

Middle school girls' track teams win

Both the Colby seventh and eighth-grade girls teams won their grade groups May 3 at the Oberlin meet.

Discus
7th grade: 2nd, Katie Zerr, 72-11; 4th, Lacy O'Neal, 63-3; 6th, Leah Jennings, 60; Maidson Gawith, 45-7; Alyse Dumler, 56-10; Jennifer Schwanke, 49-8; Rachel Juenemann, 51-1; Ariel Severson, 38-3; Kaylee Keck, 48-11; Hannah Matchell, 48-6.

8th grade: 1st, Kyle Reitcheck, 81-5; 4th, Katherine Kaus, 71-11; 5th, Skyler Mengel, 67-3; Abby Miller, 58-10; Abi Rohr, 53-7.

Shot put
7th grade: 3rd, Lacy O'Neal, 27-10; 6th, Katie Zerr, 26-3; Leah Jennings, 24-8; Gawith, 26-1; Ariel Severson, 22-7; Matchell, 22-8.

8th grade: 4th, Kaus, 31; 5th, Reitcheck, 29-11; Miller, 26-10; Anna Taylor, 26-6; Kate Ostmeyer, 22-7; Rohr, 23.

Pole vault
7th grade: 1st, Emilea Finley, 6-6.

8th grade: 1st, Kaus, 7-3; 2nd, Amy Schroeder, 6; 3rd, Shelby Terrell, 6.

High jump
7th grade: 2nd, Morgan Bell, 4-6; 5th, Christina Ostmeyer, 4; Megan Schroeder, 3-5.

8th grade: 3rd, Kayla Hockersmith, 4-8; 4th, Kimmy Gerstner, 4-8; Ostmeyer, 3-10.

Long jump
7th grade: 3rd, Haley Stickel, 12-11; 5th, Julia Huftles, 12-6; Derian Horinek, 10-5; Kayla Weber, 10-11; Kaylee Keck, 9-8; Megan Schroeder, 4-4.

8th grade: 1st, Caitlyn Wark, 14-10; 4th, Kelsey Voss, 12-9; Amy Schroeder, 11-9; Lauren Shoaff, 11-4; Brittany Bange, 11-9; Ashley Siruta, 11-2.

Triple jump
7th grade: 1st, Emilea Finley, 30-5; 2nd, Bell, 27-2; 4th, Katera Harter, 26-5; 5th, Stickel, 26-2. Megan Schroeder, 23-7; Huftles, 20-6; Skyler Barrett, 22; Weber, 19-8.

8th grade: 2nd, Catilyn Wark, 27-6; 3rd, Kaus, 26-6; 4th, Terrell, 26-1; 5th, Brittany Bange, 25-3; Siruta, 19-5; Voss, 22; Lauren Shoaff, 21-8; Kate Ostmeyer, 18-10.

100 hurdles
7th grade: 1st, Bell, :17.73; 5th, Harter, :19.29; 6th, Christina Ostmyer, :19.79; Barrett, :19.46; Dumler, :20.24; Juenemann, :19.83; Amber Bond, :20; O'Neal, :20.73; Sammy Reed, :22.59.

8th grade: 2nd, Hockersmith, :17.36; Shoaff, :19.20; Sara Martin, :20.06; Bailey Koerperich, :20.41; Allison Giersch, :22.40.

100
7th grade: 6th, Huftles, :14.05; Schwanke, :14.53; Reed, :14.98; Stickel, :14.77; Harter, :15.35; Jennings, :15.51; Juenemann, :15.55; Weber, :15.62; Gawith, :16.17; Keck, :16.46; Severson, :16.47; Matchell, :18.3

8th: 2nd, Hockersmith, :13.90; 3rd, Voss, :14.39; 5th, Wark, :14.42; Giersch, :14.58; Siruta, :15.07; Mengel, :15.89; Terrell, :15.12; Reitcheck, :15.29; Koerperich, :15.48; Miller, :15.95; Martin, :16.12; Brittany Tuma, :17.6.

200
7th grade: 3rd, Bell, :29.54; 5th, Huftles, :30.43; Stickel, :32.82; Reed, :32.62; Zerr, :32.97; Jennings, :33.04; Schwanke, :33.17; Weber, :33.31; Matchell, :34.04; Severson, :37.66; Keck, :36.93; Gawith, :37.19.

8th grade: 5th, Anna Taylor, :30.42; 6th, Voss, :30.78; Terrell, :31.36; Mengel, :32.05; Koerperich, :32.05; Shoaff, :32.90; Reitcheck, :33.14; Martin, :32.98; Siruta, :33.01; Miller, :34.01; Ostmeyer, :34.39; Rohr, :33.92; Tuma, :36.36.

400
7th grade: 4th, C. Ostmeyer, 1:14.42

8th grade: 4th, Kaus, :1:10.05; 6th, Mengel, 1:15.37.

800
7th grade: 3rd, Harter, 2:49.18; 4th, Bond, 2:49.91; 6th, Schroeder, 2:51.20.

8th grade: 2nd, Kaus, :2>45.85; 5th, Bange, 3:02.38.

1600
7th grade: 2nd, Bond, 6:17.92. 3200

8th grade: 1st, Kaus, 13:12.9; 2nd, Schroeder, 14:08.

