

Golden Plains track teams come in third

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Both boys and girls track teams from Golden Plains High School finished the Husky Invitational at Hill City in third place.

The meet on Thursday, postponed by weather from April 15, was moved from Logan to Hill City due to track damage in Logan from that day's storm.

Northern Valley High School from Almena was the host school. Teams participating also included Kensington-Thunder Ridge, Natoma, Stockton and Palco.

The Golden Plains Boys tallied 88 points, behind Hill City with 128 and Northern Valley with 118. The girls scored 75 points with Hill City first with 124 and Logan second with 80.

The girls 4-by-400 meter relay team claimed the only first-place finish of the day for the Bulldogs with a time of 4:40.66. The girls 4-by-100 team took fourth with 57.07.

Cole Christensen jumped a personal best of 6 feet, 4 inches in the high jump, finishing behind Joel Struckhoff of Thunder Ridge, who also jumped 6 feet 4. Christensen also jumped a season best of 40 feet, 2.5 inches for second in the triple jump. Devinn Ritter finished second in the discus with a season best of 125 feet, 9.5 inches while Chance Hoeting ran a season best 21.18 in the 110-meter hurdles for second.

Viridiana Beltran ran a season best of 19.96 in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing second. Hannah Antholz took second in discus with a season best of 81 feet, 9.5 inches.

Several competitors were trying out new events. All three girls running the 400-meter dash were doing so for the first time this season, and all three placed in the top six.

Other girls results include: Kylie Jones, third in the high jump with 4 feet, 6 inches and third in the 400-meter dash with 1:09.49.

Jordan Christensen, fourth in the high jump with 4 feet, 6 inches, sixth in the javelin with 81 feet, 8.5 inches, and fourth in the 400-meter dash with 1:10.67.

Avery Spresser, fifth in the long jump with 13 feet, 4.25



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press Golden Plains runner Josh Barnhart headed down the track at the Triplains Invitational on April 12.

inches and third in the triple jump with 29 feet, 6 inches.

Beltran, fourth in the triple jump with 29 feet, 3.75 inches.

Antholz, second in the discus with 91 feet, 9.5 inches.

Macayla Easton, fifth in the 400-meter dash with 1:11.71, an dffifth in the 200-meters with 29.63.

Melissa Ritter, sixth in the 200-meter dash.

Boys Results

Christensen, second in the high jump with 6 feet, 4 inches and second in the triple jump with 40 feet, 2.5 inches.

Riley Spresser, third in the high jump with 5 feet, 10 inches, fifth in the triple jump with 37 feet, 6 inches, third in the shot put with 42 feet, 11.5 inches and fourth in the javelin with 137 feet, 10 inches.

Zach Spresser, sixth in the triple jump with 37 feet, 1.75 inches

Grant Spresser, third in the 110-meter hurdles with 21.89.

Andrew Luna, third in the 400 meters with 56.24.

Cameron Spresser, fourth in the 300 meters with 54.17.

Both the 4-by-100 and 4-by-800 meter relay teams placed third with times of 48.25 and 10:43.4 respectively.

Lady Eagles place first; boys continue to struggle

The Colby High School girls track team continued its hot streak with another win at Holcomb on Thursday.

The team finished first among 11 teams, ahead of Holcomb and Liberal.

Emilea Finley won the 1,600 meters with 5:27.4 and the 800 with 2:29.4. Finley placed second in the pole vault with 8 feet 6 inches.

Katrina Kaus placed first in the 3,200 meters with 12:44.2. Kaus was second in the 1,600, 23 seconds behind Finley.

Morgan Bell took first in the high jump with 4 feet, 10 inches. Her sister Lauren tied for second with 4 feet, 8 inches. Morgan placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with 51.07. Brenna McKee took first in the long jump with 16 feet, 10.25 inches. McKee was third in the 400 meters with 1:05.3.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Morgan Bell, McKee, Kaus and Finley placed first with 4:21.

Other scores included:

Paige Roopchan, third in the 100-meter hurdles with 17.53, third in the long jump with 15 feet, 6.25 inches and second in the triple jump with 33 feet, 9.25 inches.

Kaitlyn Flanagan, third in the 100 meters with 13.54, fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with 51.07 and fourth in the 200 meters with 27.85.

Kaylie Reeh, fourth in the shot put with 32 feet, 4.5 inches.

Shelby Gardner, sixth in the shot put with 31 feet, 9 inches.



