

Trojans' runners beat Garden City

Colby College freshman Edward Limo took 10th out of 105 runners and the mens' cross country team, No. 5 ranked team in the National Junior College Athletic Association ratings, finished ahead of Garden City Community College for the first time this season on Saturday at the Fort Hays Invitational.

Limo took 10th out of 105 runners with a time of 24 minutes and 18 seconds and the Trojans finished with 187 points.

Coach James Ortiz said that, while his team's performance looked like it was the worst they have had all season on paper, it was actually the best meet they have had all season.

"It was a great day, fast times for everyone," he said. "We held our own against some big boys."

The coach said all the teams that finished ahead of them were Division I or nationally ranked Division II teams. He said with the exception of Fort Hays State University, all of these squads were ranked in the preseason national polls and have been in and out of the rankings.

Western State College from Colorado, No. 2 ranked team in National Collegiate Athletic As-

sociation Division II ratings, finished first in the meet with 27 points. and Colorado School of Mines, No. 3 ranked team in Division II, came in second with 41. Garden City, ranked No. 9 in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll, finished eighth with 219.

Freshman Tim Cude came in 33rd with personal best time of 25:33, beating his previous best time by a minute and half. Ortiz said Cude had a huge breakthrough race. Other Trojans' times included: sophomore Trey Dunsirn, 25:33; sophomore Anthony Luna, 26:31; freshman Abraham Leiga, 26:48; sophomore Garrett Jones, 27:10; and sophomore West Toews, 28:15.

The Trojans are the highest ranked team in the Jayhawk Western division and second highest ranked team in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference. The only team ranked ahead of Colby is Cowley County Community College from Arkansas City, who is ranked first in the national ratings.

The Trojans will run in their regional meet on Monday, Nov. 1, in Arkansas City.

Equestrian team picks up reserve win

The Colby College Equestrian team got a reserve high point win on Sunday when it held the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Western Horse show at the College Farm last weekend.

Eight teams from Zone 8 Region 5 competed in the two-day show. The teams included the University of Colorado, University of Nebraska, University of Wyoming, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Laramie County Community College and Oklahoma Panhandle State University from Guyton, Okla.

Coach Shanda Mattix said her team's hard work paid off on Sunday. She said Anna Schurter from Valley Center and Rachael Kruse from Ellsworth earned enough points to qualify for the Regional horse show. Liz Kennedy from Topeka, Misty Lethco from Montana, Kruse and Morgan Harms from Franklin, Neb., all took first over the weekend.

Individual results for the two days are as follows:

Oct. 16 results

Open Reining: Kennedy, fifth
Open Horsemanship: Kennedy, first.

Advanced Horsemanship: Kruse, third; Jessica Fuson of King City, Mo., fifth.

Novice Horsemanship: Savannah Isely from Bird City, fifth; Jessica Koeppel of Rose Hill,

sixth; Mariah Woolsoncroft from Salina, reserve

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship: Devon Felts from Manhattan, third; Harms, Franklin, Neb., third; Ariel Nickelson from Tribune, fourth

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship: Lethco, first; Megan Sitz from Holton, second; Chessa Carter from Lawrence, third

Walk-Trot Horsemanship: Schurter, fifth; Kayla Chambers from Holbrook, Neb., sixth; Michele Sill from Tribune, Reserve

Oct. 17 results

Open Horsemanship: Kennedy, second.

Advanced Horsemanship: Kruse, first.

