

Colby baseball players get awards, honors

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Despite the season being over, Colby High School baseball players were given a number of individual post-season awards in the last few days.

After winning the Great West Activities Conference by going undefeated in the league, six Eagles were all-league selections.

Named to the All-League First Team were Braden Sager, pitcher (unanimous selection); Luke Cox, pitcher; Macen Shull, outfield; and Troy Quenzer, design-

ated hitter (unanimous selection).

All-League Honorable Mentions were Trek Keck, outfield, and Jordan Rasmussen, shortstop.

"Our great team success in the league was rewarded with a lot of guys being selected to the all-league team," Coach Rick Williams said. "There were four players who were unanimous selections, meaning they appeared on every coaches' ballot, and two of them were Colby guys so that is a great honor.

"You can only make the all-league team at one position so since Luke and Braden made it as pitcher, they could not also make it at the other positions they play."

Sager and Cox were also selected for the Kansas Association of Baseball Coaches All-State Team 4A First Team. Sager was selected as a pitcher and Cox was unanimously selected as a second baseman.

Macen Shull was named to the coaches association's All-State Team 4A Second Team as an outfielder.

"Having three guys earn a spot on the All-State team is a great accomplishment for our program," Williams said. "Braden and Luke become the sixth and seventh guys to be named KABC All-State First Team in Colby High School history.

"It is great to see Braden get rewarded

for his great career and his standout performances this year on the mound."

Williams said Sager will get the opportunity to play in the coaches association's Senior All-Star Game, which will be played on Wednesday at Kansas State University.

"As for Luke, it is a great accomplishment to be named to the KABC All-State Team as a sophomore and to be a unanimous selection is truly a rare occurrence," Williams said. "Macen becomes the fourth player in Colby High School baseball history to be named KABC All-State Second Team.

"Macen is probably the most improved

baseball player in the state of Kansas and the most improved baseball player I have ever coached. Macen caught the eye of a lot of opposing coaches this year and that showed in him being voted to the All-State Second Team."

Williams attributed the great season the Eagles had to the many awards and honors his players received.

"Having a good year as a team paved the way for these great individual honors and we view it as a team accomplishment to be awarded these individual honors," he said.

Bulldogs third in league meet

By Judy Rogers

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The Golden Plains High School boys finished in third place at the highly-competitive Western Kansas Liberty League track meet in Scott City.

The team finished the meet on May 11 with 88 points, just short six points of the first-place team Wheatland-Grinnell and four behind second place Wallace County-Sharon Springs. The Bulldogs led the meet until the last few running events.

Coach Travis Betz said it was frustrating to come so close to winning the league title and to fall short in the end. Several of the boys set new personal records while gathering points in for the Bulldog team.

Senior Kalyn Weber set a season-best record in the 100 meters with a first-place finish and a time of 11.26 seconds. He also placed first in the 200 meters with a time of 22.98 and second in javelin with a throw of 150' 9".

Senior Cole Christensen had a good meet in the field as he placed first in high jump with a jump of 6' 4", first in triple jump with 40' 8.5" and second in long jump with

a season best of 19' 6".

Junior Andrew Luna won first place in the finals of the 400-meter run with a time of 52.84. He ran 11.72 in the preliminaries of the 100-meter run to qualify for the finals where he placed fourth with a time of 11.77 seconds. Although he won the 200 meters prelims with his season-best run of 23.45, he just missed scoring in the finals, finishing seventh with a 24.86 run.

Junior Tomas Ferencak also qualified for the finals in the 200-meter run where he finished in fifth place with a season best run of 24.65.

The sophomore hurdlers had a particularly good day as all three qualified for finals.

Chance Hoeting completed the 110-meter hurdles in fourth place with a season-best time of 18.63. He also had a season-best time of 48.77 in the 300-meter hurdles for sixth place.

Josh Barnhart placed fifth with his season-best time of 19.13 and ran his best time of 49.02 in the 300-meter hurdles. Grant Spresser just missed scoring in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing in seventh.

