

# Runners sign with universities

Colby Community College sophomores Juan Pacheco, Torreon, Mexico, and Jonathan Burgess, Brisbane, Australia, signed letters of intent on Thursday to compete for four-year universities.

Pacheco signed with East Central University. Burgess will compete for the University of Central Arkansas.

Pacheco was an All-American for Colby in the 10,000-meter run in the 2012 outdoor season. He finished third at the 2012 National Junior College Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Burgess is a five-time All-American (indoor and outdoor combined). He was the national runner-up in the men's 1,500-meter run in 2012 and anchored the national runner-up men's distance relay in 2012 and 2013.

Both athletes were members of the 2012 Region VI Cross County Championship team and helped Colby Community College place fourth at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships.

East Central University is a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II university located in Ada, Okla., that competes in the Great American



Colby Community College runners Juan Pacheco (left) and Jonathan Burgess signed formal letters of intent with four-year universities.

Conference. Central Arkansas is Conway, Ark., that competes in a Division I university located in the Southland Conference. James Ortiz is the coach of the men's track team.

# Track team fifth at meet in McCook

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The Colby High varsity girls track team started its season Thursday, finishing in fifth place with a score of 47.5 in a meet in McCook, Neb.

Holdrege (Neb.) took the top spot with 151, McCook second with 142, Lexington (Neb.) third with 104, Dundy County-Stratton (Benkelman, Neb.) fourth with 48, Southern Valley (Oxford, Neb.) sixth with 16.5 and Cambridge (Neb.) seventh with 13.

Several varsity girls scored for Colby at the meet. Kaitlyn Flanagan took second in the 100-meter dash while Brielle McKee was second and Sydney Stephens third in the 200 meters.

Hannah Strange came in fifth in the 400 meters; Andrea Browne sixth in the 1,600 and fourth in the 3,200 meters; Flanagan fourth in the 300-meter hurdles; the 4x100 meter relay team of Karly Shull, Olivia Wetter, Kalea Robert and Flanagan fourth; the 4x400 meter relay team of Strange, McKee, Stephens and Brenly Terrell fourth; Strange fourth in the high jump; Stephens fifth and McKee sixth in the long jump; and McKee sixth in the triple jump.

Many junior varsity Lady Eagles placed at the meet as well. Robert grabbed second, Alexis Boehme fifth and MaKayla

Bracket sixth in the 100 meters; Robert sixth in the 200; Bridget Bickner first in the 800 meters; Brooke Wark first in the 1,600 meters; Shelby Gardner second in the 3,200; Robert second and Morgan Sanguinetti sixth in the 300-meter hurdles; the 4x100 relay of Katie Elias, Kortney Bredemeier, Bracket and Boheme third; the 4x800 relay of Taylor Lemman, Wark, Lara Stephens and Bickner first; Samantha Lindberg fifth in the long jump and second in the triple jump; and Madison Rogers second in the discus throw.

The girls track team started practicing in late February and has 32 girls on its roster this year. There are three seniors, eight juniors, 11 sophomores and 10 freshmen.

The Lady Eagles lost six seniors from last season, which was a solid performance for the girls.

Coach Lesley Wagoner said last year's girls didn't place below third as a team all season. Also, the girls took fifth place at the state tournament.

Wagoner said she thinks Colby will have another strong team this season.

"We have several good incoming freshmen and good leadership and talent in our upperclassmen," she said. "I think we will have a strong team."

The Colby teams will hold its only home meet on Friday, May 3, at Dennen Field.

# Lady Trojans take down Colorado squad

The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team made the most of six hits in a 4-2 victory over Northeastern Junior College (Sterling, Colo.) in the first game of a double-header on Friday at Carl Adams Softball field on the college campus.

According to GameChanger.com, the Lady Trojans and Northeastern Junior College each put runners in scoring position, but Colby capitalized on more RBI opportunities with the 4-2 win.

Northeastern had 10 hits compared with Colby's 6, but Northeastern stranded 10 runners on base.

Colby native Skyler Mengel got the win for the Lady Trojans. She allowed 2 runs over

seven innings. She struck out 2, walked none and surrendered 10 hits.

The Colby squad won an easy victory over Northeastern in game two by a score of 8-0 in five innings.

Five runs in the first three innings allowed Colby to put the game away early.

An RBI double by Michelle Starkey, a 2-run double by Gabi Palacios and a sacrifice fly by Courtney Kinnett in the second inning supplied the early offense for the Lady Trojans.

Starkey went a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate for Colby.

Natalie Elmgreen kept Northeastern off the scoreboard for all five innings she was on the hill. She pitched a shutout, allowing no oppos-

ing players to cross the plate on 3 hits while ringing up 3.

The Lady Trojans built upon its lead with 3 runs in the fifth. Erin Miller kicked things off with a double, scoring Starkey.

Head Coach for the Lady Trojans is Ryan Sturdy. He is assisted by Steve Kinnett.

The team is currently 3-5 in the Jayhawk West Conference with eight games remaining. They are 10-12 overall.

The Lady Trojans were at home on Tuesday against McCook Community College. They will also be at home at 3 p.m. today against Garden City Community College.

\*Game recap provided by GameChanger.com.

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