

Girls first in track last Friday; regionals today

When the Colby High School track team went to the Great West Activities League meet last Friday in Goodland, the boys and girls had different results.

The girls team took first place out of six teams at the meet, but the boys came in last. Hugoton was second for the girls and Ulysses third, while Ulysses took first for the boys, Hugoton second and Scott City third. There were 18 events for each competition.

The team was to head to Hoyt today for the class 4A regionals.

The Colby girls took second in both the 4x100 meter relay, with a time of 52.39 seconds, and the 4x400 relay, with a time of 4:18.10. They were fifth in the 4x800 relay with a time of 11:36.07.

They did especially well in shot put, with Kaylie Reeh first with a distance of 31-07.00 feet, and her teammate Victoria Rall second with a distance of 30-10.00. With a time of 12 minutes and 29.41 seconds, Andrea Browne took first in the 3200 meter run for the girls with a time of 12:29.41, and Hannah Strange was first in the girls high jump with a height of 5-00.00.

Brielle McKee was second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:02.13, Browne was second in the 1600 meter with 5:47.53, and Kaitlyn Flanagan was second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.32. Sydney Stephens ran the 200 meter with a time of 28.54 and qualified for the 200 meter finals, where she got third with a time of 28.19. Morgan Mengel took third

in the javelin throw, with a distance of 95-07, and McKee was third in the triple jump with 31-07.00. Lauren Bell tied for third in the high jump, with a height of 4-04.00.

The other placings for the girls: Reeh, discus throw, x77-04, ninth.

Strange, 400 meter, 1:06.48, fourth.

Mengel, discus, 91-02, fourth. Rall, discus, 81-02, seventh.

Bell, 800 meter, 2:49.05, sixth; javelin, x72-11, 11th.

Kalea Robert, 100 meter, 14.41, eighth, 100 meter finals, 14.66, eighth; 300 hurdles, 55.96, sixth.

MaKayla Brackett, 400 meter, x1:14.79, 14th; 100 meter, 15.76, 17th, 200 meter 33.60 19th.

Karly Shull, javelin, 84-08, sixth; 200 meter, 29.35, eighth.

Katie Elias, 100 meter 14.82, 10th, 200 meter, 29.90, 11th.

Alexis Boehme, 400 meter, x1:13.82, 12th; 200 meter, 31.89, 16th.

Kortney Bredemeier, triple jump, 29-03.00, fifth; 400 meter, 1:11.73, ninth;

Bridget Bickner, 1600 meter, 6:36.62, fifth; 800 meter, 2:55.32, ninth; javelin, x67-07, 13th.

Lara Stephens, 800 meter, 3:03.16, 11th.

Brooke Wark, 1600 meter, 6:53.59, eighth; 800 meter, x3:08.68, 12th.

Taylor Lemman, 3200 meter, 14:19.62, sixth.

Olivia Wetter, 100 hurdles, 19.63, seventh; 100 hurdles (finals), 19.75, seventh; 300 hurdles, x57.31, ninth.



Karly Shull took her turn throwing the javelin at the Colby High School track team's practice Thursday afternoon. The team was to head to Hoyt today for the Class 4A regional meet.

Ally O'Neal, 300 hurdles, 57.23, eighth; 100 hurdles, 21.54, 10th.

Sabryn O'Gara, pole vault, J7-00.00, sixth.

Shailla Giebler, long jump, 12-09.75, sixth.

Samantha Lindberg, long jump, 12-05.75, seventh; triple jump, 26-08.00 seventh.

Madison Rogers, discus, x76-04, 10th; shot put, 22-11.50, 16th.

Mengel, javelin, 88-03, fourth. Shebly Gardner, discus, 88-03,

fifth.

Jennilee Gray, javelin, 81-02, seventh.

The Colby boys, meanwhile, had trouble rising above third place. Wyatt Binder, their star runner, took third in the boys 200

meter with a time of 24.15. That qualified him for the 200 meter finals, where he finished in 24.37 and took fifth. He was also third in the 400 meter, with a time of 52.33.

The Colby boys were third in the 4x100 relay with a time of 46.93, but sixth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:51.81.

The other boys placings: Binder, 100 meter, 11.95, 100 meter finals, 12.09, sixth.

Matthew Pieper, triple jump, 38-00.00, ninth; long jump, 17-00.50, 13th; 100 meter, 12.59, 16th.

Adam Giersch, long jump, 18-06.00, sixth; 200 meter, 25.06, ninth.

Isacc Schweitzer, pole vault, 9-06.00, tied for 10th with Eric Shutte; 200 meter, 25.52, 17th.

Andrew Taylor, javelin, 124-04, seventh, discus, 101-01, eighth; 400 meter, 58.35, 14th.

Dustin Reed, 800 meter, 2:18.42, seventh; shot put, 31-07.00.

John Faber, 800 meter, 2:28.70, 18th; 1600 meter, 5:14.89, ninth.

Brandon Gaede, 800 meter, 2:56.91, 22nd; 1600 meter, 6:17.07, 21nd.

Eric Shutte, pole vault, 9-06.00, tied for 10th with Schweitzer.

Josh Brown, long jump, 16-07.50, 15th; triple jump, 34-01.25, 15th.

Troy Quenter, javelin, 108-11, 14th, shot put, 35-01.00, 16th; discus, 72-11, 19th.

Dustin Reed, javelin, 92-09, 20th, shot put, 31-07.00, 21st.

KU lands promising new recruit for basketball team

By Dave Skretta

AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE — Bill Self knew after witnessing an emotional senior day that Andrew Wiggins was considering Kansas, even if the Jayhawks' coach was in the dark like everyone else while the superstar recruit made certain of his future.

