

Runner places fourth at state

Junior Kerek Mason placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run Saturday at the state Class 4A track and field championships in Wichita, scoring Goodland's only points.

Mason finished in 4 minutes, 39.22 seconds, less than five seconds behind Miles Acinger of Spring Hill.

Cole Ginther of Thomas More Prep-Marian from Hays was second, edging Justin Ball of Anderson High in Garnett by less than a tenth of a second.

"Kerek ran a smart 1,600 race," said Coach Don Smith. "The pace was a little slow through the first 800 meters but Kerek positioned himself where he could challenge over the last 800. Kerek had an excellent final 400 with a strong sprint finish.

"I was thrilled that his fourth-place finish allowed him to be on the award stand to receive his state medal. I believe Kerek will have a fantastic senior year."

The four points Mason earned put the Cowboys in a four-way tie for 28th place.

Abilene High School won the boys Class 4A championship with Badlwin second and Spring Hill third.

The Colby Eagles finished in a six-way tie for 34th with two points. Sophomore Josh Baden placed

sixth in the 3,200-meter run in 10:16.4.

Junior Kaylee Billinger was the only Cowgirl to qualify for this year's state meet, it in the 400-meter dash. Her time in the preliminaries was 1:03.28, not good enough to make the finals.

"Kaylee ran a very strong first 200 meters in her heat," Coach Smith said, "but was unable to stay with the leaders. I believe that Kaylee will have an outstanding senior year and I hope she will be able to be on the medal stand at state next year."

Concordia's girls won their second straight state title with Eudora second and Fort Scott third. Colby finished 16th, scoring 13 points. The Lady Eagles were led by sophomore Lissa Mazanec, who won the discus with a throw of 135 feet, 5 inches. Senior Andrea Barker ran the finals of the 100-meter dash in 12.67 seconds for sixth place and senior Zanae Baird was seventh in the 3,200 in 12:28.43.

The Lady Buffaloes of Rawlins County High in Atwood finished second in Class 2A, led by sophomore Macy Migchelbrink, who placed second in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles. Senior Bethany Holste was second in the pole vault.

Rawlins County's boys finished fifth.



Junior Kerek Mason (No. 13) positioned himself within the pack early in the Class 4A 1,600-meter run at the state high school track

and field championships at Cessna Stadium in Wichita. Mason placed fourth.
Photo by Jeff Mason/The Goodland Star-News

Bird City woman places second

Bird City native Amanda Poore cleared 5 feet, 8 inches to place second in the high jump Saturday at the NCAA Division II national track and field championships in Emporia.

Poore, a junior at Fort Hays State University, was the only top-eight finisher for the Lady Tigers, who ended up in a five-way tie for 26th place.

Lesley Crutcher of the University of Nebraska at Kearney won the high jump clearing 5 feet, 9.25. Crutcher did the same to take the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference meet earlier this month in Gunnison, Colo., with Poore finishing second at 5 feet, 7.25 inches.

Senior Zach Brown, a Colby High graduate, ran both the 200 and 400-meter dashes for the Tigers. He had the 10th-best time for both in the preliminaries but missed making the finals.

Brown also ran a leg of the Tigers' 4x100-meter

relay. The team finished ninth in the preliminaries, also missing the finals.

Fort Hays State earned two points in the men's competition when junior Maurice Henson reached 49 feet, 10.5 inches in the triple jump to place seventh. The Tigers finished in a tie for 48th.

Lincoln University of Jefferson City, Mo., won the women's national championship with Abilene Christian University (Texas) second and Adams State College (Colo.) third. Abilene Christian won the men's title, followed by St. Augustine's College (N.C.) and Lincoln.

This was the third time in 11 years Emporia State University served as host for the nationals.

The Hornet men scored 12 points to finish in a tie for 23rd and the women scored 4, ending up in a three-way tie for 44th.

Two to play for Dodge City

A pair of Goodland High School graduates will be playing basketball for Conquistadors of Dodge City Community College next winter.

Jessica Osborn, a 2004 Goodland graduate, will return for her second season with the Lady Conqs.

A backup guard last year, she played in 16 of 31 games, scoring nine points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

The team finished 20-11 overall and 8-8 in the West Division of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, losing in the first round of the regional playoffs.

Jace Herl, who graduated this month, heads to Dodge City to join

a team that went 23-10 overall and 11-5 in the conference.

The men ended their season in the regional semifinals.

Joining Osborn on the women's roster is 2006 Hoxie graduate Danielle Pratt.

Pratt was named to the All-Northwest Kansas League team the past three seasons and helped lead the Lady Indians to this year's state Class 2A championship game. Hoxie finished the season 21-5.

Pratt's classmate, Adrienne Schamberger, will join the Lady Trojan track and field team at Colby Community College next year.

Also heading to Colby in the fall

is cross country runner Kalie Smith of Wallace County High in Sharon Springs.

Brewster graduate Heath Baird heads to Concordia next fall to play basketball for the Thunderbirds of Cloud County Community College.

Brewster was third at this year's state Class 2A tournament finishing the season 26-2.

Joining the Lady T-Birds volleyball team is Oberlin's Christa Hardy, who just graduated from Decatur Community High School. She helped lead the Lady Red Devils to the Class 2A state tournament this season.

Baseball team loses in first round

The Emporia State University baseball team fell to California State University, Chico 2-1 in the first round of the NCAA Division II World Series on Sunday in Montgomery, Ala.

The Hornets took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning, but Chico State came back with a run in the bottom of the inning to tie the score, then scored again in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

Emporia State, now 48-12, will

face Franklin Pierce College of New Hampshire this afternoon. The series follows a double-elimination format except for the championship game.

Franklin Pierce, 44-12, lost to Ashland University of Ohio 14-4 in Sunday's first game. Ashland will face Chico State today, following the Hornets' game.

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Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

May 16 — 3:29 p.m., 1209 Cherry, a 1985 Oldsmobile driven by Dennis L. Fyfe was attempting to back out of Goodland High School parking and hit a 1992 Ford driven by Dallas S. Price.

May 18 — 6:51 p.m., 604 Center, a 2004 Chevrolet driven by Amber Nichole Cowan was backing from a parking stall. While backing, Cowan failed to allow for the pole support of the awning over the parking stall and hit the pole.

District Traffic

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

April 16 — David M. Cunningham Jr., \$90 for speeding.

Eric L. Dabel, \$112 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Walter F. Johnson IV, \$144 for speeding.

William L. Mason Jr., \$120 for speeding.

Minh T.N. Nguyen, \$150 for speeding.

Misti E. Stowell, \$150 for speeding.

Wesley M. Turley, \$120 for speeding.

Thomas M. Weber, dismissed for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

April 17 — Scott A. Bauman, \$258 for speeding.

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District Traffic

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

April 17 — Howard D. Heath, \$112 for motor carrier safety rules

and regulations.

Jesus M. Jimenez, \$159 for speeding.

Ross E. Spohn, \$117 for over weight load.

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