

# Girls win regionals, send six to state meet

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The Colby High girls track team took first place in the Class 4A Regional Track Meet on Friday in Buhler, with six girls qualifying for the state meet in Wichita on Friday and Saturday.

The boys team had one member qualify for state.

Seniors Emilea Finley and Paige Roopchan each qualified in three of their four events.

- Finley qualified in the 800 meters, grabbing first with a time of 2 minutes, 20.10 seconds, the 1,600 meters with 5:23.18 and the 3,200 meters with 11:59.75.

- Roopchan qualified in her 100-meter hurdles preliminary race with 17.40 and took fifth in the finals with 17.82. She also got a state spot in the triple jump, taking second with 34' 10.75", and the long jump, scoring fourth with 15' 5".

- Senior Brenna McKee qualified in the long jump, coming in third with a jump of 16 feet, 4.75 inches, and the 400 meters, taking third with 1:02.90.

- Junior Kaitlyn Flanagan qualified in the 100-meter dash preliminaries with 13.00 and took second in the finals with 12.83. She then qualified in the 300-meter hurdles, coming in second with 46.99 seconds.



Kaitlyn Flanagan (center) took off at the start of the 100-meter finals Friday at the Class 4A Regional Track Meet in Buhler. She qualified for the state meet in the preliminaries with a time of

- Freshman Hannah Strange qualified in the high jump, tying for second with a five-foot jump.
- Freshman Cheyenne Ortner qualified with 27.50 in the 200 meters and grabbed fifth in the fi-

- Two relay teams qualified for the state meet: the 4x100-meter team of Strange, Ortner, McKee and Flanagan took second with a time of 50.51 and the 4x400-

13 seconds and took second in the finals with 12.83. Five other Lady Eagles qualified for state as well.

meter team with Flanagan, Ortner, McKee and Finley finished first at 4:10.91.

There is one alternate for both relay teams, sophomore Katie Elias.

The Lady Eagles racked up 99 points for the first-place finish at regionals. Concordia was second with 79, McPherson third with 64, Holton fourth with 59.5, Buhler fifth with 44, Wamego sixth with

30, Larned and Abilene tied for seventh with 29, Hesston ninth with 28.5, Nickerson 10th with 22, Topeka-Hayden 11th with 20, Lindsborg-Smoky Valley 12th with 18, Clay Center 13th with 15, Hiawatha 14th with 13, Hoyt-Royal Valley 15th with 5 and Chapman 16th with 2.

The Colby girls are the defending state champions.

The lone Eagle who qualified for state from the boys team is junior Beau Brown, who ran the 100 meters in 11.10 in the prelims to qualify and took first in the finals with 11.04.

The boys took 12th in regionals with 10 points. Buhler was first with 103, Wamego second with 65, McPherson third with 64, Hiawatha fourth, with 49, Hesston fifth with 48, Concordia sixth with 46, Lindsborg-Smoky Valley seventh with 45, Hoyt-Royal Valley eighth with 43, Clay Center ninth with 22, Holton 10th with 21, Topeka-Hayden 11th with 21, Abilene 13th with 9, Larned 14th with 8, Nickerson 15th with 6 and Chapman 16th with 1.

The state meet will be Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium at Wichita State University. In the first session Friday, Colby and other Class 4A teams will compete first, with running events beginning at 7:45 a.m. and field events at 8.

# Golden Plains boys take over Colby meet

By Becca Bange  
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School boys traveled to Colby to compete in the Colby Invitational, taking home first in the 1A division and third overall.

Many boys placed on May 4, and many others broke personal records. Their results follows.

- **100 meters:** Kalyn Weber, second, 11.49; Andrew Luna, 11.91; Zach Spresser, 12.81; Tomas Ferenca, 12.95; Tom Koubek, 13.17; Tristan Schwarz, 13.21; Braden Korte, 13.88.

- **200 meters:** Weber, second, 23.01; Luna, fifth, 23.88; Ferenca, 25.63; Koubek, 26.93; Grant

Spresser, 29.33.