Sophomore Zach Spresser did well in the field with a third-place finish in triple jump (39' 1.5") and



JORDAN CHRISTENSEN/Golden Plains High School

Kalyn Weber received the baton from teammate Cole Christensen during the 4 x 100-meter relay at the State Track Meet in Wichita. The Golden Plains boys 4 x 100-meter relay team, which also included Andrew Luna and Trey Schwarz along with

a season best of 18'7.5" in long jump for sixth place.

The 4 x 400-meter relay team of Ferencak, Braden Korte, Tom

Koubek and Domonic Luna placed sixth with a time of 4:02.60 while the 4 x 800-meter relay team also placed sixth (10:23.3) with Joseph

alternate Zach Spresser, ran its best time of the year at 46.18 at regionals to qualify for the state meet. Weber, Luna and Christensen also qualified and participated at the state meet in additional events.

Koerperich running with D. Luna, Koubek and Korte.

The boys were to compete in the regional meet in Hays on May

18 in hopes of earning return spots in the state meet the following week.

Seventh, eighth grade girls finish second

By Russ Aumiller

Golden Plains Middle School

With eight teams participating at Logan, the Golden Plains Middle School track teams competed in two divisions, the sixth grade as a group and the seventh and eighth grades together.

The seventh and eighth grade girls finished in second place with 96 points. Kami Miller set two meet records in 100-meter hurdles and in 200-meter hurdles.

Those placing in events: **Taylor Petersen:** shot put, fifth, 29'5.5".

Carmen Sepulveda: discus, sixth, 60'0".

Kaycie Clapp: triple jump, fifth, 27'4.5".

Madison Walz: 200-meter hurdles, fourth, 37.57; 100-meter hurdles, fourth, 20.19.

Courtney Heinrich: 1,600 meters, fourth, 6:38.37; 800 meters, sixth, 3:04.37.

Gabrielle Schiltz: 800 meters, fifth, 3:03.77.

Jessica Koerperich: high jump, fifth, 4'2"; 100-meter hurdles, third, 19.59.

Kami Miller: long jump, first, '5-3/4"; 100-meter hurdles, first, 16.5 (meet record); 200-meter hurdles, first, 31.82 (meet record).

Kynndra Rush: 800 meters, first, 2:49.12; 100 meters, second, 13.64; 400 meters, third, 1:09.75.

4 x 100-meter relay team: Clapp, Brianna Stoll, Walz, Schiltz, fifth, 1:00.66

4 x 200-meter relay team: Rush, Stoll, Koerperich, Miller, first, 2:00.62 (meet and school record).

800-meter sprint medley relay: Schiltz, Clapp, Heinrich,

Stoll, fifth, 2:20.42

The sixth grade girls scored 28 points. Their results include:

Kaylie Schaben: high jump, sixth, 3'8".

Jennifer Esparza: discus, first, 61'7.25"; shot put, second, 23'8".

Sierra Finlay: 75 meters, sixth, 12.38; 400 meters, fifth, 1:18.5; 200 meters, fifth, 35.34.

4 x 100-meter relay team: Esparza, Charlotte McCurdy, Leann Fringer, Schaben, fifth, 1:13.63.

In the seventh and eighth grade boys division, the Bulldogs scored 14 points with points coming from:

Koi Wessel: discus, fourth, 83'0".

Cole Ziegelmeier: 1,600 meters, third, 5:51.1; 800 meters, fifth, 2:39.03.

Rally car strikes crowd

DUBLIN (AP) – A race car went out of control on a rural Irish road and crashed into a crowd of about 30 spectators Sunday, killing two people and seriously injuring seven, authorities said.

Witnesses said the car crashed through a fence and into the on-lookers before coming to rest on its side beside a home near Bailieborough, 50 miles northwest of Dublin.

Police said two people – a 29-year-old woman from Cork, southwest Ireland, and a 50-year-old male photographer

from the western city of Galway – were declared dead at the scene. Seven others, including the car's driver and navigational co-driver, were hospitalized because of unspecified injuries.

The accident highlighted the dangers posed to drivers and viewers alike by Ireland's annual high-speed contests on hedge-lined, narrow country roads. At least four other people have been killed during races over the past decade as hundreds of miles of unmodified local roads are blocked off for use by souped-up rally cars.

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