

Freshman runner finishes first

Colby Community College freshman Edward Limo made quite a debut on Friday, taking first in the cross country teams' home invitational on campus.

The freshman ran the 5K race in 14:33. Second was Palo Ponce for Garden City, who completed the race in 14:59. Coach James Ortiz said Ponce was voted to the all-conference team last season.

Ortiz said he was not surprised by Limo's time. He said the freshman runner had shown his speed in practice.

"He has a lot of talent inside," said Ortiz. "He has a huge, efficient stride."

Limo was voted Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference co-athlete of the week. The coach said Limo worked out with former Trojans' runner Albert Mong'ony this summer.

"Albert showed him the ropes this summer," the coach said.

Ortiz said Limo only started running two years ago.

The Trojans took second in the invitational with a total time of 1 hour, 17 minutes, 39 seconds. A team's total time reflects the sum of the squad's five best times, the coach said.

Garden City finished first with a time of 1:16:37. The other two teams in the invitational were Barton County Community College from Great Bend and Fort Hays State University. Oklahoma Panhandle State University from Goodwell had runners in the race, but not enough to post a team score.

Colby freshman Ross Freeman finished fifth with 15:29:20 and freshman Timothy Cude was sixth with 15:29:98.

Ortiz said he knew Limo was fast, but he was surprised that the his team's four fastest times came from freshman.

"They put a smile on my face that day," he said.

Freshman Leija Abraham and sophomore Trey Dunsirn finished ninth and 11th respectively with 15:44.10 and 15:51.28, but the two runners were not included in the Trojans' overall time because they had missed a couple of prac-



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Colby Community College men's cross country runners (from left) freshman Ross Freeman, and sophomores Anthony Luna, Wes Toews and sophomore Alfredo Arellano ran in the Colby In-

terview, Ortiz said.

Sophomore Freddy Arellano came in 15th with 16:01.46, sophomore Anthony Luna, 16:04; sophomore Garrett Jones, 16:08.01; freshman Raymond Velazquez, 16:15.09; sophomore Robert Robledo, 16:58.22; sopho-

more Wesley Toews, 17; sophomore Josh Mwangi, 20:31.33; sophomore Stevorn Richards, 20:40.82; and sophomore Ryan Baalman, 20:46.20.

Ortiz said he was surprised how close his team had come to beating a powerful Garden City team.

Ortiz noted that the gap between the two teams would have been even slimmer if Abraham and Dunsirn's times had been included in the Trojans' overall total.

The Trojans are ranked fourth in the Week 2 Mens 2010 National Junior Athletic Association Hill 'N' Dale Cross Country Rankings. Four of the top five teams are in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference.

The team will run again at the Oklahoma State Jamboree at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Stillwater.

Girls win two on road

The Colby High varsity volleyball team went 2-1 in a quad meet at Liberal on Tuesday. The Lady Eagles beat Ulysses and Guymon, Okla., but lost to Liberal.

Coach Lesley Wagoner said her team played well but "ran out of juice" in the last match. She said a bunch of her team were sick going into the quad, mostly upper respiratory stuff.

The girls swept Ulysses 25-19, 25-14. After dropping the first set to Guymon 26-24, the Lady Eagles went on to win the next two 25-18, 25-18.

The girls were swept by Liberal 25-15, 25-11 in their final match.

Wagoner said she was happy with how her team returned serves during the quad.

Wagoner said senior Shelby Terrell did a nice job as a setter and an outside hitter. The coach said, though, that the girls need to put the ball away instead of hitting it right at the defense.

The girls' record is now 5-2. They play next in a quad with Scott City, Hoxie and Oakley at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Scott City.

Boys squad starts year with 2 wins

The Colby High junior varsity football team picking up a decisive 26-6 victory at Hugoton on Monday, bringing the boys' record to 2-0.

Sophomore running back Andrew Taylor got the Eagles on the scoreboard with a four-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that gave Colby a 6-0 lead. Later in the half, Hugoton scored on a 27-yard pass play, tying the game at 6.

The Eagles went on a scoring drive with less than a minute remaining in the half. Sophomore quarterback Todd Kane found freshman Luke Cox with a 12-yard touchdown pass as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Taylor ran for a six-yard touchdown and Cox intercepted a pass and took it 75 yards for a touchdown in the second half. The team converted on one of two extra point plays.

