

Eagles' golfer 15th at state

Colby High junior Kaylee Keck became the first Lady Eagles' golfer to receive a medal at the state tournament, finishing 15th in Class 4A in Topeka on Saturday.

The Lady Eagles, competing at state as a team for the first time in the program's history, came in eighth.

Keck shot a career-best 89 and the Lady Eagles finished with a 407 Saturday at the Cherry Oakes Golf Course. She made a 47 on the front nine and 42 on the back nine.

Coach Rick Williams said Keck's performance was pretty impressive, considering the pressure of playing at state. He said Keck knew she was in contention for a medal. She clinched her finish by shooting par on the last three holes.

The Lady Eagles' state score was their second-lowest of the year; the team finished with 405 strokes at the Class 4A Regionals.

"I'm very proud of how far this team came this year," the coach said, "and it's awesome how they ended the season playing their best golf in the last two weeks."

Williams said when you consider the squad's lack of experience, their success has been simply amazing.

The Lady Eagles have two girls, seniors Kim Gerstner and Brittany Bange, who just started playing golf this season and two, seniors Bailey Koerperich and Abby Miller, who just started playing two years ago, he noted.

Keck and sophomore Karly

Kriss were only Lady Eagles to qualify for state last season. In fact, they were the first two girls to qualify for state since the golf program started in 1995.

Koerperich shot a career best 102 at state, a 49 on the front nine and 53 on the back nine.

Kriss and Miller both finished with 108. Kriss shot a 59 on the front nine, but she recovered and shot a much-improved 49 on the back side.

"Her drive completely let her down on the first nine," the coach said, "but she showed her toughness and determination by bouncing back."

Kriss bested her score from last year by almost 30 strokes.

"She is just a sophomore and has learned a ton down at state the last two years," Williams said. "I think she has a great chance to break into the medals next year."

Miller shot a 53 on the front nine and a 55 on the back nine. Bange came in just behind here with a 109. Gerstner posted a 117.

The Lady Eagles will be graduating seven seniors this season: Koerperich, Miller, Gerstner, Bange, Kelsey Shields, Kayla Ziegelmeier and Kate Ostmeyer.

"This will be a tough group to replace, despite many of them having only a year or two of golfing experience," Williams said. "They were all great contributors to our success in girls' golf. We had a good time overall this season and the state experience was awesome for the girls."

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Young Eagles' team shuts out Norton

The Colby seventh-grade football team ended a sparkling season with a 32-0 win over Norton on Thursday, Oct. 7, at Dennen Field.

"We improved all year and learned how the game was played," coach Daren Organ said. "Our line learned to block by hitting the sled all year. We had good overall backs."

The coach said his boys need to continue to learn to tackle properly

so no one can get yards on them, especially the better teams. Organ said it was a great season for all his kids. He said all his players need to continue to all play together, which means getting to the weight room and being a team. He said his team had a good work ethic and some tough kids.

The young Eagles finished their season at 6-1. They shut out four teams and only allowed six points in another game.

Heartland football team crushes opponent 62-6

The Heartland Junior High football team dominated a cooperative team of Dighton-Healy 62-6 at Dighton on Thursday.

The Wertz brothers - eighth grade twins Blaine and Matt and seventh grader Corey - played a major role in the young Crusaders' victory. Corey had three rushing touchdowns and Blaine ran for two touchdowns and a 37-yard touchdown on a punt return. Matt caught two touchdown passes from eighth-grade quarterback Brennan Ziegelmeier.

Eighth grader Brent Wilson and

Corey Wertz blocked two punts, Blaine Wertz had one interception and Matt Wertz recovered a fumble.

Coach Steve Ziegelmeier, father of twins Brennan and Brook, said he was happy with Brook's play on defense.

"Brook played excellent defense, making several solo tackles from his cornerback position," the coach said.

Seventh-grader Gabriel Schriener and Brennan Ziegelmeier each ran in a couple two-point conversions.

Brewster High runner finishes eighth in race

Brewster High sophomore Michael Schmidt took eighth out of 23 runners with a time of 19 minutes, 24 seconds at the Wheatland/Grinnell cross country meet in Grainfield on Thursday.

Brady Johnson of Plainville took first with 16:44 and Greeley County's Troy Wineinger finished second with 18:04.

Brewster sophomores Will Al-

len and Ben Baird both ran well in the junior varsity race. Allen came in third out of 20 runners in 22:02 and sophomore Ben Baird took fifth with 22:11.

Elijah Stone of Greeley County took first with 20:06 and Wallace County's Colton Springfield came in second with 21:46.

The boys will run again at 2 p.m. Saturday in Tribune.

Striding to success



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Colby College sophomores West Toews (left) and Anthony Luna, pictured here running in the Colby Invitational, and the rest of the No. 6-ranked Trojans' cross country team finished seventh out of 12 teams at the Fort Hays State Invitational on Saturday, finishing ahead of the league rival No. 9-ranked Garden City Community College for the first time this season. Colby finished with 107 points, beating the Broncbusters by 32. Colby has never finished ahead of Garden City since joining Division 1 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Western Division in 2004.