400 relay
7th grade: 1st, Harter, Zerr, Schwanke, Reed, :59.68

8th grade: 2nd, Giersch, Gerstner, Taylor, Wark, :58.10

800 relay
7th grade: 1st, O'Neal, Juenemann, Barrett, Dumler, 2:07.47.

8th grade: 4th, Tuma, Gerstner, Taylor, Giersch, 2:12.42.

1600 relay
7th grade: Mengel, Dumler, Ostmeyer, Finley, 4:45.09.

8th grade: 1st, Schroeder, Gerstner, Hockersmith, Kaus, 4:47.

NASCAR driver to quit team after season

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — For Dale Earnhardt Jr., winning is everything. That's what his daddy taught him.

And by ditching his namesake company to find a more competitive ride, Junior gave his own lesson in life: Not even blood is thicker than winning.

NASCAR's most popular driver ended months of contentious contract negotiations with his stepmother Thursday, announcing he will leave Dale Earnhardt Inc. at the end of the season because he and Teresa Earnhardt can't agree on a common vision for the family business.

"It is time for me to continue his legacy in the only way I know I can — by taking the life lessons that he

told me: Be a man, race hard and contend for championships," Junior said. "That's what I intend to do, and I feel strongly that I would have my father's blessing."

Earnhardt had tried to reach a new deal with his stepmother.

But the bargaining turned tense after she publicly questioned his commitment, and Junior later said their relationship "ain't a bed of roses."

So he'll move on, starting what should be a frenzied free agency period that could shake the sport by causing long-term ripple effects in driver salary and sponsor deals.

He's already NASCAR's highest-paid driver, earning \$20.1 million per year, a million more than No. 2 Jeff Gordon.



TISHA COX/Colby Free Press

Colby High School Lady Eagle left-fielder Leah Cox got ready to throw the ball back to home plate during a matchup against Hays TMP-Marian Thursday.

Thomas More Prep ousts Eagles

Thomas More Prep ended the regular season for Colby High's softball team with two wins over the Eagles in Hays.

Thomas More Prep won game one 12-1 and game two 11-0.

Colby managed 10 hits between the two games. Logan Wark led Colby with four hits including two doubles. Kiri Kendrick had two hits. Jordan Krzycki, Ashley Barnes, Tara Powell and Kristin

Cox each had one hit.

Wark took the loss for Colby in game one. She gave up 12 runs and 11 hits. Colby committed eight errors.

Tisha Bieker lost game two for Colby. She allowed 11 runs and 13 hits. Colby committed five errors.

Colby (13-4) begins regional play 4 p.m. Monday against Russell in Colby.

Late inning runs secure Colby wins

Scoring four runs in the seventh inning in both games helped Colby High baseball team win a double-header Thursday at Thomas More Prep in Hays.

Colby led 9-6 going into the last inning in game two and the four runs padded the lead.

The Eagles were led by three players, all with three hits. Cade Carter was 3-5 with five RBIs, a double and a triple. Cory Sager was 3-5 with an RBI and Jesse Hawk was 3-4. Eric Blanton was 2-3 with two RBIs and Trenton Powell was 2-2. Colby had 17 hits.

Stephen Dinkel got the win for Colby. He pitched six innings and

allowed six earned runs off of seven hits. He struck out nine. Levi Schlick relieved Dinkel for the seventh inning.

Kevin Lang led Colby with 3-3, five RBIs and a home run in Colby's 13-5 win in game one. Lang also earned the victory on the mound pitching a complete game allowing seven hits and striking out 10.

Schlick was 4-5 at the plate with a double. Carter was 3-5 with a triple. Mitchell Gatz was 2-5. Dinkel and Hawk each had a hit.

Colby (13-4) plays Goodland 6 p.m. Monday in Colby in the first round of regional play.

Trojans to swing away at national golf meet

Trent Rose

*Sports Information
Colby Community College*

In only the second year since returning to the athletic department at Colby Community College, the golf team has made great strides in becoming a quality program.

One big step this year is having three women golfers qualify for the 2007 Women's National Golf Championship Monday through Thursday at the LPGA International Golf Club in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Those golfers are Kati Near, (Meade, sophomore); Veronica Forsythe, (Brush, Colo., sophomore); and Megan Scheuerman, Scott City sophomore.

The three Lady Trojan golfers qualified for the national tournament at the Region VI tournament in Hesston. Near qualified with a 36-hole total of 240, Forsythe qualified with a 242, and Scheuerman qualified with a 243.

Scheuerman had to go to a play-off hole with Independence's Shayla Oyler for the right to go to nationals. Scheuerman hit a chip which struck the pin, and had an easy putt to secure her spot.

Two of three golfers (Near and Scheuerman) going to nationals to compete were members of the

three-woman team fielded last season. Kate Nelson, Hoxie sophomore, was the other team member last year. Forsythe was a transfer into the program and Trista Nordyke, Hugoton freshman, joined the program as well.

Nationals are hosted by Daytona Beach Community College. The women will be playing on the Champions Course, which was designed specifically for professional women golfers. Daytona Beach has been home to the headquarters of the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) since October 1989.

For more information on the course or for updates throughout the tournament, go to <<http://go.dbcc.edu/athletics/golf> and click on tournament home page.



Forsythe



Near



Scheuerman

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