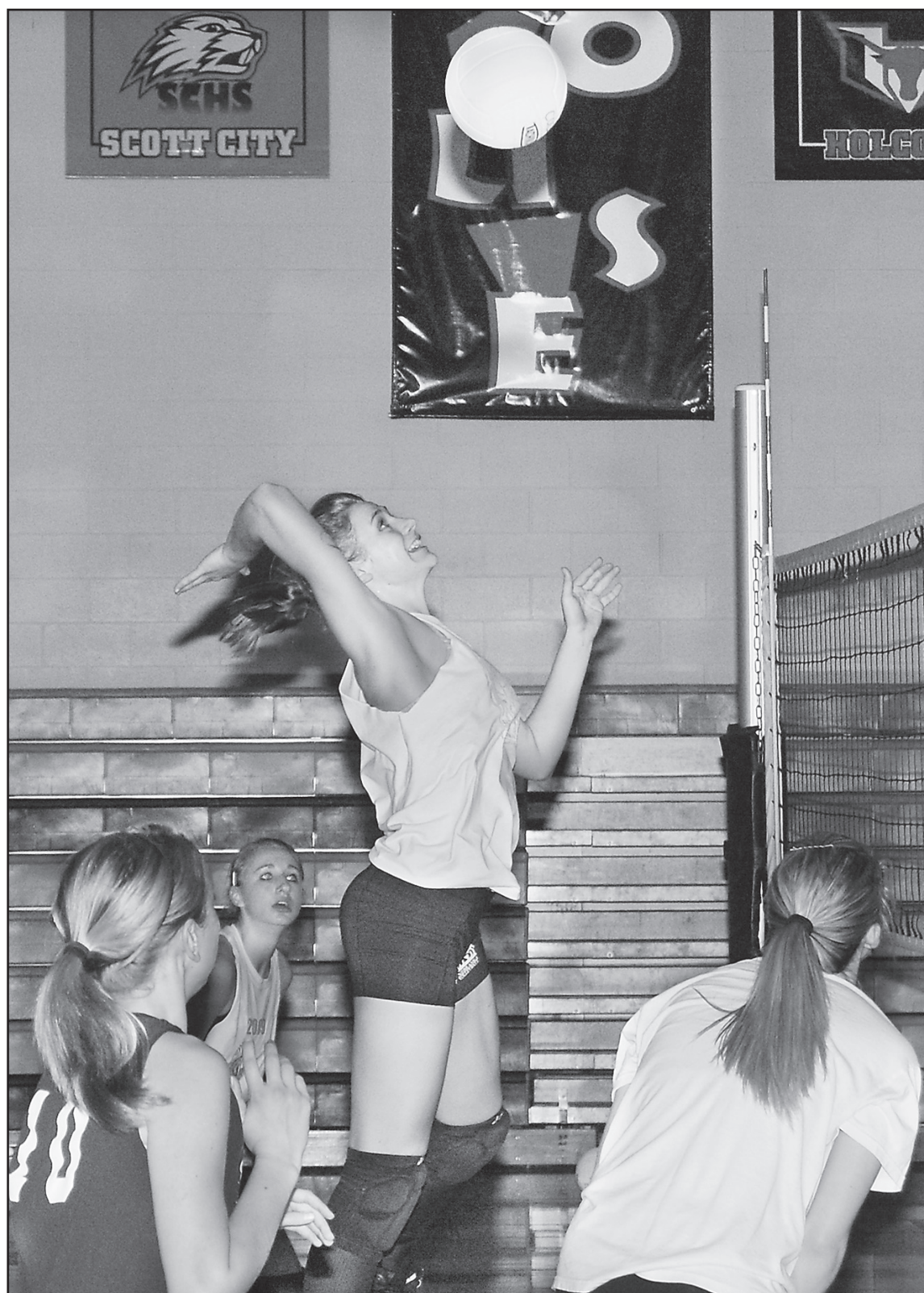
Novice Horsemanship: Isely from Bird City, third, Koeppel, second; Woolsoncroft, fifth.

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship: Faye Miller, third; Harms from Franklin, Neb., first; Miranda Mock from Norton, sixth.

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship: Lethco, first; Carter, fourth; Kayla Cook from Norton, reserve.

Walk-Trot Horsemanship: Schurter, second; Chambers, reserve; Sill, third.

The Trojans Equestrian team will compete in a two-day hunt seat show on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24 at the University of Colorado in Boulder.



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Colby High sophomore Lauren Bell, pictured here getting ready to spike the ball at practice on Wednesday, and the rest of the girls' volleyball team finished third in the first Great West Activities League Conference meet on Saturday at Hugoton.

Lady Eagles' volleyball team takes third in first league meet

The Lady Eagles' varsity volleyball team took third in the first Great West Activities Conference league meet on Saturday.

Colby, Goodland and Scott City all had the same record, but the placings were decided by which team won the highest percentage of sets. Goodland finished first by winning nine out of 11 sets, even though they lost their match to Colby in three sets 18-25, 25-20, 25-21. The Lady Eagles won eight out of 12 sets.

The girls' other wins came against Holcomb, Hugoton and Ulysses and their loss came against Scott City.

The Lady Eagles swept Ulysses 25-18, 25-6 and Hugoton 25-15, 25-11. Colby dropped its first set against Holcomb 25-22, but the girls bounced back and won the next two sets 25-17, 25-16. Colby was swept by Scott City 25-18, 25-21.

The Lady Eagles compete in their Class 4A Sub-state tournament on Saturday at Salina.

Girls track and field squad recognized for amazing season

The Colby High girls track and field team received a certificate for their outstanding team performance during the 2010 spring season from the Kansas Cross Country/Track and Field Coaches Association.

