Running until the finish



"Our junior varsity gained some

other schools who attended," said

Coach Bob Mannebach. "They

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Colby High junior Sara Martin finished in 18 minutes and 50 seconds at the Hays Invitational on Thursday.

Colby junior varsity team faces tougher competition

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The Colby High boys junior placed 14th with 28:41. varsity cross country team fin- The Eagles' junior varsity run-They were running against varsity runners from other schools.

Senior Brandon Rasmussen of 21 minutes and 26 seconds. Sophomore Jordan Rasmussen, Brandon's brother, placed 28th with 21:57.

Other Eagles' runners times in-23:17; freshman Hank Schuette, 23:17 and senior Jordan Voss, 28:27.

Tribune finished first with 22 points overall. Ingalls placed second with 61 and Cimarron finished third with 88.

Seniors Dylan Stithem and Ja- brother Brandon placed 17th with cob Hutfles competed in a junior 21:02. Stithem placed 19th with varsity meet at Leoti. Stithem fin- 22:06 and Voss finished 22nd with ished sixth with 23:14 and Hutfles 23:17. Schuette came in 23rd with

ished fourth out of four teams on ners competed against other teams valuable experience participating liams. "She strikes the ball well Sept. 15 at the Leoti Invitational. varsity runners on Thursday at in the Leoti and Oakley meets runthe Oakley Invitational. The only ning against varsity runners from other team with enough runners to get a team score was Goodfinished 24th overall with a time land. You had to have at least five had some success that will help runners to compete in the invitational, said Coach Chris Giersch. The top four times on each time are counted, and the fifth runners time is counted in case of a tie, he cluded freshman Blake McNinch, said. The other schools who had 23:11; senior Brock Wagoner, runners competing in the invitational were Wheatland/Grinnell, Cheylin, Oakley and Hoxie.

The Cowboys came in first with 11 overall points and the Eagles finished with 26.

Jordan Rasmussen finished 15th overall with 20:57 and his

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Trojan rodeo takes tenth on warm, dry weekend

By Kevin Bottrell

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Cooperative weather and a high attendance made for a great start to the rodeo season as the weekend-spanning Colby Community College Rodeo went off without a hitch.

College rodeo team coach Allen Russell, who organized the event, said there were only a few minor injuries and the weather cooperated beautifully. The dry, sunny weekend made for a lot of dust in the arena, but that was preferable to the rain that came this week.

"I'd rather fight the dust than the mud," he said.

More than 500 riders attended the event from two- and four-year schools in Kansas and Oklahoma. Kansas is in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Russell said the Great Plains is the largest of the association's 11 regions, but attendance usually falls off as the season goes on. Much of the competition was dominated by Oklahoma schools such as Northwestern Oklahoma State College.

"Northwestern has a huge rodeo program," he said.

Northwestern took first in the women's team scores while Southwestern Oklahoma State College took first in the men's team scores. The Colby Community College team placed 10th overall. The team has 23 men and women riders, but only one made it to the short go on Sunday. Bret Spanel placed sixth in the steer wresting finals and sixth in overall average in the event.

Russell said he felt good about the team's effort, adding that the team has a lot of freshmen, and they will have a lot more time to practice before the next competi-

The Trojan rodeo team will head to Pratt Community College for the next competition on Oct. 2-4; Southwestern Oklahoma State College in Durant, Okla. on Oct. 8-10; and Northwestern Oklahoma State in Alva, Okla. on Nov. 5-7.

Events included bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding, steer event will be in April in Hays, and wrestling, goat tying, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

The rodeo was divided as a long go/short go competition. Friday and Saturday saw preliminary, or "long go" competition. Because there were so many contestants -the barrel race alone had 127 entries - those who were ranked lower rode in "slack" competitions in the morning. The slack competitions have the same rules and standards, but there is no ad-

mission charge to watch. "It's getting hard to fit it all into two days," Russel said.

Higher ranked riders competed later in the day and the final competition, or "short go" was held on Sunday, with the top nine or 10 riders in each event.

Russell said the number of entries was up this year. The rodeo had the most entries this year in barrel racing, team roping and breakaway roping events than it has in its history.

Russell said each region can have up to 10 events, spread out over the fall and spring semesters. The Colby rodeo was the first event for the year. The final the college rodeo finals will be in

Girls golf team finishes second

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The Colby High School golf team finished second in their home meet on Monday with 221 overall points.

"It was the best game we've played as a team all year," said Coach Rick Williams.

Sophomore Kaylee Keck finished second overall with a 52.

"She strikes the ball really well," said Williams. "She hits it as far as anyone. She has a good chipping game. She's working on her putting game."

Freshman Karly Kriss finished third by shooting a 53.

"She didn't golf very much over the summer, so she's still getting some of the rust off," said Wil-

Junior Abby Miller shot a 65. Her score was low enough for a sixth place finish.

"She has a good attitude for golf," said Williams. "She's very coachable.

Other scores included juniors Bailey Koerperich, 61; Kate Ostmeyer, 65; and Kelsey Shields,

Junior Kayla Ziegelmeier finished fourth overall in junior varsity competition with a 69. Senior Heather Griggs shot a 74.



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