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Miranda Kern of Colby took a swing Monday afternoon during the Colby High girls golf tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Kern finished in 19th place with a score of 61, but as a team, the Lady Eagles took first place.

# Colby golf team takes first at home tourney

The Colby High girls won their own invitational golf tournament on Monday at the Meadow Lake Country Club, outscoring Goodland, Garden City, Oakley, Hugoton and Holcomb.

The Lady Eagles won the tournament, shooting a 193. They were followed by Goodland 210, Hugoton 231, Holcomb 239 and Oakley 252. Garden City did not have enough golfers to have a team score.

Scoring for Colby were:

- Karly Kriss, first, 46.
- Kyla Bandle, second, 46.
- Andrea Barton, fourth, 49.
- McKenna Ortner, ninth, 52.
- Haley Mengel, 12th, 56.

- Miranda Kern, 19th, 61.
- Junior varsity players for Colby were:
- Elissa Zerr, third, 68.
- Jenna Crampton, fourth, 69.

Other players scoring under 60 on the nine-hole course were: Katie Hays and Emily Purvis, Goodland, 49 each; Olivia Ortega, Holcomb, 50; Abbi Wheeler, Holcomb, 51; Tessa Rindels, Hugoton, 52; Erica Robinson, Holcomb, 54; Dani Mangus, Goodland, 55; Sydney Parsons, Oakley, Hannah Leiker and Dayne Webring, Goodland, 57 each; and Nicole Close, Oakley, and Milan Brannick, Goodland, 59 each.

# Bulldogs run to first win of season at home opener

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The Golden Plains High School Bulldog football team won its home opener 44-22 over the Western Plains Bobcats on Sept. 7.

This win put the Bulldogs at 1-1 on the season as they prepared for their Homecoming exhibition with Greeley County.

The first quarter of the game started off with the Bobcats receiving, but stops by Jesus Garcia, Camron Spresser and Chance Hoeting along with the 'Dogs defensive squad stopped their advance and gave the home team possession. Following a short gain by Tristan Schwarz, Andrew Luna sprinted for the end zone to score a 29-yard touchdown. With just four minutes off the clock, the 'Dogs were pushed back on the extra-point attempt and held a 6-0 lead.

Following a kick-off return, the Bulldogs stopped numerous attempts by the Bobcats to move the ball. As the Bobcats approached the goal line, the 'Dogs were able to recover the ball on the 3-yard line with 77 yards ahead of them. Carries by Schwarz and Luna gained a first down. Additional runs by Jose Bermudez, Schwarz and Luna gained yards, but the Bulldogs were forced to punt back to the Bobcats. The hometown defense stopped the Bobcats as the first quarter buzzer sounded.

On the first play of the second quarter, Luna sprinted down the field for a 50-yard touchdown run. A pass from Grant Spresser to Joseph Koerperich was good giving the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead with 11:50 still to play in the first half. Benny Martinez kicked back to the Bobcats then rushed down the

field to tackle the receiver along with classmate Domic Luna. Andrew Luna and Hoeting then stopped the Bobcats for a loss. With two players leaving the field with injuries, the Bobcats punted back to Golden Plains.

Hoeting returned the ball for the Bulldogs, then gained another 6 yards on the first down. Grant Spresser carried the ball on the second, Schwarz carried the ball third and then Hoeting rushed for a first down ending on the 25-yard line. Andrew Luna took the hand-off from the quarterback and ran in yet another touchdown for the Golden Plains team. Unable to cross the goal line for the extra points, the Bulldogs now led 20-0 with over half of the second quarter still to be played.

The Bobcats were not about to give up as they answered back with their first score of the night after recovering a fumble on the 4-yard line and passing the ball into the end zone. With a successful two-point conversion, the spread closed to 20-8. The Bulldogs answered this score with another touchdown run from Andrew Luna - this time for 55 yards. An illegal procedure backed the Bulldogs up on the extra-point attempt, and the Bobcats stopped their second attempt leaving the 'Dogs in the lead 26-8.

Martinez kicked back to the Bobcats who downed the ball on the 11-yard line. Camron Spresser then dropped the quarterback in the backfield and the Bobcats put the ball in the air to try and gain some ground. Their receivers were tripped up by Schwarz, Bermudez and Martinez before finally connecting for a first down. Hoeting chased down the next play stopping them for a loss. Schwarz then put them on the ground be-

fore they gained the first down. With their passing game going strong, the Bobcats gained several first downs despite stops along the way from Martinez and Camron Spresser.

A long pass from the quarterback was caught as Bermudez nailed the receiver to the ground but was called for yet another Bobcat first down. The Bulldog defense continued to stop the Bobcats, forcing a turnover on their 13-yard line as the first half wound down with the Bulldogs ahead 26-8 at the buzzer.

