

Stephens sets record at League meet

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The Colby Middle School 7th grade girls track team took first at the North-west Kansas League meet Friday and eighth-grader Jessica Stephens broke Ivy Ramsey’s record in the mile run. Stephens’ time in the mile of 5:38 was 4 seconds better than Ramsey’s mark of 5:42. Here are the individual highlights from the meet:

7th grade girls: 1st
Discus: Ritter, 5th, 64’ 5”;
Pole Vault: K. Cox, 1st, 5’ 6”;
Mar-tin, 3rd, 5’ 6”;
High Jump: Barnes, 2nd, 4’ 4”;
Long Jump: L. Cox, 3rd, 13’ 2 1/4”;
100 Meter: Kersenbrock, 3rd, 13.91;
Weaver, 6th, 15.14;
Mile: Hudson, 2nd, 6:29; Paulson, 6th, 7:09;
4X100 Relay: Colby, 1st, 55.73;
400 Meter: Weaver, 4th, 1:08;
4X200 Relay: Colby, 1st, 2:02;
880 Yard: Hudson, 1st, 2:47;
200 Meter: Kersenbrock, 3rd, 29.21;
Barnes, 4th, 29.95;
880 Relay: Colby, 1st, 2:08.

1.	Colby	102
2.	Goodland	98
3.	Atwood	56
4.	St. Francis	51
5.	Oakley	47
6.	Oberlin	41

7.	Quinter	41
8.	Hoxie	26

7th grade boys: 5th
Pole Vault: Gatz, 3rd, 7’ 6”;
Dack, 5th, 7’;
High Jump: Heier, 4th, 4’ 8”;
100 Meter: Munderloh, 3rd, 13.27;
Mile: Siebert, 2nd, 5:56.88;
4X100 Relay: Colby, 1st, 53.41;
400 Meter: Hildebrand, 6th, 1:12.24;
4X200 Relay: Colby, 3rd, 2:00.72;
880 Yard: Hildebrand, 3rd, 2:36.68;
Siebert, 6th, 2:45.19;
200 Meter: Munderloh, 4th, 27.70;
880 Relay: Colby, 1st, 2:02.83.

1.	Quinter	114
2.	Oakley	85
3.	Atwood	74
4.	St. Francis	66
5.	Colby	64
6.	Oberlin	35
7.	Goodland	19
8.	Hoxie	8

8th grade girls: 4th
Triple Jump: Fry, 4th, 26’ 7 1/4”;
2 Mile: Lamm, 6th, 15.57;
100 Meter Hurdles: Schroeder, 4th, 18.69;
100 Meter: Barker, 1st, 13.09;
Mile: J. Stephens, 1st, 5:38 (NWKL record);

4X100 Relay: Colby, 2nd, 54.71;
400 Meter: J. Stephens, 1st, 1:03;
880 Yard: Schroeder, 4th, 2:47;
200 Meter: Barker, 1st, 27.44
880 Relay: Colby, 3rd, 2:12;

1.	Oberlin	108
2.	Oakley	89
3.	Goodland	69
4.	Colby	67
5.	Atwood	48
6.	St. Francis	44
7.	Hoxie	37
8.	Quinter	26

8th grade boys: 4th
Pole Vault: Grove, 2nd, 10’;
Triple Jump: Haeffner, 1st, 36’ 8”
2 Mile: Withington, 7th, 14:16.95;
Mile: Bieker, 3rd, 5:39;
4X100: Colby, 2nd, 50.61;
400 Meter: Haeffner, 2nd, 55.16;
4X200 Relay: Colby, 3rd, 1:52.11;
880 Yard: Bieker, 5th, 2:31.10;
Seemann, 8th, 2:47.97;
200 Meter: Haeffner, 1st, 25.04
880 Relay: Colby, 5th, 1:59.91.

1.	Quinter	89
2.	Oberlin	76
3.	Oakley	69
4.	Colby	60
5.	St. Francis	57
6.	Goodland	52
7.	Atwood	48
8.	Hoxie	45

At the League meet



KAREN KREIN/St. Francis Herald

Eagle junior Jordan Harris competed in the long jump at Friday’s NWKL meet in St. Francis. Results of the meet will be published as soon as they are received.

Royals pulling for John Mizerock

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—If they left it up to the players, John Mizerock might be a unanimous choice as manager of the Kansas City Royals.

“They just need to take the interim label off his title and let him be our manager,” said first baseman Mike Sweeney. “That’s the feeling of every-one I’ve spoken with in the club-house.”

Mizerock, in the meantime, was kept waiting at least one more day while general manager Allard Baird met with owner David Glass to decide on a re-placement for Tony Muser. Baird indicated something could be announced on Wednesday but nothing was certain.

“I don’t think there’ll be anything until tomorrow,” Baird said before the Royals’ game Tuesday night against Minnesota.

The other finalists are Bucky Dent, manager of the Royals’ Triple-A Omaha team and Houston bench coach Tony Pena.

A Royals official confirmed late Tuesday that ESPN analyst and former major league manager Buck Showalter would not be offered the job. Showalter had been one of the finalists.

Baird emerged from his Kauffman Stadium office shortly after 3 a.m. Wednesday and invited waiting reporters to join him for breakfast at a restaurant, but said he would have no announcement until later in the day.

“There still is one guy I have not been able to contact,” Baird said. “I am not going to say anything until I have been able to talk to all the parties involved.”

Asked about word that newspapers in Houston were said to be reporting that the job would go to Pena, bench coach for the Houston Astros, Baird said, “They can say whatever they want in Houston. I’m not going to say anything else.”

Asked whether the new manager would be in the dugout for Wednesday night’s game, Baird wouldn’t say.

Mizerock, who managed in the Royals’ minor league system for nine seasons before joining the big league club this year, was 4-8 as interim manager going into Tuesday night’s game.

“We’re all behind him. We all support him,” said third baseman Joe Randa. “We all hope he gets the job. He knows most of these players through the minor league system. And the guys he hasn’t worked with in the minor league system, he’s been with them through spring training.”

Without offering any details, Sweeney said the players’ views had

been communicated to Baird.

“Whatever decision Allard makes, we’re going to honor it and respect it,” Sweeney said. “But we feel Rock’s our guy.”

Mizerock, 41, would be the major leagues’ youngest manager. Since replacing Muser on April 29, he has done away with several little rules, such as insisting that players wear helmets during batting practice.

“We’re more relaxed than we have been all year,” Randa said. “John has brought in an attitude. “It’s not a big deal, but it kind of gives guys free reign to be themselves.”

Mizerock said he appreciated the players’ support.

“It’s nice to know. But if it’s not me, the next guy to come in is going to have qualities they’ll like,” he said. “Just because some guys like me, that’s not going to be an overbearing factor in my selection or not.”

Eagles to play in semi-finals

The Colby Eagle baseball squad is playing in the regional semi-finals today, taking on Hugoton at 4:30 p.m. Nickerson plays Pratt at 2 p.m. in the other semi. The winners of the semi-final games will face each other at 7 p.m. tonight at the Colby Recreation Complex. The regional champion will advance to the state tournament in Mulvane on May 24.

Williams quits Open minutes before match

ROME (AP) — Venus Williams pulled out of the Italian Open with a wrist injury minutes before her highly anticipated match against Anna Kournikova.

While Jennifer Capriati easily won her first match in Rome in nine years and Kournikova beat replacement Lilia Osterloh in three sets, Williams was left to explain another late withdrawal from a headline match under mysterious circumstances.

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