



May Day race kicks off month

To mark the third month of spring, 12 runners and walkers participated in the Colby Recreation Department's third Annual May Day 5K.

Unlike most other recreation runs, the winner was determined by the fastest time, rather than the traditional predicted timed run.

Sara Betz snagged first place with 27 minutes, 55 seconds. Behind her, Stephanie Albers took second in 29:14 and Mollie Bretz came in third with 29:24.

May Day baskets were given for top prizes. Betz won a "Fun Day" basket with back-yard games, Albers took home the "Spa" basket donated by Uptown Style, and Bretz got the "Picnic" basket with a pitcher of lemonade. Other participants were Michelle Morris, Summar Stephens, Tania Muller, Toni Lindberg, Kelsey Hawkins, Jennifer Burr, Tami Brown, Raenette Martin and Rhett Martin.

"This was a perfect day to race,"

department director Stacy Lee said. "It was a challenging course with a cool breeze and some steep hills. It's always a very inspiring experience to host these events."

The runners started at the Community Building and went west through Fike Park and crossed Franklin Avenue on to 6th street. They turned north onto Lincoln Avenue and turned east on to 7th street, heading back to Franklin Avenue. They turned north to Veterans Memorial, went east to Country Club Drive and went south towards eighth street. They went west on eighth street, turned south on Court Avenue and finished at Community Building.

The department would like to thank the Colby HAM Radio volunteers for course supervision, Lee said. The next run will be the third Annual Harvest Hustle at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 26. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, June 9.

Florida weather leads to low scores

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) – Conditions were so tame at the Players Championship that being anywhere around par meant being nowhere near the lead.

Just ask Tiger Woods. Or Phil Mickelson. Or Ernie Els.

J.B. Holmes and Robert Allenby each shot 66 in the opening round Thursday, leading an all-out assault on the Stadium Course. More than half the field broke par, 34 players were within three shots of the lead and the average score (71.1) for the first round was the lowest in 17 years.

"You see a lot of good scores, but I guarantee you the leader at the end of the week is not going to be 24 under," said Bill Haas.

That notion gives just about everyone hope heading into Friday's second round.

"I only made three birdies," said Woods, who shot 70 after missing the cut last week at Quail Hollow. "I had myself a few chances in there to make some putts, make some birdies, and didn't really do it."

Masters champion Mickelson finished with the same score and felt about the same way.

"Two under is not what I wanted," Mickelson said, "but there is a round in the mid 60s. If I can shoot that tomorrow, I'll get right back in it."

Holmes played bogey-free for his 66. The only time he came close to a bogey was at No. 10, when he hit over the green and did well to chip to 15 feet before making the par putt.

"It was a fun day, one of those

rounds where everything was going pretty good," Holmes said. "It's kind of one of those rounds where it's not easy, but it felt pretty easy."

Allenby played in the afternoon, when the breeze kicked up, and only had one lapse with a three-putt on the par-3 eighth.

"Greens were a bit slow out there, definitely quite soft after the rain that we've had the last couple of days," Allenby said. "It definitely made it very accessible, some of those flags. I'm happy with the start, just happy to be amongst it."

It was a large group.

Francesco Molinari of Italy had a chance to join the leaders until he chopped up the par-5 ninth hole for a bogey and finished at 68. Sergio Garcia, Jim Furyk, Vijay Singh and Davis Love III were another stroke back at 69. Els was 2 over, one shot behind a group that included Padraig Harrington and Rory McIlroy.

With scrutiny higher than ever after the worst tournament of his career, Woods settled down after a shaky start and eased speculation that he could miss consecutive cuts for the first time in his career.

A week ago, he had his second-highest round (79) and the worst 36-hole score (153) of his career to miss the cut by eight shots. Then came practice rounds that didn't look much better.

"I've felt like I've done some good work this week, even though reports are I was hitting all over the lot," Woods said. "But I was working on a few things."



