

Trojans win Overland Park tournament

The Colby Community College men's cross country team won the Dave Burgess Open in Overland Park on Saturday. The men went 1-2-3 to lead Colby to a near-perfect score.

Jonathan Burgess, Brisbane, Australia, won the meet in 26 minutes, 8.80 seconds. Damarius Lowery, Houston, Texas, was second and Juan Pacheco, Torreon, Mexico, was third.

Gunnar Hays, Almena, and Gabe Johnson, Beaumont, Texas, were the final scorers, finishing fifth and sixth.

Other runners for the Trojans were Jose Castro, Huffman, Texas, eighth; Louis Edmiston, Aurora, Colo., 10th; and Josh Quiroga, Uvalde, Texas, 15th.

Team scores were Colby, 17; Johnson County Community College, 71; Highland Commu-

nity College, 103; Coffeyville Community College, 107; and Cowley Community College, 108.

The Trojans, coached by James Ortiz, are currently ranked ninth in the nation. Johnson County Community College is ranked 17th.

"When you take seven of the top 10 spots, it's a pretty darn good meet," said Ortiz. "This is what we needed - a dominating performance on the regional course against some regional opponents. I'm proud of my guys, but we still need to get better. It's going to be a war when we race the rest of the Region VI teams at regionals."

The next meet for the Trojans is the Region VI Championships in Overland Park on Saturday, Oct. 27.



JAMES ORTIZ/Colby Community College

Jonathan Burgess led the Colby Community College men's cross country team followed by Juan Pacheco and Damarius Lowery in the distance Saturday during the Dave Burgess Open in Overland Park. The Trojans took home the gold with seven top-10 finishers and a team score of 17.

Crusaders team still undefeated after narrow win

By Steve Ziegelmeier
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The Heartland Christian Crusader football team remained undefeated Monday after a close game in Hill City, winning 36-34 to bring its record to 5-0.

After a scoreless first quarter, Corey Wertz intercepted a Ringneck pass at the Heartland 5-yard line. After driving the ball down the field, Blaine Wertz broke free for a 45-yard touchdown run with 5:45 left in the first half. Running back Brent Wilson made the two-point conversion, running around his left end.

Hill City answered with the next play from scrimmage; a 50-yard touchdown run. The extra-point attempt failed, bringing the score to 8-6.

After Heartland turned the ball over on downs, Hill City scored on a 5-yard touchdown pass on the last play of the half. The extra-point attempt failed once again, and the halftime score was 12-8 in favor of Hill City.

Heartland received the ball to start the second half and drove down field until losing possession on a fumble. Hill City next scored on a 25-yard pass play to lead 18-8. The extra-point pass was intercepted by Blaine Wertz.

On Hill City's next possession, Blaine Wertz again intercepted a pass and returned it 65 yards for a Crusader touchdown. Quarterback Brennan Ziegelmeier connected with Matt Wertz for the two-point conversion, making the score 18-

16.

The Ringnecks scored again in the third quarter to lead 26-16. The Heartland team rallied by driving the ball 50 yards on the ensuing drive and capped it with a 4-yard touchdown run by Blaine Wertz. Hill City stopped the extra-point attempt short to hold their lead at 26-22.

The Heartland defense then held and forced a Ringneck punt that was downed at the 5-yard line. After a series of penalties forced a Heartland punt, Hill City scored again with three minutes left in the game to lead by 34-22.

Heartland then capped off a 60-yard drive with a touchdown run and two-point conversion by Blaine Wertz with 1:47 left in the game. Heartland still trailed 34-30 and an onside attempt failed.

After the Ringnecks downed the ball three times, they were forced to punt. Heartland took over the ball on their own 25 with no timeouts and only 10 seconds left on the clock.

Quarterback Corey Wertz threw a 30-yard strike to a Heartland receiver who stepped out of bounds to stop the clock. With just 2.2 seconds remaining, Corey Wertz then threw the game-winning 25-yard pass to Brook Ziegelmeier as he dove just past the right end zone pylon to score with no time remaining.

The Crusaders won the game 36-34 and huddled with the Ringnecks as senior Cody Schmeiser led the teams in prayer. Heartland's next game is with Triplains-Brewster at Winona on Friday.

Lady Bulldogs play at Hill City

By Hailee Spresser
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The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog volleyball team traveled to Hill City to compete in the annual Ringneck Classic Volleyball Tournament.

Golden Plains played a total of five games on Oct. 6, all of which were teams the girls had never

seen before this season. The Lady Bulldogs were exhausted after the long day, but it was "so worth it" in everyone's minds, bringing home the second-place medals. Golden Plains went into this tournament with the record of 16-7.

The Lady Bulldogs' first game was against Lacrosse. Golden Plains defeated Lacrosse in two quick sets, 25-21 and 25-20.

Next, the Lady Bulldogs played Natoma. Golden Plains again came out on top in two sets, 25-18 and 25-21.

The last game of pool play was against Hill City. The Lady Bulldogs fought hard and never gave up, but still couldn't grasp the win, losing 25-12 and 25-16.

Golden Plains made it out of pool play and played against

Rawlins County-Atwood. The Lady Bulldogs powered through the first and second sets, defeating Atwood, 25-17 in both sets.

For the championship game, the Lady Bulldogs took on Hill City once again. Golden Plains pushed through and gave it all they had, but came up short, losing 25-11 and 25-15.

"I am extremely proud of the way the girls played Saturday at the Ringneck Classic Volleyball Tournament in Hill City," Head Coach Orba Smith said. "It was a total team effort, as they all displayed a great deal of determination, pride and team unity, and finished second to a very good Hill City team. It was fun to watch the girls compete with such a high degree of confidence and consistency."

"The goals the girls set for this team at the beginning of season are well within reach if each and every one of them continues to step on the court every practice and every match with the emotion and desire I witnessed Saturday," she said.

This was the first time in six years that the Lady Bulldogs have placed in the Hill City Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs now have a record of 19-9.

Second quarter pep talk



BRENDA PLATT

The Colby sixth grade football team played Goodland on Saturday and at halftime, they were up 41-0, winning with a final score of 47-0. They ended the season undefeated with a 6-0 record. The first Colby little league football team to go undefeated, they head to the first round of playoffs Saturday in Hays. Coaches for the team are Travis Branum, Fred Britt, Andy Schippers and Scott Platt. Team players are Carter Stanley (No. 2), Peyton Ortnier (14), Tyler Zerr (16), Aaron Platt (27), Isaac Rosales (33), Dalton Schutte (34), Jordan Schippers (37), Tommy Cline (42), Tucker Branum (44), A.J. Reed (45), Alex Ferguson (48), Kory Finley (56), Heath Bolyard (84), Josh Olson (90) and Kyler Britt (99).

Junior varsity team loses to Lady Titans

By Tayler Petersen

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs junior varsity volleyball team played in Winona with the Triplains-Brewster Lady Titans.

This was their second time playing each other this season. The previous time, the Lady Bulldogs won.

Golden Plains started out strong in the first set on Oct. 2, but didn't end as well. The score ended up 16-14 and the Titans got the victory. In the second set, the Lady

Bulldogs and the Lady Titans were neck-and-neck the whole game. In the end, the Titans won with another score of 16-14.

The loss of this game put the Golden Plains junior varsity volleyball team 3-4 this season.

"Our heads weren't really in the game," said freshman Brianna Stoll. "We were just kind of there to be there, but I know we will be ready to play our next game."

The Lady Bulldogs played their last games of the season on Oct. 9 in WaKeeney.

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