

Scott City wins 4A state finals

The Beavers of Scott City justified their top seeding by winning the state Class 4A boys basketball championship Saturday, beating Belle Plaine in the finals 71-52 at the Bicentennial Center in Salina.

Senior Tim Painter led Scott Community High with 19 points. Other Beavers in double figures were senior Justin Miller at 16, junior Corbin Kuntzsch with 14 and senior David Heyd with 13.

The Beavers defeated Spring Hill 74-55 on Thursday in the quarterfinals, then beat Rose Hill 57-50 the next day in the semifinals.

Belle Plaine, seeded sixth, defeated Kansas City Piper 59-57 in the quarterfinals and Atchison 65-61 in the semifinals.

Rose Hill beat Atchison 86-73 for third place Saturday.

The Beavers finished their season 24-2. The last time Scott City won a boys state basketball title was in 1958. Last year, the Beavers went

21-3, losing in the state quarterfinals.

The Fillies of Iola High won the girls Class 4A title, defeating Andover Central 46-40 Saturday in the championship. Iola, which finished the season 24-2, was one of only two teams to return to the state tournament this season.

Last year, Iola lost in the quarterfinals to Buhler, which went on to win the state championship. Labette County High of Altamont, last year's state runnerup, beat Kingman 70-55 Saturday to finish third.

The Fillies started their title run with a 34-21 win over Topeka Hayden in the quarterfinals Wednesday, then beat Kingman 53-36 in the semifinals on Friday. Andover Central started with a 48-45 win over the Goodland Cowgirls in the quarterfinals, then beat top-seeded Labette County 60-48 in Friday's semifinals.

Brewster finishes third in Class 1A

The Brewster Bulldogs defeated the Falcons of Baileysville 77-70 Friday to finish third in the state Class 1A boys basketball tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Sophomore Jance McKee led Brewster with 29 points followed by senior Karman Selby and freshman Jeff Reid who both scored 16.

The Bulldogs finished their season 26-2. Brewster defeated Centralia 50-44 last Tuesday in the quarterfinals, then lost to Claflin 70-55 two days later in the semifinal.

Claflin lost to Macksville 55-45 in Friday's championship game. Macksville ended the season 28-0. Macksville placed third last year, finishing 24-4.

The Brewster boys made it to the state tournament last year but lost in the quarterfinals. The Bulldogs finished 24-2 last season. Brewster won the state championship in the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 seasons.

Golden Plains High of Rexford finished fourth in the Class 1A girls bracket, losing to Olpe High 46-45 Saturday. The Lady Bulldogs edged Deerfield 63-61 Wednesday, then lost to Claflin 54-45 the next day in

the semifinals.

The Lady Wildcats of Claflin defended their state title by beating Greensburg 47-35 in Friday's championship game. The Wildcats finished 27-1 for the second straight year.

The Lady Indians of Hoxie were this year's state runnerup, losing to Belleville 61-43 Saturday in the state Class 2A title game at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. The Lady Buffaloes finished the season 26-0 while Hoxie ended up 21-5.

Hoxie led 11-10 after the first period, but was outscored 24-8 in the second and trailed 34-19 at half-time. Belleville had a slight scoring edge in the second half, 27-24, going on to win 61-43.

Hoxie senior Danielle Pratt led the Lady Indians with 16 points and six rebounds.

The Hoxie girls were third at the state tournament last year, finishing 25-1.

Trego Community High of WaKeeney won the boys Class 2A title with a 48-47 win over St. Mary's-Colgan High of Pittsburg, the defending state champion, in Saturday's final game.

Ex-Cowgirl ends season

Former Cowgirl Jayci Stone completed her first season as a NCAA Division I basketball player Saturday as New Mexico State University lost in the championship game of the Western Athletic Conference post season tournament.

The Lady Aggies scored the first eight points against Louisiana Tech, but the Lady Techsters came back to tie the game at 14 with six minutes left in the first half. Louisiana Tech scored the next seven points and slowly increased its lead throughout the rest of the game, winning 63-39.

New Mexico State finished its season 10-20 overall and 5-11 in the conference.

Stone played in 17 of 30 games, with one start, for the Aggies, scoring 49 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. She had a season-high 12 points on Feb. 2 against Utah State University.

The Aggies, seeded No. 7 in the tournament, upset California State University-Fresno 74-66 last Wednesday in the quarterfinals.



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Colby College plans track meet Saturday

The Trojan Open track and field meet will be Saturday at Dennen Field in Colby, with the field events starting at 10 a.m. (Mountain Time) and the running events an hour later.

Teams joining Colby Community College at the meet are Fort Hays State University, Colorado College and Dodge City Community College.

Several former northwest Kansas high school athletes are expected, including former Cowboy distance

runner Espiririon "Speedy" Aguilar, a 2004 graduate of Goodland High and now a sophomore at Colby.

Other area athletes on the Trojans' roster include Sara Moore of Bird City, Megan Unruh of Sharon Springs, Andrew Bird of Selden, Josh Davis of Jennings and Evan Kahle of Oakley. Three Colby High graduates are on the roster: Chris Griggs, Lauren Kaiser and Marcia Kaus.

Competing for the Tigers of Fort Hays State are Samantha Coates of St. Francis, Abby Ream of Oberlin, Samantha Juenemann of Selden, Katie Kersenbrock of Oakley, Zach Brown of Colby, Amanda Poore of Bird City and John Welsh of Weskan. Joy Zumbahlen of Bird City, a junior distance runner for the Tigers, ran her freshman and sophomore seasons at Colby.

At the National Junior College Athletic Association indoor track

and field championships on March 3-4 at Kansas State University, the Trojan men finished 14th and the women 22nd among more than 70 schools.

Aguilar joined teammates Derrick Monson, Brenden Files and Mark Porter to place 11th in the men's 4x800-meter relay. Kaiser finished 19th in the 600-meter run and ran the 400-meter leg of the women's distance medley relay, which placed ninth.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Jan. 6 — Daniel L. Beumel, \$182 for no Kansas motor permits on insurance.

Jan. 7 — Mohammad Waseem, \$210 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Jan. 9 — Amber L. Walker, \$144 for improper parking.

William C. Ward, \$124 for insurance for vehicles without Kansas motor carrier permits.

Jan. 10 — Robert L. Peoples, \$185 for no motor carrier insurance.

Jan. 11 — Michael E. Dawson, \$108 for speeding.

Pitcher makes fourth showing

Goodland native Landon West, a junior at Emporia State University, made his fourth pitching appearance for the season Saturday in the Hornets' 5-1 home win over Northern State University of Aberdeen, S.D.

West faced three batters in the seventh inning of the first game of Emporia State's doubleheader against the Wolves.

After the first batter flied out and the second was thrown out at first base, West got the game's final out with his third strikeout of the season.



West

The Hornets also won Saturday's second game against Northern State 12-1.

Emporia State continued its wining ways the next day with a pair of come-from-behind home wins over the University of Nebraska at Omaha, both by the score 6-5.

The Hornets are now 15-3 for the season and are ranked No. 12 in NCAA Division II by *Collegiate Baseball*.

Emporia State closes out a seven-game home stretch Wednesday with a nine-inning game against the University of Central Oklahoma at Glennan Field.

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