ANDY HEINTZ/Colby Free Press
Colby High junior Rocque Russell prepared to make a putt during the Colby Invitational on Thursday at the Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

Eagles' golf team wins home meet

The Colby High golf team and senior Ryley Haas protected their home territory on Monday, as Haas again took the gold with a 77 and the team placed first with a total score of 322.

Haas had to make an eagle on hole No. 9 at Meadow Lakes Golf Course to win his fourth straight tournament. His teammate, junior Rocque Russell, came close to breaking Haas' winning streak, but ended up finishing second with a 78.

Haas shot a 38 on the front nine and a 39 on the back side. Russell shot a 42 on the front nine and a 36 on the back nine.

Coach Barry Lucas said Haas' drive on No. 9 landed three feet from the hole. Haas made his putt to beat his teammate by a stroke.

Senior Dylan Stithem took fourth place with an 83 and sophomore Tayte Query took ninth with an 84. Sophomores Konner Kriss

and Paul Schiferl finished at 89 and 92.

Goodland came in second with 348. Pther teams at the tournament were Hoxie, Scott City, Oberlin, Oakley, Norton and Atwood. Oberlin didn't have enough players to have a team score. The top four individual scores determine a team's overall score.

Lucas said it was one of the better tournaments his team has played this season.

The boys will be hosts for the Northwest Kansas League meet at 3 p.m. Friday at Meadow Lakes.

Brewster senior wins high jump

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In a thrilling jump-off in the high jump competition at the Quinter track meet on Friday, Brewster senior Spencer Holm cleared 6 feet, 4 inches to win first place over Golden Plains sophomore Cole Christiansen.

Christiansen looked like he had first place in the bag when he cleared 6 feet, 2 inches, but Holm managed to skim over the bar at 6 foot, 4 inches to bring home the gold.

Holm took sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with of 18.05 seconds, and seventh in the 100-meter dash with 12.04. Freshman Michael Schmidt missed fourth place in the 1,600-meter run by 3 one-hundredths of a second, finishing fifth with 5:06.57. Schmidt took sixth in the 3,200 with 11:36.2.

Freshman Dan Brown contin-

ues to improve in the high jump. He finished in seventh place with a leap of 5' 4". Brown took sixth in the long jump with 17' 8.5" and eighth in the 400-meter dash with 57.85. He also ran the 800 meters. Freshman Ben Baird ran both the 1,600 and 3,200. The boys finished 11th overall.

On the girls side, sophomore Kasey Hoyt continued to run well in the distance races, finishing third in the 800 meters with 2:38 and fourth in the 1,600 with 6:13.8.

Junior Sheena Rall placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 28' 7". Rall also threw the javelin and discus. Freshman Amber Barrie ran the 400-meter dash in 1:20.5, and competed in the both the long jump and triple jump.

Freshman Jasmine Staten ran the 200 meters and threw the discus, shot and javelin. The girls finished ninth overall.

Suns beat Spurs by 8; team protests new law

PHOENIX (AP) – Arguments about illegal immigration took a back seat to basketball at tip-off of Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinal series between Phoenix and San Antonio.

Only the words "Los Suns" on the Phoenix jerseys were a reminder of the hornets' nest Suns owner Robert Sarver stirred up when he asked the players if they would wear the jerseys to celebrate diversity and the Latin community – and to protest Arizona's new anti-illegal immigration law.

If the issue was a distraction, it certainly didn't show, especially in the fourth quarter when the Suns pulled away for a 110-102 victory Wednesday night to go up 2-0. The best-of-seven series shifts to San Antonio for Game 3 on Friday night.

"I'm proud of our owner for making this stand but we're not out there to alienate," Phoenix's Steve Nash said. "We want this to be all about love in our community. People, regardless of whether they agree with me or not, we have love for everybody."

That love would not apply to

the Spurs, however, at least when the game's on.

Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Channing Frye made 5 of 6 three-pointers to lead the Suns in a game that ended with almost the same score of Game 1, when Phoenix won 111-102.