For one thing, Wiggins saw on that visit in March just how beloved players are at Kansas, where icons such as James Naismith and Phog Allen have become deified.

Wiggins also saw just how many players were departing.

Four senior starters delivered farewell addresses that night. A few weeks later, star freshman Ben McLemore announced he would be declaring for the NBA draft, leaving the nine-time defending Big 12 champions looking for a bunch of guys to plug into the lineup next season.

Undoubtedly, Wiggins saw in Kansas a place where he could shine.

"I just felt like that was the place for me," the consensus No. 1-ranked recruit said after announcing his college intentions Tuesday in Huntington, W.Va. "Going to college will get me better mentally and physically in the game of basketball."

Wiggins chose the Jayhawks over overtures from Kentucky, North Carolina and Florida State, where both of his parents attended and one of his teammates will be playing next season.

"I felt like there was a connection," Self said, "but basically, he picked a good night to visit. He

visited on senior day and kind of saw what this was all about, a game that wasn't a huge high-intensity game, but a game he was able to see how players are beloved here."

Widely considered the next LeBron James — though Self compared him more closely to Tracy McGrady — the 6-foot-7 Wiggins initially was part of the 2014 class, but was immediately raised to the top of this year's recruiting market when he decided to reclassify.

Originally from Canada, Wiggins averaged more than 23 points and 11 rebounds while leading Huntington Prep School to a 30-3 record last season. He also dazzled scouts, most of which knew they had no chance of landing him, at the McDonald's All-American Game and Jordan Brand Classic.

The entire recruitment of Wiggins was unlike anything college basketball has seen.

Sure, he's the kind of transcendent talent that in bygone days could have jumped straight to the NBA, and that alone makes him unique. But by nature, he's a soft-spoken kid who cares little for the spotlight. So while other top recruits string along the public before making their college decision, Wiggins kept his thoughts largely to himself throughout the process.

Self said he texted Wiggins on Tuesday morning to wish him luck, and received a text back from the small forward saying, "Thank you." But besides that, Self had barely spoken with Wiggins in the final tense days of his recruitment.

Wiggins revealed his choice

at a small ceremony at his prep school. Self didn't even know he'd won the recruiting derby until he received a phone call from a reporter.

Along with losing McLemore, who's expected to be an NBA lottery pick, the Jayhawks are also losing star center Jeff Withey, forward Kevin Young and veteran guards Elijah Johnson and Travis Releford, who have never known anything but winning conference championships.

Kansas has a few reserves returning, including junior guard Naadir Tharpe and sophomore forward Perry Ellis, a five-star prospect that finally caught on late last season. But the Jayhawks will

be dominated by newcomers as they chase their 10th straight Big 12 championship next year.

Wiggins is the headliner, but 6-5 Wayne Seldon from Tilton (N.H.) School is the second-rated shooting guard in the country. Seven-footer Joel Embiid from The Rock School in Gainesville, Fla., is the third-rated center. Guards Connor Frankamp from Wichita, Kan., and Brannen Greene from Tifton, Ga., are in the top 10 at their positions, and point guard Frank Mason from Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, Va., has steadily climbed into the nation's top 100 recruits.

"If anything," Self said, "it gets me excited to go to work."

Wiggins said the most difficult part of his decision was informing the three other finalists that he'd be going elsewhere. As for why he chose Kansas, well, he's keeping most of those reasons private, though he did say having his older brother Nick Wiggins at Wichita State was nice.

His father, former NBA player Mitchell Wiggins, said fit was also a big part of it.

"He liked their system. A lot of pro offense, the pick and roll," the elder Wiggins said. "The system is probably the biggest thing, and Coach Self is a pretty good

coach."

Self is the first to admit he wouldn't be nearly as successful if it wasn't for his players — that's where it all starts, of course. But in luring Wiggins to Kansas, even Self acknowledged he's never coached another player like him.

"He doesn't really fit the mold of some of the guys we've had in the past," Self said. "He's a tremendous talent and a terrific kid. Probably an even better kid than he is a talent. We think he has a chance to be about as good a prospect as we've ever had."

Paul's Furniture Co.
In business since 1925
105 N. Kansas • Selden
HOOURS: 8 - 5 M-F • 8-4 SAT. **785-386-4310**

Come in and see the HGTV Collection of flooring

Laminate • Hardwood • Carpet • Area Rugs
For more details see us at www.paulsfurniture.com

WOOFER PUMP & WELL INC.
1024 Oak Ave.
Hoxie, KS 67740

Office Phone 785/ 675-3991 Fax: 785/ 675-3990
Shop Phone 785/ 675-3023 E-mail: woofpw@ruraltel.net

Now offering heat pump systems!

- Lower Your Monthly Utility Bills
- Certified Installation
- Call For Information Today
- Irrigation Pump Repair
- Irrigation Well Drilling
- Domestic Well Drilling & Repair
- Environmental Drilling
- Windmill Repair

SALINA COMMUNITY THEATRE TICKETS GO FAST! GET YOURS EARLY

Legally Blonde
THE MUSICAL
June 14-30

SPONSORED BY **Bank of Tescott**
Photography courtesy of Reflections by Roker.

TICKETS BOX OFFICE **303 E. Iron** MON-FRI 11:30-5:30 Visit SalinaTheatre.com
CALL **785.827.3033** | ONLINE SalinaTheatre.com

I know health insurance.

Vernon Hurd
FARM BUREAU AGENT
550 N. Franklin Ave.
Colby, KS 67701

785-269-9511
www.vernonhurd.com

KANSAS FARM BUREAU The Voice of Agriculture
Coventry One.

Products available at Farm Bureau Financial Services