DICK BOYD/Norton Telegram Colby High senior Corbin Stephens took the baton from sophomore Wiatt Binder at the Norton track meet earlier in April. Stephens and Binder run on the 4-by-100 and 4-by-400 relays teams, both of which placed fifth at Thursday's Holcomb meet.

The 4-by-100 relay team of McKee, Flanagan, Julia Hutfles and Anna Taylor ran sixth with 56.39.

The boys had a more disappointing outing, finishing 10th out of 12 teams.

The team snared a couple of sec-

ond-place finishes. Kale Arnberger took second in the 400 meters with 52.59 and Logan Middleton was second in the javelin with 157 feet, 11 inches. Josh Middleton placed sixth in the shot put with 43 feet, 2.5 inches.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Arnberger, Troy Koon, Wiatt Binder and Corbin Stephens placed fifth with 45.8. The 4-by-400 relay team on Stephens, Binder, Arnberger and Austin Schiedeman was fifth at 3:41.2.

Jayhawks have tough schedule next season

LAWRENCE (AP) — Kansas will play Kentucky, Ohio State and maybe Duke next season.

The Jayhawks, who lost six key members of the team that went 35-3, could face as many as three defending regular-season champions.

In a non-conference schedule released Sunday, Kansas will play Kentucky on Nov. 15 in the inaugural Champions Classic in Madison Square Garden. Duke will play Michigan State in the other game.

Ohio State, the Big Ten regular-season and tournament champion, visits Allen Fieldhouse on Dec. 10. On Dec. 22, the Jayhawks will travel to Los Angeles to play USC, which lost to Kansas 70-68 in Allen Fieldhouse last December.

Kansas will face 10 non-conference opponents who appeared in the 2011 postseason. The Jay-

hawks will also participate in the Maui Invitational in Hawaii, a field that includes Duke, UCLA,

Georgetown, Memphis, Tennessee and Michigan. The Jayhawks will open the regular-season against

Towson on Nov. 11 in the first round of the Maui tournament.

Rockies' De La Rosa shuts down Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cubs looked as if they were headed for a big offensive game. Then Jorge De La Rosa settled in.

After scoring twice in the first inning, Chicago was shut down by De La Rosa in a 4-3 loss to the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

"You just have to believe that a good approach at the plate is going to bring you back to what you do well," Cubs' manager Mike Quade said.

De La Rosa picked up his fourth victory in five starts to start the season.

After falling behind in the first inning, the Cubs captured the lead in the bottom half. After Starlin Castro and Darwin Barney led off the inning with singles, Jeff Baker singled home a run with two outs to tie the game.

Geovany Soto then hit a ground-er to the left side that went under the glove of Rockies' shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, allowing Barney to score.

"De La Rosa didn't look very sharp in the first," Quade said. "He settled down and pitched pretty well. He regrouped pretty darn well and settled down and pitched good."

De La Rosa pitched seven strong innings, striking out nine while allowing two runs, one earned. He did not walk a batter.

"He pitched good. He's got a very good changeup and a good fastball," Cubs' outfielder Alfonso Soriano said. "We have to give a

lot of credit. Especially a day like today."

Barney and Jeff Baker each had two hits, but the Cubs did not record an extra-base hit against De La Rosa (4-0) and two relievers until the ninth inning, when Soriano hit his seventh homer of the year to make it 4-3.

"We gotta be patient. It's not easy to play here, especially in April," Soriano said of his team's lack of power hitting. "But that's not the key right now. We gotta win some games and score some runs."

James Russell started for the Cubs and lasted only four innings. He gave up four runs on five hits, but allowed three solo home runs, two to Todd Helton.

"I feel great. My arm has been bouncing back awesome," Russell said. "They never say a set pitch count, but I feel great. I have a lot of energy."

Helton's homer to right field in the first inning landed only a few rows behind the ivy. In the fifth, though, he hit a long no-doubter out to center.

"That ball was hit as well as we've seen here," Rockies' manager Jim Tracy said. "He was out front on the first one that he hit, but obviously strong enough to pull the ball the way he did and get enough of it to get it out."

At 16-7, the Rockies have the best 23-game start in team history and a chance to sweep the series from the Cubs on Wednesday.

"We were in this situation last

year and I really hope that our interest level walking into this clubhouse tomorrow is that we're not satisfied that we've won the series," Tracy said. "We're interested in sweeping the series because we have an opportunity to do so."

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