Nash and Jason Richardson scored 19 points apiece and Grant Hill added 18 in a grind-it-out game played at the Spurs' pace until the Suns started hitting 3-pointers. After starting 1 of 7 from long range, Phoenix made eight of its next 12.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 10 rebounds and Richard Jefferson rebounded from a poor Game 1 with 18 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio. Tony Parker added 20 points for the Spurs.

"I have to say the impressive thing to me with the win was the team effort," Nash said. "So many guys made plays for our team tonight, and I can't remember really being a part of a team that's had so many guys step up and play well."

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~ League Bowling Results ~

April 6, 2010 - Pinbusters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Colby Bowl	206	114	1
Roofmasters	195	125	2
Bargos	182	138	3
Al's Painting	179	141	4
Colby Automotive	176.5	143.5	5
Subway	168	152	6
Corona Kids	160.5	159.5	7
Cummins Central Power	132.5	187.5	8
Chartwells	129.5	170.5	9
First high Individual game: Alvin Koenig, 323			
First high Individual series: Jason Hoppe, 727			
April 12, 2010 - First Nighters League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Pepsi	211	109	1
Kansas Quicklube	201	119	2
Woofers Well & Pump	191.5	128.5	3
McKee	175.5	144.5	4
Discount Repair of	175	145	5
Frontier Ag Inc.	166.5	153.5	6
Sparky's Firework	161	159	7
Fire Xtrikers	145	175	8
Parking Lot Maintenance	141.5	178.5	9
NW Refrigeration	138	182	10
Wild Ride	129	191	11
Grinnell Furniture	84	236	12
First high Men Individual game: Jeff Wagoner, 290			
First high Men Individual series: Johnnie Williams, 779			
April 15, 2010 - King Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
T.J. Tire	184	96	1
Colby Automotive	172	108	2
www.visitcolby.com	167	113	3
Morgan Construction	167	113	4
Drinkin Mates	166	114	5
Kurts Pro	144.5	135.5	6
Balls Deep	124.5	155.5	7
5 Pony Men	124	156	8
Thomas County Feeder	95	185	9
First high Individual game: Brent Menges, 299			
First high Individual series: Brent Menges, 708			
April 14, 2010 - Ladies Nite Out League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Twisters	18	6	1
Minds in the Gutter	17	7	2
Service Oil	15	9	3
Don's Electric	14	10	4
Straightline	13	11	5
Twisters II	12	12	6
Stike-Outs	11	13	7
Swartz Veterinary Clinic	10.5	13.5	8
Susie's Circus	10	14	9
Bop Shop Betties	8.5	15.5	10
Assist-Ur-Sale	7	17	11
First high Individual game: Robin Schwanke, 211			
First high Individual series: Robin Schwanke, 552			
April 16, 2010 - Ten Pin League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Once Upon a Sign	65.5	50.5	1
Cal Williams	61.5	54.5	2
Colby Bowl	61	55	3
First high Individual game: Bobbi Barton, 223			
First high Individual series: Mary Hurr, 581			
April 13, 2010 - Early Bird Ladies League			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
NW Vacuum	34	22	1
Van's Merry Four	28	28	2
www.strike	28	28	3
Bowlerettes	21	35	4
First high Individual game: Dee Hovda, 218			
First high Individual series: Dee Hovda, 572			
April 11, 2010 - King and Queen non-smoking			
Team	Won	Lost	Place
Norman-Mackley	43	21	1
Benson-Schmidtbe	41	23	2
Team RB	38	26	3
Niermeier-McCarty	36	28	4
Kreutzer-Garrett	34	30	5
Prochazka-Jacobs	33	31	6
Cook-Lanning	32	32	7
Schissler-Wolf	31.5	32.5	8
Schroeder-Schroeder	29.5	34.5	9
Swartz-Barnett	29	35	10
Pancake-Kaiser	29	33	11
First high Men Individual game: Oura Garrett, 309			
First high Men individual series: Matt Schmidtberger, 772			
First high Women individual game: Deb Norman, 224			
First high Women individual series: Amber Barton, 558			



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