss and sophomores Skylar Barrett and Julia Hutfles took fifth with 55.08.

Lamm took sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with 52.66 and Barrett took sixth in pole vault, clearing the bar at 6'. Freshman Lauren Bell took sixth in the triple jump with 28' 3.5", Hockersmith finished sixth in the high jump with 4' 8" and junior Lauren Shoaff was sixth in the long jump with 14' 1.5".

For the boys, Brown snared third in the 200 meters with 16.11, Flanagan finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with 16.11 and

freshman Ryan Moore took third in the triple jump with 38' 6.5". Koon came in third in the long jump with 18' 7.75" and freshman Dustin Reed finished third in the 3,200 meters with 42.35.

Binder took fifth in the 200 meters with 24.22, Wilson finished fifth in the 800 meters with 2:12.5, McKee came in fifth in the long jump with 18' 7.75" and Reed snared fifth in the 1,600 with 4:59.9. McKee finished sixth in high jump with 5' 6" and Nally snared sixth in the 1,600 with 5:13.1. The 4-by-400 team of Nally, Rasmussen, Binder and Amberger took sixth with 3:42.5.

The squads will compete in the Northwest Kansas League Meet at 3 p.m. Friday at St. Francis.

Tennis team finishes strong

Colby High senior Jake Rose took first in No. 2 singles and he and junior Brock Roemer were first in No. 2 doubles in a junior varsity meet Thursday at Russell.

Rose shut out Brian Nuss of Russell 6-0 in the first round and survived a tough match with Brian Schauf of Hoisington 6-5. Rose won the tiebreaker 7-2. He scored a hard-fought 4-3 win in the finals against Grayson Hostetler of Pratt 4-3, winning the tiebreaker 7-5.

The duo of Rose and Roemer went 3-0 in No. 2 doubles. The pair beat Aaron Pribil and Cody Patterson of Pratt 6-2 in the first round. They gutted out a 6-5 win over Seth Tesch of Hoisington and Tommy Tripp of Ellis in the semifinals. They picked up the victory by winning the tiebreaker 7-3. They captured first place by beating Hoisington's Schauf and Jordan Klime 4-2 in the championship.

Roemer pulled double duty at the tournament, also competing in the No. 1 doubles with junior Jaeger Thompson. They went 2-1.

The duo won their first round match against Tyler Hontz and Nuss of Russell by forfeit in the first round, pounded Trego County's Martin Dietz and Cole Mattheyer 6-1 in the semifinals. The pair fell to Tyler Lamb and Josh Rankin of Ellis 4-0 in the

finals.

Thompson snared third in No. 2 singles with a 3-1 record. After losing his first match to Pratt's Grayson Hostetler 6-5, he ticked off three straight victories. He beat Michael Stiskal of Larned 6-3, then Schauf 6-2. He shut out Russell's Nuss 4-0 in the third-place match.

Senior Dagan Wright finished fourth in No. 1 singles. He hammered Hontz of Russell 6-1 in the first round, then lost to Trego's Jake Weber 6-4 in the semifinals. He eked out a win over Corbin Terry of Larned 7-6, but he lost to Carson Launchbaugh of Pratt 6-4 in a match to decide third place.

The No. 2 doubles team of juniors George Smollock and Peter Merjil lost a competitive match to Russell's Tucker Kaufman and Justice Becker 6-5 in the first round. The match was tied 5-5, but the Broncos won the tiebreaker 7-3. The pair lost their last match of the day to Jeffrey Kaiser and Zack Sanders of Hoisington 7-3.

"They did a very good job of improving this season," coach Matt Ludwick said. "We can't wait until next year."

The boys decided not to compete in the Class 4A regional tourney because they had a lot of schoolwork to catch up on, the coach said.

Colby girls pitch shutouts on road

The Colby High Lady Eagles softball team swept rival Goodland in a doubleheader on the road Thursday, thanks to tremendous pitching by junior Skyler Mengel and freshman Kenzie Curry.

The two combined for 19 strikeouts, while giving up only four hits and no runs in two games. Colby won both games 5-0.

Mengel gave up only one hit, while striking out 11 and walking two in the first match.

"It was a very dominant performance," said coach Jack Elliot, adding that it was Mengel's best performance in three weeks.

Junior shortstop Caitlyn Wark had a huge game at the plate, going three for four with three runs batted in. Junior third baseman Brittany Bange and Curry both went one for three with one run

batted in. Mengel also went one for three.

Curry struck out eight, walked six and allowed three hits in the bottom half of the doubleheader.

Junior outfielder Tara Raymond went two for two with a run batted in and Bange went one for two with three runs batted in.

Senior first baseman Keesa Wright went one for three with a run batted in.

"We are still inconsistent on offense, but we're making strides," Elliot said. "Pitching and defense were very solid today."

Elliot said lots of his kids were struggling with a flu bug, but they managed to fight their way through it.

The team was to play its last regular-season game today at Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays.

Trojans' baseball team advances to finals

The Colby Community College baseball team fought off elimination Sunday afternoon with a 12-4 victory over Neosho County in the subregional playoffs in Liberal.

Colby got by Neosho 12-11 on Saturday to open the playoffs, but they lost 11-5 to Seward County in their first game Sunday. They bounced back to beat Neosho later that day.

The Trojans, 29-26, face Seward County today in the subregional. Colby needs to beat Seward County twice to advance to the Region VI finals that starts Saturday in Wichita.

Royals' Cy Young winner still looking for a win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) C.J. Wilson is a starter, just as he's long wanted to be for the Texas Rangers. The left-hander still knows how to finish, too.

Wilson, the converted reliever who earned a rotation spot this spring, allowed only five singles in his first career nine-inning complete game in the Rangers' 4-1 victory over the Kansas City

Royals on Friday night. That kept reigning AL Cy Young winner Zack Greinke winless.

"Once I got through the sixth with a low pitch count, I wanted to finish it off," Wilson said. "Once I got into the eighth, I just clicked into another gear and went into closer mode."

Vladimir Guerrero homered on the first pitch leading off the sec-

ond, his third consecutive at-bat over two games with a home run. That put Texas ahead to stay.

"When Vlad hit that home run, I knew that was it, that we were going to win," Wilson said.

Shortstop Elvis Andrus made an incredible play to start the ninth, going deep in the hole toward third base and making an off-balance throw that was scooped by

rookie first baseman Justin Smoak to retire Jose Guillen. Alberto Calaspo then singled.

After getting a fly out, and the crowd chanting "C-J!, C-J!," Wilson struck out Jason Kendall.

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