Colby High wins state, College golfers compete sets two school records in national championship

The Colby High School track team tied for first in Class 4A at the state championships in Wichita on Friday and Saturday.

The team got 41 points, tying with Baldwin High School. El Dorado scored 34 team points and Hesston, 33.

Emilea Finley won the 1,600 meters and 800 meters and placed second in the 3,200 meters.

She set school records in the 1,600 meters with 5:05.6 - besting Ivy Ramsey's performance at state in 2002 by 6 seconds - and in the 3,200 meters with 11:20.8 - beating Jessica Stephens' record from 2005 by 16 seconds. Finley narrowly missed setting another school record in the 800 meters, finishing just 1/10 of a second behind Joann Dempewolf's time from 1977.

Other individual results included:

Brenna McKee. fourth in the long jump with 17 feet. McKee's jump was the third-longest in school history.

Paige Roopchan, fourth in the triple jump with 35 feet, 8 inches. Her jump was the second-longest in school history.

Morgan Bell, fifth in the high jump with 5 feet.

Logan Middleton, eighth in the javelin with 163 feet, 6 inches.

The girls' 4-by-400 relay team of Bell, Finley, Katrina Kaus and Kayla Hockersmith placed sixth with 4:11.7.

Kaus got 12:25.1 in the 3,200 meters and 5:33.6 in the 1,600 meters, but did not place in either event.

Head Coach Gordon Rasmussen said he is expecting to have another strong team next season.

lose a couple seniors from the relay team, but many girls will be should be good again next seareturning. Barring injuries, we son."



Colby High School junior Emilea Finley ran down the home "All of our girls that placed are stretch in the 800-meter run at the state track championships in underclassmen," he said. "We will Wichita on Saturday. Finley won the race with a time of 2:18.33.

Lady Trojan basketball to host golf tournament

The Colby Community College cludes 18 holes, dinner following Lady Trojan basketball team will the tournament and a drawing for hold a golf tournament Saturday at prizes. the Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby. The four-person scramble will tee off with a shotgun start at ed teams are welcome.

Colby Community College golfers Chelsie 96 and 86. Gausman of Goodland and Jessica Leiker of Colby recently returned from the National Junior College Athletic Association women's golf championship in Daytona, Fla.

Gausman finished 44th with a four-day total of 353. She posted rounds of 89, 90, 85 and 89.

Leiker finished 70th with a total score of 383. She improved each day with rounds of 104, 97,

This is the second year that the Lady Trojan golfers competed in the prestigious event. The four-day tournament was held May 16-19 at the LPGA International Golf Course. There were 120 participants in the tournament.

The Trojan golf teams are coached by Miles Ladenburger. He is assisted by Lisa Stithem.

Royals beat Angels at home

66 pitches in the first three innings.

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Francis, however, pitched seven strong innings and rookie Eric Hosmer drove in two runs in a five-run third as the Kansas City Royals beat the Los Angeles Angels 7-3 on Tuesday night.

Alex Gordon and Chris Getz both had three hits for the Royals, who won for only the fourth time in 17 games. Jeff Francoeur drove in two runs and leads the Royals with 32 RBIs.

Francis (2-5) threw 35 pitches in the first inning and allowed two runs and four hits. In the third, he pitched out of a bases loaded jam, before settling down and making it through seven innings, while throwing a season-high 114 pitches.

"Francis went out and struggled through the first, gave up two runs," Royals' manager Ned Yost said. "He really danced in and out of problems in the second and third. We scored the five runs and he settled down big time.

"He's through three with 66 pitches and your whole goal is to try to get him through five. He settled down and ended up getting us

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - through seven. It was a phenom- I just threw it to the wrong side. Jeff Francis appeared to be in for a enal job by Jeff. He struggled the brief night after laboring through first three innings with his fastball and change-up. He made an adjustment down in the strike zone and started getting quick outs, us-

ing his fielders.' Getz's bunt single with one out ignited the Royals' third inning. Joel Pineiro (2-2) could have gotten out of the inning without a run, but his throwing error to second base on Alcides Escobar's comebacker allowed Getz to move to third.

contributed RBI singles, while Hosmer's double to left scored both. Billy Butler's two-out single scored Hosmer.

"We shot ourselves in the foot on defense," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia. "That influenced the game as much as anything. That inning totally changes (without the error). He's a good fielder and he's really good on that throw. He just misfired. It's a 1-6-3 double play and we're out of the inning."

Piniero said his throwing error was "the big difference."

"The ball just stuck to my hand and I threw a sinker," he said. "I was too quick. I rushed it and my arm came over and I threw it away. It would have ended the inning.

I've been around long enough to make sure of one out."

The Angels took a 2-0 lead with Erick Aybar opening the game with a double to right that Francoeur could not find in the sun. Aybar stopped at third on Maicer Izturis' single. After one out, Alberto Callaspo and Mark Trumbo had run-producing singles. Yost said it was Francis' experience that allowed him to pitch deep into the game after the shaky first.

"He's been through it," Yost Gordon and Melky Cabrera said. "He's done it. He knows it's not the end of the world. Especially early in the game when you give up two runs and we haven't even hit yet. He knows he's going to have to make an adjustment and hold the score right there and he did that until we scored five. It's just experience and confidence, knowing if he makes his pitches he's going to get through it.'

Francis agreed with Yost's assessment.

"When we scored those runs it was like a shot in the arm," Francis said. "I'm not sure I know exactly what I changed. I just tried to work a little quicker and really put the pressure on them. I think experience helps a lot. There's a lot that goes into realizing two runs is not a huge lead."





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