Colby High girls runners win first conference met

The Lady Eagles' cross country team won the first Great West Activities Conference meet on Saturday at Hugoton.

"It was an outstanding meet with each girl doing a great job," coach Bob Mannebach said. "It was a great thrill to win the first league meet. I was really proud of our girl's team, as they competed at a high level."

The girls finished with 38 points, while Ulysses came in second with 52.

In what has become the norm this season, junior Emilea Finley took first out of about 40 girls with a time of 15 minutes, 30 seconds. Senior Katrina Kaus finished second in 16:18 and Katherine Kaus,

her twin sister, came in fifth with 16:59. Finley and the Kaus' sisters all made the All League team by finishing in the top 10.

"Their hard work during the week resulted in each girl having a good time," the coach said.

Other girl's times included senior Kayla Hockersmith, 14th with 18:17, senior Amy Schroeder, 16th with 18:38; junior Christina Ostmeyer, 19:50; and senior Sara Martin, 20:35.

The boys finished fifth out of six teams with 123.

"They ran a good race and I was pleased with their performance," Mannebach said. "They ran with a lot of confidence and proved that they could compete against that

type of competition. We are young and they will definitely get better as they continue their cross country careers."

Sophomore Dustin Reed made All League by finishing 10th out of about 40 boys with 17:54. Sophomore John Faber came in 24th with 18:57, junior Jared Nally, 19:11; freshman Reed Stephens, 19:16; sophomore Blake McNinch, 21:40; and senior Sam Kendrick, 21:40.

Hugoton finished first with 33 points and Ulysses took second with 42.

The Eagles' will run in the Class 4A regional meet at 2 p.m. Saturday in Concordia.

Texas Rangers trounce New York

NEW YORK (AP) - They have wandered on baseball's outskirts for a half-century, unwanted in Washington, trounced with regularity in Texas.

Now those Texas Rangers, in the 50th season of the team's existence, are just one win from reaching the World Series.

"It's been our goal for awhile now," Michael Young said after another blowout of the defending champion New York Yankees, 10-3 Tuesday night, gave the Rangers a 3-1 AL championship series lead.

"I think one thing this club has done is stay focused and not get ahead of ourselves," Young said. "We know what our ultimate goal is."

Bengie Molina hit a go-ahead, three-run homer off A.J. Burnett in the sixth inning, Josh Hamilton

added a pair of solo drives to give him four in four games and Nelson Cruz also went deep. The Rangers were a little giddy.

Instead of another pinstriped World Series, baseball's showcase would move down deep into the heart of Texas with a win by the Rangers in Game 5 Wednesday.

"We came here, we are supposed to lose," Molina said.

Fans started streaming out of Yankee Stadium in the late innings, while Rangers president and part-owner Nolan Ryan smiled in his seat. Texas is enjoying only its 18th winning season.

"They all talk about home-field advantage," said Derek Holland, who got the win with 3 2-3 innings of scoreless one-hit relief.

"We want to be able to show that

there's no such thing."

The big ballpark was as quiet as a minor league field for the second straight ninth inning. Texas is 5-0 on the road in the playoffs, and the Yankees are on the verge of losing three straight postseason home games in a single series for the first time since 1942.

"It's been a little unusual," Young said. "I think we look at Yankee Stadium as just a fun place to play."

Game 5 was slated to have a rematch of starters from the opener, with the Yankees' CC Sabathia pitching against C.J. Wilson. Since the LCS went to a best-of-seven format, 24 of the 30 previous teams to take 3-1 series leads have won the pennant.

Co-op team wins one in tourney

The Cheylin-Brewster volleyball team won one match and lost two in the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament on Saturday at Brewster.

The girls' victory came against Golden Plains; they swept the Lady Bulldogs' 25-9, 25-19.

Cheylin-Brewster junior Forrest Burr had 11 serve points and six aces. Junior Kasey Hoyt and sophomore Stephanie Busse each had four aces. Busse led the team with 10 kills and freshman Shayla Hubbard had 15 assists. Senior Whitney Churchwell finished with five blocks and five digs.

Cheylin-Brewster's losses came against Wallace County (23-25, 25-21, 25-19) and Wheatland-Grinnell (22-25, 25-21, 25-16). The teams ended up playing each other in the finals.

Coach Cristi Antholz said the fact that her team played these teams in three close sets speaks volumes about their ability.

Senior Teryn Carmichael had seven serve points against Wallace County, including three aces. Busse had a team-high 14 kills and 12 digs and Hubbard led the squad with 24 assists. Churchwell had 13 blocks.

Hubbard led the team in serve points against Wheatland-Grinnell, finishing with seven, including two kills. Hubbard also was the assist leader with 11. Busse had nine digs.

The tourney featured two pools. The girls' pool was made up of Cheylin-Brewster and the three teams they faced and the other pool included the other five squads in the league. After the pool teams faced each other, the top two from each pool moved on to the semi-finals.

The coach said the difficult pool prevented the girls from advancing in the tourney, but it prepared them for the Class 1A Substate tournament.

Substate starts at 2 p.m. Saturday at Quinter. Antholz said she encourages fans to come out and support the team.

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