

Trojans team wins region championship

Ortiz named Coach of the Year

For the first time in the school's history, the Colby Community College men's cross country team won the Division I, Region VI Championship on Saturday in Overland Park.

The team also won the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Championship. Prior to the weekend victory, the best the men had placed was third in the region and second in the West division.

In addition, fourth-year coach James Ortiz was selected as Coach of the Year.

"Saturday was a great example of what team is about and our team extends beyond these nine guys who competed," said Ortiz. "Our team includes everyone on the CCC campus and the City of

Colby. We did it!"

Jonathan Burgess, Brisbane, Australia, finished in third place overall with a time of 25 minutes, 19.9 seconds. Juan Pacheco, Torreon, Mexico, was fourth with 25:32.9. Damarius Lowery, Houston, Texas, eighth with 25:46.5; Nico Barrera, Carlsbad, N.M., 13th with 26:13.4; Gunnar Hays, Almena, 16th with 26:19.1; Gabriel Johnson, Beaumont, Texas, 26th with 26:48.3; Louis Edmisto, Aurora, Colo., 32nd with 27:20.0; Josh Quiroga, Uvalde, Texas, 27:30.9; and Jose Castro, Huffman, Texas, 28:19.0.

In the Jayhawk West Conference, Burgess placed second, followed by Pacheco in third. Lowery was sixth; Barerra eighth; Gunnar Hays 10th; Johnson 15th;

and Edmiston 16th.

"Jonathan has done a great job leading our team," said Ortiz. "Texas A&M has their 'Johnny Football.' Jonathan is our 'Johnny Cross Country.'"

"This trophy is going right on Ryan Sturdy's desk. We could not have made this possible without him. We will enjoy it for today, but tomorrow we move on and start getting ready for nationals.

"I'm so proud of our guys. It's a great day to be a Trojan."

The National Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Championships are Saturday, Nov. 10, in Ina, Ill.

The Trojans are hoping to improve on last year's ninth-place finish.



Golden Plains girls finish season on road

By Brianna Stoll

Golden Plains High School

The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs traveled to WaKeeney to play their last games of the season.

They played three games on Oct. 9 against WaKeeney, Wheatland-Grinnell and Dighton. They hadn't seen any of these teams at all this season.

Their first match of the night was against WaKeeney. The first game didn't end in the Bulldogs' favor, losing 25-18. In the second set, the Bulldogs picked up their game and won over WaKeeney 25-20. In the final game, the Bulldogs couldn't quite pull through, losing 15-4.

The second match for the junior varsity girls was against Wheatland-Grinnell. The first set started off

pretty rocky, losing 25-8. In the second game, the girls tried a lot harder, but still couldn't quite snatch the win, losing 25-22.

The last match of the night was against Dighton. The Bulldogs couldn't quite grasp the win against Dighton, losing 25-10. The second set was better, but they still couldn't win against Dighton, finishing the night losing 25-23.

"We didn't put our best effort into the games, but I'm very excited for next season," freshman Tayler Petersen said.

The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs ended their season with a 2-8 record. Each girl on the team plans to go back out for volleyball next season. They are all looking forward to cheering on the varsity team while it continues its volleyball season with sub-state.



Runners qualify for state

Two out of the three runners from Brewster High School's cross country team qualified to run at the state meet in Wamego on Saturday. Ben Baird (left) placed second with a time of 18 minutes, 40 seconds at the regional meet, held at Wheatland on Saturday. Layton Werth (above) placed fifth with 19:04 to qualify. Takoda Turner finished 16th with a time of 20:25 at the meet.

MICHELE WERTH

Broncos outplay Saints for 34-14 win in Denver

By Arnie Stapleton

AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — Peyton Manning faced down his biggest fear and the frightfully bad New Orleans Saints defense with equal aplomb.

Despite banging his throwing thumb on a blitzer's helmet in the second quarter, Manning passed for 305 yards and three scores, led a pair of 90-plus-yard touchdown drives and easily outplayed Drew Brees to lead the Denver Broncos to a 34-14 rout of the Saints on Sunday night.

Manning faced relentless questions about his health coming into the season after missing all of last year with a nerve injury that required four neck surgeries. Now, it'll be questions about his thumb.

"As a quarterback, your biggest fear is hitting your hand on the helmet of a defensive line-

man," Manning said. "It's mostly the nail. Might be sore tomorrow. But I'm probably a little bit lucky."

Manning surpassed the 300-yard mark for the fifth straight time to match his personal best and set a franchise record for the Broncos (4-3), who took sole possession of first place in the AFC West.

He completed 22 of 30 throws for a passer rating of 138.9 and handed off aplenty to Willis McGahee, who ran for 122 yards and a score, and rookie Ronnie Hillman, who gained a personal-best 86 yards on 14 carries.

The Broncos gained 530 yards — a season high — against the NFL's worst defense. The Saints are the first team to allow 400 yards in seven straight games since at least 1950, which is as far back as STATS LLC can search its NFL database.

Coming in on a two-game

winning streak, the staggered Saints (2-5) were hoping to get a boost from the return of linebacker-turned-interim head coach Joe Vitt from his seven-week suspension for the team's bounty scandal. All he can do is stand on the sidelines, though, and linebacker Jonathan Vilma — another Saint implicated in the scandal — returned to the starting lineup, but he couldn't plug the holes, either.

The Saints fell five games behind Atlanta in the NFC South a year after going 13-3, continuing a tumultuous stretch that's dogged the franchise since the NFL penalized them for running a money-for-hits bounty pool.

Looking back, Vitt said there was probably too much made of his return last week and the team got caught up in it.

The Broncos held Brees and the league's top passing offense to 213 yards and two scores.

Lady Bulldogs team drops three

By Hailee Spresser

Golden Plains High School

The Lady Bulldogs varsity volleyball team traveled to WaKeeney on Oct. 9 to play in a quad with Trego, Grinnell-Wheatland and Dighton.

These were the girls' last volleyball games before league volleyball on Oct. 13 in Brewster.

Golden Plains started out playing Trego. Trego got by in the first set, 25-19, but the Lady Bulldogs quickly answered back, 25-17, in the second game. Golden Plains couldn't get a grip on the third set, leading Trego to a victory 25-14.

The Lady Bulldogs sat out two matches to cheer

on the junior varsity, and then took on Grinnell-Wheatland. Golden Plains couldn't get on top of their game, and Wheatland ended the game in two sets, 25-16 and 25-19.

Immediately following, the Lady Bulldogs played their last match of the evening against Dighton. Dighton fought hard in the first set and defeated the Lady Bulldogs, 25-14. Golden Plains tried to get the win in the second match, but came up short, 26-24.

"We need to learn from these losses, but not dwell on them," junior Kylie Jones said. "Those were just a speed bump in what we have laying ahead of us..."

The Lady Bulldogs went into the league meet with a 19-12 record.

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