

Cowgirls tie for fourth, Cowboys 10th in Colby

The Goodland High Cowgirls tied for fourth with Ulysses and the Cowboys placed 10th at Friday's Colby Invitational track and field meet at Dennen Field.

Fourteen schools participated, with the host team Colby winning both the boys and girls competitions.

Junior Kerek Mason won the 1,600-meter run in 4 minutes, 42.43 seconds for Goodland's only first-place finish of the day. Mason placed fourth in the 800- and 3,200-meter runs in 2:06.85 and 11:01.82.

Three juniors led the Cowgirls, each getting a second-place and a fourth-place finish. Kaylee Billinger ran second in the 400-meter dash in 1:03.09 and fourth in the 100 meters in 13.24. Billinger cleared 4 feet, 6 inches to finish in a tie for sixth in the high jump.

Emily Murray placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.36 seconds and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles in 53.19. She also competed in the log and triple jump.

Stephanie Sheldon cleared 8 feet in the pole vault for second. Sheldon ran the 800-meter dash in 2:44.13 for fourth place.

Senior Lisha Tedford placed fourth in the shot put with 31 feet, 8.25 inches and also threw the discus. Freshman Michelle Smith was fifth in the discus with a throw of 99 feet and also threw the shot.

Senior Tiffany Thomas ran the 800 meters in 2:44.74 for fifth place and freshman Brittaney Medrano had 2:47.43 for sixth. Junior Whitney Dautel was fifth in the 1,600-meter run in 5:54.6 and was sixth at 3,200 meters in 13:00.82.

Thomas, Dautel, Medrano and senior Kali Rietcheck teamed up to finish third in the 4x800-meter relay at 11:08.06.



Junior Stephanie Sheldon (above) cleared 8 feet in the pole vault to place second. Freshman Zach Lohr (left in right photo) took the baton from sophomore Casey Henderson during the 4x100-meter relay Friday at the Colby Invitational. The Cowboys finished fifth in 48.38 seconds.

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Rietcheck also ran the 400-meter dash and did the high jump. Medrano also did the long jump.

Sophomore Amanda Amthor placed sixth in the pole vault, clearing 6 feet, and ran both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Sophomore Heidi Yonkey ran the 200- and 400-meter dashes and did the long jump.

Other freshman Cowgirls competing in Colby were Cassie Cooper, in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes; Natasha Cecil, in the discus and javelin; Linsey Owens, in the javelin; Kirsten Dutton, in the long jump; and Halli Stone, in the

javelin and triple jump.

The Lady Eagles scored 149 points to earn the team title, with Holcomb second with 86 and Oakley third with 66. Goodland and Ulysses both scored 55. Brewster's girls finished seventh with 29 points, led by senior Caitlin Rush, who leaped 32 feet, 3.75 inches to win the triple jump.

Sophomore Bob Doxon picked up some points for the Cowboys by placing fifth in the shot put at 40 feet, 11.5 inches and the discus at 113 feet, 6 inches. He also threw the javelin.



Sophomore Casey Henderson scored some points by placing sixth in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.72 and 24.35 seconds. He also did the shot put.

Henderson, sophomore Grant Wilkens and freshmen Zach Lohr and Fernando Martinez teamed up run the 4x100-meter relay in 48.38 seconds for fifth.

Wilkens also ran the 200-meter dash and competed in the pole vault. Lohr ran the 100-meter dash and did the high jump. Martinez ran the 400-meter dash, and did the long and triple jumps.

Other Cowboys competing Friday included senior Jason Troyer, junior Nathan Thomas and sophomores Chris Geeseka and Brett Meissinger. Troyer ran the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. Thomas did the shot put, discus and javelin. Geeseka competed in the 800-meter run. Meissinger threw the shot and javelin.

Other Cowboy freshman were Vance Johnson, in the 400-meters and the discus; Dallas Price, the 800- and 1,600-meter runs; and Kade Sheldon, the pole vault and high jump.

The Colby Eagles scored 117 points to win the boys title, followed by Ulysses with 81, Oakley with 67 and Holcomb with 57. Brewster scored 28 points, finishing ninth, and Goodland's score was 26.

The Bulldogs' winners were senior Karmen Selby, who finished the 800-meter run in 2:02.46 and senior Jonathan Collett who did the 3,200-meter run in 10:22.71.

The Northwest Kansas League meet will be in Hoxie this year, with the field events starting at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Friday.

Goodland goes 1-3 in Hays baseball classic

The Goodland High School baseball team played in the Western Plains Diamond Classic in Hays Friday and Saturday finishing the tournament 1-3.

In their opener on Friday, the Cowboys fell to Salina Central 9-2.

Later that day they took on the host team Hays losing 11-1 in five innings.

In their first game Saturday, the Cowboys defeated Liberal 4-3 in nine innings to earn Goodland's first baseball victory over a

Class 5A school. In the second contest, the team lost to Word of Life Traditional School of Wichita 5-4.

Coach Steve Jimenez said playing against this caliber of competition, which included three Class 5A teams, was a huge challenge but the Cowboys played very well.

"I was very proud of the way the kids responded to that level of competition," Jimenez said.

"We had a chance to win three of the

four games. Our pitching and catching was outstanding all four games, but our hitting wasn't consistent and our defense continued to be our biggest problem."

Junior Tyler Hillmer led the Cowboys at the plate for the tournament getting six hits in 12 trips to the plate including three doubles.

He drove in four runs and scored four himself.

Senior Brandon Zelfer was named to the all-tournament team.

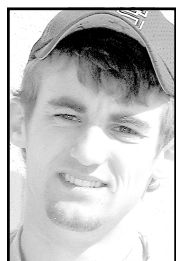
The Hays Indians won the Classic for the third straight year com-

ing from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning against Word of Life to win 3-2 Saturday afternoon and earn the title.

Goodland is now 7-13 for the season. The seeding for the regional tournament will be released sometime today with its first round games being played on Monday.

"Overall we took huge strides as a team the last two weeks of the season," said Coach Jimenez.

"Hopefully we can continue to play well in the regional tournament next week."



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