- **400 meters:** Luna, second, 52.7 (school record); Koubek, 1:01.69.

- **800 meters:** Trey Schwarz, 2:43.27.

- **110-meter hurdles:** Josh Barnhart, 19.9; Chance Hoeting, 20.96; G. Spresser, 21.49.

- **300-meter hurdles:** Hoeting, 49.18; Barnhart, 50.37.

- **4x100-meter relay team:** Trey Schwarz, Cole Christensen, Luna, Weber, 46.95.

- **Shot put:** Tristan Schwarz, 36'8.5"; Jacob Antholz, 32'2.05"; Korte, 30'8".

- **Discus:** Tristan Schwarz, 116'4"; Antholz, 97'5.5".

- **Javelin:** Weber, fourth, 153'6 (personal record); Korte, 111'11".

- **High jump:** Christensen, sec-

ond, 5'10"; Trey Schwarz, 5'4".

- **Long Jump:** Christensen, first, 19'4.75" (personal record); Z. Spresser, fourth, 18'3.25" (personal record).

- **Triple jump:** Z. Spresser, first, 39'7"; Christensen, second, 39'5".

All of the boys have improved throughout the season.

"It was great to be part of the winning team, especially at the biggest meet of the season, and picking up the first place plaque," said Koubek.

The boys were to compete at the Western Kansas Liberty League meet on May 11, hoping to bring home the league trophy.

# Rockies lose six games straight

By Steven Wine,  
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Colorado Rockies manager Jim Tracy has the owner's support. What he lacks is pitching.

The Rockies blew a big early lead for the second night in a row, and their losing streak reached six games Tuesday with a 7-6 defeat against the Miami Marlins.

The Rockies (15-27) are off to their worst start since 1995, but owner Dick Monfort told the *Denver Post* he will not fire Tracy or general manager Dan O'Dowd.

"It means a lot to me," Tracy said.

Monfort said he doesn't believe Tracy has lost the team, and said the Rockies are playing hard. Tracy agreed.

"The effort that's been given, I think my message is being heard loud and clear," Tracy said. "It's extremely frustrating for all of us...."

Trailing 7-4 in the eighth, the Rockies kept battling. They

scored twice in the inning, but left

fielder Chris Coghlan preserved the Marlins' one-run lead when he made a running, leaping catch to rob Marco Scutaro of a hit, ending the threat and stranding a man at

third.

Heath Bell gave up a leadoff double in the ninth, then retired Carlos Gonzalez, Troy Tulowitzki and Todd Helton for his seventh save in 11 chances.

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# Lady Bulldogs finish second at Logan Invite

By Judy Rogers  
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The Golden Plains High School girls' track team finished in second place at the Logan Invitational on May 4.

This is the third time this season that the girls have placed in a meet. Several of the girls continued to show improvement as they placed in multiple events. The results of this meet are listed below with improved scores marked with an asterisk (\*).

- **100 meters** – Macayla Easton, third, 13.84; Angela Ritter, fourth, 13.91\*.

- **400 meters** – Easton, first, 1:02.88\*; Ritter, second, 1:05.96.

- **800 meters** – Leea Juenemann, third, 2:48.12; Ana Bermudez, sixth, 2:54.03\*; Brooke Wark, 2:56.45.

- **1,600 meters** – Taylor Todd, second, 6:06.52.

- **4 x 100-meter relay team** – Easton, Hannah Antholz, Hailee Spresser, Ritter, second, 56.45.

- **4 x 400-meter relay team** – Wark, Juenemann, Bermudez, Todd, second, 4:56.97.

- **4 x 800-meter relay team** – Wark, Juenemann, Bermudez, Todd, first, 11:18.25\*.

- **Shot put** – Spresser, fourth, 32'5"\*; Antholz, 22'9".

- **Discus** – Antholz, fourth, 8'3"\*; Spresser, 78'4"; Juenemann, 22'9".

- **Javelin** – Spresser, sixth, 81'1"; Antholz, 58'6".

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