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Colby High senior Dylan Stithem took a putt on hole nine during the Eagles' golf practice Wednesday at Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

Colby College runner finishes second in race

Colby Community College sophomore Scarla Nero took second in the 10,000-meter run in 37 minutes, 43.65 seconds Friday at the Region VI outdoor championships at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Coach Crystal Berndt said Nero beat her former best by a 1:10.

The championships ran from Thursday to Saturday. The women finished 10th out of 13 teams with 34 points and the mens' squad took 12th out of 15. To earn points for a team, athletes had to finish in the top eight.

The teams' performances at regionals were also used to decide where each team placed in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West division. This allowed the squads to have point totals that were larger than their regional scores. For example, a person who finished 12th in the 800-meter dash at regionals could have ended up having the fifth-fastest time for the division.

The woman took fifth out of seven teams in the West with 110.5 points while the men finished fifth out of eight with 49.5 points.

On the men's side, sophomore Albert Mong'ony snared fifth in the 1,500 meters with 4:04.49 and freshman Colby Elliot finished fifth in the decathlon with 5,853 points. Elliot took first in

the 15,000-meter portion of the decathlon with 4:43.9. Sophomore Charmant Ollivierre came in eighth in the 800 meters with 1:59 and Mong'ony finished ninth with 15:37.80.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Ollivierre, Elliot and freshmen Stevorn Richards and Freddy Arellano took seventh with 3:23.04 and the 4-by-800 relay squad of Arellano, Ollivierre, Mong'ony and Elliot ran seventh with 8:21.

On the women's side, freshman Lisa Faimon took third in the Hephathlon with 3,542 points. Nero took fifth in the 1,500 meters with 5:04.37 and sixth in the 5,000 with 18:59.81.

Faimon finished sixth in the high jump with a leap of 1.55 meters and the triple jump with 10.34 meters. Sophomore Hlfti Kahssay took seventh in the 10,000 meters with 41:33.97 and sophomore AnnaKay Dennis snared seventh in the 200 meters with 25.20.

Kahssay came in eighth in the 5,000 meters with 18:59.81. Faimon came in ninth in the long jump with 4.86 meters and sophomore Breana Yost finished ninth in the 10,000 with 43:51.80.

Freshman Emily Lubbers took 10th in the pole vault with a vault of 2.75 meters and sophomore Riley Sickels came in 10th in the

triple jump with 9.68 meters.

The 4-by-800 relay team of sophomore Autumn Preston, Caroline Masai, freshman Jackie Robledo and freshman Kedra Maricot took seventh with 12:19.36.

Several members of the men's and women's team will be competing in National Junior College Athletic Association Nationals on Thursday through Saturday in Hutchinson.

Nero and Kahssay will be running in the 10,000 and 5,000. Faimon will be doing the high jump and sophomore Jessica Schmidt will throw the javelin. The team of Mong'ony, Arellano, Ollivierre, and Elliot or freshman Chisom Spencer will run in the 4-by-800 relay. Mong'ony qualified in the 1,500 and Elliot has unofficially qualified for the decathlon.

To qualify for nationals in the decathlon, you must have one of the top 16 scores in the United States. This differs from other events, where you have to get at or below a certain time at any point in the season to qualify. Elliot's score at regionals was 12th in the nation, coach James Ortiz said. He should officially qualify this weekend.

Brewster senior takes first in event

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Jumping against competitors from large Cass 4A schools, Brewster High senior Spencer Holm cleared 6 feet in the high jump at the Colby Invitational track meet on Friday to win the gold.

The event ended with a jump-off between Holm and Goodland's Kelly Pearson, with Holm holding on to win with the fewest misses. Holm also took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.41 seconds and ninth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with 47.57.

Freshman Michael Schmidt snared fourth in the 1,600-meter run with 5:12.6, and freshman Ben Baird took 14th in the same

race. Baird also ran the 3,200 meters, finishing ninth with 13:09.5. Freshman Dan Brown took ninth in the triple jump with 35' .75", took seventh in the high jump, clearing 5' 6", ran the 400 meters in 1:01.53, and leaped 17' 5" in the long jump.

For the Brewster girls, sophomore Kasey Hoyt came in third in the 1,600 with 6:13.7 and fourth in the 800 with 2:40.6. Junior Sheena Rall finished fifth in the shot put with a heave of 28' 9". She threw the discus 69' 6" and the javelin 67' 1.5". Freshman Jasmine Staten competed in the shot put, discus and javelin.

The Brewster track team was to compete in Stockton on Monday, but the meet was canceled. Next action will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Scott City for the Western Kansas Liberty League meet.

Lady Trojans' season ends

The Colby Community College softball team's season came to an end over the weekend with the Lady Trojans losing both their games at the Region VI Tournament in Wichita.

The women lost in the first round to Barton County from Great Bend 4-1 and then lost 12-5 to Butler County from El Dorado in the second. Seward County from Liberal defeated Garden City 3-1 to become the region's representative at the national tournament.

The Lady Trojans finished the year with a 26-23 overall record, a 16-game improvement over last season. Colby was 6-10 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, finishing in fourth place in the West Division.

The season was highlighted by wins over three nationally ranked teams, Iowa Western from Council Bluffs as well as Butler County and Seward County.

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