The Lady Eagles finished in the top 10 last season at the Class 4A state track tournament. They finished sixth out of 41 teams with 29.5 points.

The seven girls who qualified for state were sophomore Emilea Finley, junior Kayla Hockersmith, junior Katrina Kaus, sophomore Paige Roopchan, freshman Alexa Haas and sophomore Morgan Bell. Five of the six girls will be

returning this season.

Hockersmith finished first and second at meets in the long jump, high jump, 200-meter dash, and as part of a 4-by-400 and a 4-by-100 relay team, Finley, first in 1,600 meters, 800-meter dash, pole vault and the 4-by-400 and 4-by-100; Kaus, first in 3,200 meters, 4-by-100 and 4-by-400; Roopchan, third in long jump and triple jump; Haas, first in 100 meters, 400 meters 4-by-400 and 4-by-100; and Bell, first in high jump, 300 meter hurdles, 4-by-400 and 4-by-100.

Haas was a big reason why the Lady Eagles finished in the top 10. She took first at state in the 400-meter run, finishing the race

in 58.69 seconds. Unfortunately, Haas will not be returning because she moved earlier this year.

Qualifying for state was just one of the things the girls accomplished last season. They also won their last Northwest Kansas League meet and took second at the Class 4A Regionals with 81 points. The Lady Eagles also dominated their home invitational with 157 points, 54 points higher than the second place finisher. The girls took first overall in Scott City and second in WaKeeney, Norton and McCook, Neb.

Coach awarded certificate

Lady Eagles' volleyball coach Lesley Wagoner received a certificate from the Kansas Coaches Association for her 20-plus years of high school coaching last Thursday at the girls' last home game of the season.

Wagoner has been coaching at Colby for the last 12 years. She coached the volleyball and track and field teams every year since she began working at the school. She said her favorite part about coaching is "watching the girls improve and learn the game."

The volleyball team has finished third and fourth at the Class 4A state championship during Wagoner's coaching stint and the track and field team has placed as high as fifth in state.

Before coming to Colby, Wagoner was the head coach of the Brewster High volleyball team in 1989-1990 and the assistant coach at Center High School, located between Harrington and Marion, from 1986 to 1989. Center won the Class 2A State championship during their 1988-1989 season and Brewster placed fourth in the Class 1A State Championship during her year as coach.

Wagoner went on to coach volleyball and track and field at the now-defunct Jennings High School, that was located in Decatur County, from 1990 to 1998, before coming to Colby.

Pro teams helped by pickups

NEW YORK (AP) - Bengie Molina hits a go-ahead homer to put Texas in charge of the AL championship series.

Cody Ross comes through with another clutch hit for the Giants.

Everywhere you turn in these playoffs, late pickups and mid-season acquisitions are playing important roles on the field. And there's more to it than just Cliff Lee and Roy Oswalt, the star pitchers who were traded with such fanfare in July.

"You like to think on paper in spring training you've got what it takes and there's not many changes," said former Atlanta ace John Smoltz. "But history will show there's always something you can do and certain moves you can make that will help you get to the next level."

Take a look at the final four teams in this postseason. Each of them made at least one notable addition this summer.

Besides landing Lee, the October ace who came over from last-place Seattle, the Rangers obtained Molina, Jorge Cantu and Jeff Francoeur between July 1 and Aug. 31. All that despite economic constraints and the cushion Texas had opened in the AL West.

"We are not expecting those guys to come in here and put us on their shoulder. We just expect them to come in here and fit in and be the baseball players that they are," manager Ron Washington said this week. "They fit in perfectly."

Running quarterbacks play big role in college ball

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP)—Purdue's season appeared to be hanging by a thread when quarterback Robert Marve went down with a severe knee injury a month ago.

Coach Danny Hope knew his young quarterback was the fastest player on the team. Purdue used a bye week to tweak its spread offense and shift to a run-based approach featuring liberal use of the zone-read option play.

The results have been stunning. Henry rushed for 132 yards in an upset win at Northwestern, then ran for three touchdowns in

a victory over Minnesota.

Purdue has joined a growing number of teams using mobile quarterbacks out of the spread with a significant dose of that zone-read option. Michigan's Denard Robinson and Nebraska's Taylor Martinez quickly went from fighting for starting jobs to Heisman Trophy contenders doing it. Auburn's offense has been nearly unstoppable with quarterback Cam Newton running a similar system.

Robinson leads the nation with 1,096 yards rushing in seven games.

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