The boys won their season opener over St. Francis 12-8 on Monday, Aug. 6, at Dennen Field.

The junior varsity plays next against Scott City at 4 p.m. Monday at Dennen Field.

Bulldogs football team loses in final minute

By Cole Christensen
Golden Plains High School

The Dighton Hornets came to Golden Plains to take on the Bulldogs on Friday, and left with a 40-36 victory, but only after a last-minute touchdown put them ahead of the home team.

The Bulldogs had taken a 36-34 lead with 1:34 to go in the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold off the last-minute drive by Dighton.

Golden Plains senior Rilee Spresser kicked off to Dighton to start the game. Dighton's receiver had a long return, but was brought down by junior Kalyn Weber. With 9:58 left on the clock, Dighton broke through for a touchdown. Golden Plains' defense stopped the extra point attempt to make the score 6-0 Dighton.

After Dighton kicked to the Bulldogs, senior Tate Preston returned the ball to the 25. Weber carried for five yards and Spresser ran for a first down. Moments later, Weber gained another five yards and Spresser ran for another first down.

Later on, Spresser connected to Preston for another first down. Then the boys fumbled the ball and Dighton recovered.

Senior Devinn Ritter and Spresser stopped Dighton at the line of scrimmage on the next play. Dighton broke through the line, only to be run down by Andrew Luna.

Eventually the Hornets ran for another touchdown. This time, the point after attempt was successful and Dighton held a 14-0 lead with 3:35 left in the first quarter.

Weber returned the kickoff and Spresser ran several times to get a first down. Weber then ran in the first Bulldog touchdown of the game, cutting Dighton's lead to 14-6. The extra point try failed as Spresser's pass fell incomplete with 2:14 left in the first.

Then, on the next play, Dighton managed to run in another touchdown and their point after was good, extending the lead to 22-6 at the end of the first.

Spresser started off the second quarter with a beautiful pass to Christensen for a first down. Runs by Spresser and Weber gained additional first downs. With strong field position, Spresser ran in a quarterback keeper for a touchdown. After another failed extra point attempt, the Bulldogs trailed 22-12 with 9:26 left in the half.

Dighton turned around and ran in the kickoff for a touchdown, but the Bulldog defense stopped the point after. Trailing 28-12, the Bulldog offense took over and made several good runs, but fell short of a first down and had to turn the ball back over to Dighton.

The Hornets fumbled and Preston recovered. Spresser ran for a first down. Moments later, he fired

a pass to the end zone that was picked off by Dighton.

With just five seconds before the half, Dighton's quarterback threw to the end zone, but the pass was broken up by Tyler Stevenson.

Dighton fumbled the ball again early in the third period, only to have Spresser recover. Weber ran it in for a touchdown. Another pass from Spresser to Preston connected for a successful point after. The Bulldogs were back in the game, only trailing 28-20 with 10:51 still left in the third.

Preston intercepted a Dighton touchdown pass to regain possession for the Bulldogs. Then a Dighton penalty gave Golden Plains a first down. However, the boys had to punt back to Dighton, which returned the punt for yet another touchdown after the runner broke multiple tackling attempts by the Bulldogs. The extra point was no good and the Hornets now lead 34-20 with just under five minutes in the quarter. Despite first down runs by Stevenson, Weber, and Spresser and a last-second pass from Spresser to Preston, the

third quarter ended with the Bulldogs still behind 34-20.

Still in possession, the Bulldogs continued to push the ball down field before a pass from Spresser to Christensen connected in the end zone for a touchdown. Spresser then handed off to Stevenson, who ran it in for the 2-point conversion to bring Golden Plains within six.

A long pass attempt by the Hornets on third and 19 was broken up by Spresser, forcing Dighton to punt back to the Bulldogs.

Spresser connected with Preston for a first down and then connected again with Christensen to bring the 'Dogs closer to the goal with just over two minutes left to play. As the clock wound down to 1:39, coach Travis Smith called a time out.

Back on the field, another pass from Spresser to Christensen for a touchdown tied the game at 34. Spresser ran in the two-point conversion to give the Bulldogs a 36-34 lead with 1:34 still on the clock.

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