The boys on the field played strong throughout the third and, even though Hoeting intercepted a Bobcat pass, neither team was able to cross the goal line. They picked back up in the fourth, however, as Luna once again ran in a 65-yard touchdown on the first play. As the extra-point pass attempt failed, the Bulldogs held a 32-8 lead.

Following Martinez's kick to the Bobcats, they were quickly stopped by hard hits from Zach Spresser and Bermudez. Zach Spresser followed with another timely tackle before the Bobcats broke through multiple defenders for a long gain finally punching it over the line. With a successful two-point conversion, the score was now 32-16 with over 10 minutes remaining in the game.

After regaining possession, the Bulldog offense made several gains before Tristan Schwarz claimed a touchdown by running 28 yards. Another incomplete extra-point pass attempt followed with the score at 38-16. On the kickoff back to the visiting team, the Bobcats fumbled the ball. Domic Luna picked up the ball and ran 15 yards to score one more Bulldog touchdown as the crowd cheered on with excitement and the home team upped their score to 44.

Western Plains moved the ball down the field to within five yards of the goal line before finishing the drive with their final score of the game giving them 22 points. The last five minutes of the game saw lots of action as both teams moved the ball getting quite close

# Cross country team runs well in Hays

The Colby Eagles came in fourth and fifth in the 18-team Hays Invitational cross country meet last Thursday.

Goodland was the only other Great West Activities Conference team at the meet, and the Eagles had hoped to beat their old rival, said Coach Chris Giersch.

"It was our team goal to be able to beat Goodland, and we were able to do this in the girls' division, but not in the boys' division," Coach Giersch said.

The boys team came in fifth with 110 points and the girls fourth with 122.

Other teams at the meet were Liberal, Salina Central, Dodge City, Ness City, Salina South, Garden City, Norton, Stockton, Great Bend, Oakley, Thomas More Prep, Junction City, Plainville, Hoisington, Maize South and Hays.

"The meet was held at Hays High School and the course was a new course for us to run," said Giersch. "The course in the past was beside Gross Memorial Coliseum at Fort Hays State University.

"The new course was flat, with no hills, but part of the course was a little rough and on a nature

trail south of Hays High and the baseball field."

Three runners received medals. Freshman Andrea Browne took fourth for the girls, running the course in 15 minutes, 17 seconds. Senior John Faber took sixth for the boys in 18:34 and sophomore Aaron Faber, took 13th in 19:08.

Other Colby boys running were Alex Onstad, 19:3, 18th; Wiatt Binder, 20:58, 36th; Marc Bremenkamp, 21:12, 39th; Brad Schroeder, 21:14, 40th; Brady Rose, 21:16, 41st.

Also running for the girls were Taylor Lemman, 17:06, 22nd; Bridget Bickner, 17:36, 27th; Makayla Hoffman, 20:35, 39th; Katie Elias, 20:54, 41st; Maura Hansen, 21:58, 43rd.

Girls running junior varsity were Cameron McLaughlin, 22:43, 81st, and Morgan Smull, 26:3, 86th.

The junior varsity races had a larger field of runners for scoring

because Hays did not split up the schools into divisions, Giersch said, while the varsity races were divided into divisions for Class 1A through 4A and Classes 5A and 6A.

"In the boys junior varsity race, there were 140 runners, and in the girls junior varsity there were 85 runners," the coach said. "In the varsity races, all schools ran together but for scoring, the field was reduced to 46 runners in the (Class) 1A to 4A division.

"Overall, I was pleased with our effort and some of our runners posted their best times of the year. With this type of course and with the perfect weather conditions, this was to be expected.

"Most of our runners seemed to be able to complete the course with a little stronger finish than we have had so far. Despite a tough week of practice, some soreness and some runners fighting cold or flu-like symptoms, I was pleased with our results but can also see the potential we have for improvement."

The Eagles' next meet will start at 5 p.m. today at the Prairie Trails Golf Course in Hill City.

# Game shown on program

The Triplains-Brewster football game at Wheatland will be one of those featured when Smoky Hills Public Television's Scoreboard Show continues at 10:30 p.m. Friday.

The week's program also will feature coverage for these teams:

- Central Plains at Victoria.
- Ellsworth at Thomas More Prep.

- Wakefield at Osborne.
- Western Plains at Palco.
- LaCrosse at Plainville.
- Phillipsburg at Smith Center.

The program will be rerun at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Fans can go to the Scoreboard Show website - [www.scoreboard-show.tv](http://www.scoreboard-show.tv) - for up-to-date scores and highlights.

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