

Colby High tennis team ends year at tough regional



FILE PHOTO
Kaden Staab hit a backhand shot at the Colby Invitational tennis meet April 30. Staab and his No. 1 doubles partner Aaron Higerd lost 1-6 and 0-6 at regionals last week.

The Colby High School boys tennis team ended their season at regionals Thursday and Friday in Russell.

Coach Matt Ludwick said Colby's regional meet was one of the toughest in the state, with defending state champions from Smoky Valley and Buhler. Out of 20 doubles teams and 20 singles players, only six go to state.

"If you lost within the first round, you were eliminated," he said.

Michael Schiferl played against the No. 2 seed player from Abilene, who was 26-3, and lost 1-6 and 0-6.

"Michael did an excellent job hanging with him," Ludwick said. "The kid was impressed that Michael was just a freshman."

Billy Selley scored a point against a Chapman player at regionals but lost the "pigtail" bracket 1-9. A pigtail match is between two players who have each lost one match. Selley had only played two weeks at the No. 2 singles spot.

"I told him that at the beginning of the year he couldn't even hit the ball, and here at regionals he scored a point," the coach said.

Aaron Higerd and Kaden Staab played against the No. 2 seed Hesston doubles team and lost 1-6 and 0-6.

"They honestly gave Hesston a run for their money and were actually making Hesston group upset," Ludwick said. "Kaden drilled several balls over the net and Aaron had great lobs, but they couldn't win the 'adds' matches."

Dylan McLemore and Randy Coling won the first match (pigtail) against St. Johns 9-2. They then played against a No. 7 seed Buhler team.

"They fought hard but Buhler prevailed 1-6, 0-6," the coach said.

Ludwick said the team had a great year, especially since only one of the six players - all freshmen or sophomores - had ever played tennis before.

"At the end, they were all laughing together, congratulating each other, it was great to see them join as one," he said. "They're already talking about tennis next year and they should be."

Ludwick said the other coaches at regionals took notice team's potential.

Teeing off



TOMI MILLER/Colby Free Press
Colby High School golfer Rocque Russell hit a drive at Meadow Lake Golf Course during the Colby Invitational tournament Thursday.

Seven Rexford middle schoolers get first place finishes at Hill City

By Russ Aumiller
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Middle School track teams competed on April 21 at the Northern Valley Husky Invitational.

This was their first meet of the season as the Cheylin meet was cancelled due to weather earlier this season and this meet was rescheduled from April 15 due to winter weather. The meet was originally to be held in Logan, but due to some wind damage to Logan's track, the venue was changed to Hill City.

Sixth grader Courtney Heinrich placed first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:57.98. Heinrich also placed third in the 200 meters with 32.96. Seventh grader Kami Miller placed first in the long jump with 13 feet, 10 inches and second in the 100-meter hurdles 18.84. Eighth grader Braden Korte placed first in the shot put 36 feet, 5.25 inches and first in the 800 meters with 2:43. Korte also placed fourth in the 1600 meters with 6:16.

The sixth grade 4-by-100 relay team of Heinrich, Gabrielle Schiltz, Kellee Snyder and Jessica Koerperich placed first with 1:04.18.

Other results included:
Sixth Grade Girls
Morgan Ritter, fourth in the shot put 22 feet, 1 inch, and fifth dis-

cus.
Jessica Koerperich, second in the high jump with 4 feet, third in the 400 meters 1:17.5.

Kellee Snyder, sixth in the long jump 11 feet, 3.5 inches.

Gabrielle Schiltz, fifth in the 800 meters with 3:09.

Sixth Grade Boys
Jesus Aragon, second in the discus with 55 feet, 2 inches and fourth in the shot put 19 feet, 5 inches.

Austin Rivera, fourth in the discus with 48 feet, 5 inches.

Bodie Sauvage, fifth in the long jump 11 feet, 1/4 inch, and sixth in the 400 meters with 1:20.27.

Nick Brown, sixth in the 100 meters with 19.59.

Dawson Spreser, third in the 100 meters with 16.34.

4-by-100 relay team of Spreser, Rivera, Aragon and Sauvage, second with 1:09.01.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls
Brooke Wark, sixth in the 400 meters with 1:17.19.

Brianna Stoll, sixth in the long jump with 11 feet, 8.5 inches.

Kaycie Clapp, fourth in the triple jump with 24 feet, 9 inches.

Rebecca Bange, sixth in the triple jump with 24 feet, 1 inch, and sixth in the 1600 meters.

Ana Bermudez, third in the 800 meters with 3:06.68, and third in the 1600 meters with 6:44.87.



JORDAN CHRISTENSEN
Golden Plains High School
Arianna Comacho finished first in her heat in the 200-meter run at Hill City on April 21.

Taylor Todd, fifth in the 800 meters with 3:08.

4-by-100 relay team of Bange, Madison Walz, Shania Finlay and Taylor Petersen, fourth with 1:05.93.

4-by-200 relay team of Stoll, Bermudez, Todd and Miller, third 2:15.96.

Medley relay team of Stoll, Bermudez, Miller and Wark, third 2:18.81.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Boys
Benny Martinez, third in the discus with 91 feet, 1/2 inch, and third in the shot put with 32 feet, 10.25 inches.

Joseph Koerperich, fifth in the high jump 4 feet, 10 inches, and fifth 100-meter hurdles with 19.12.

Colter Miller, third in the long jump with 14 feet, 3 inches.

Blake Cumbee, fourth in the 400 meters with 1:11.65 and sixth in the 200 meters with 31.7.

Demonic Luna, fifth in the 100 meters.

4-by-100 relay team of Cole Ziegelmeier, Luke Wessel, Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel, third in the 1:09.3.

4-by-200 relay team of Miller, Ziegelmeier, Koerperich and Cumbee, second with 2:04.68.

Medley relay team of Cumbee, Miller, Luna and Korte third with 2:05.55.

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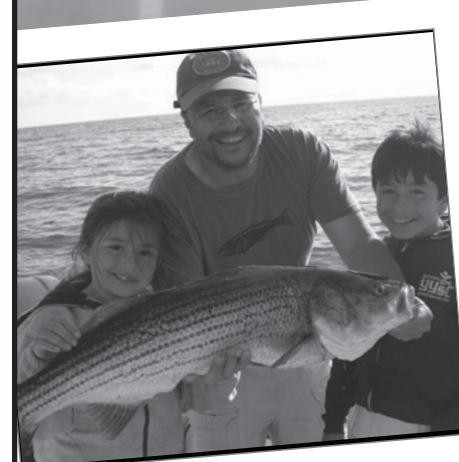


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