

## Eagles' senior finishes second

Colby High senior Abby Miller finished second out of 29 golfers at Colby's home varsity tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course on an extremely windy Monday afternoon.

Miller shot a 53, three strokes higher than the first place finisher.

The Lady Eagles had five of their golfers receive medals for finishing in the top 10.

Junior Kaylee Keck shot a 56 and finished seventh and senior Bailey Koerperich came in eighth with a 57. Sophomore Karly Kriss placed ninth with 58 and senior Kate Ostmeier shot a 60 and came in 10th. Senior Brittany Bange shot a 63.

The team took second overall

with 224 points. Ulysses placed first with 210. Golfers from six schools competed in the tourney, but Hays and Hugoton didn't have enough golfers to receive a team score. Schools have to have at least four golfers to receive a score. The other schools with full teams were Goodland and Holcomb.

Coach Rick Williams said the scores were up due to the horrible weather conditions.

"The girls should be commended for getting through a tough day with unbearable winds," the coach said.

The Lady Eagles play next at 3 p.m. Thursday at Garden City. Holcomb is holding the tourney.



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Colby High senior Kelsey Shields took a putt on hole nine during the Lady Eagles' home golf tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course on Monday.

## Colby High squad splits road matches

The Colby High varsity volleyball team went 2-2 in a tournament at Liberal this weekend.

Colby swept Hugoton 25-16, 25-12 and Elkhart 25-22, 25-14. The girls fell to Dodge City 26-24, 25-13. The Lady Demons went on to win the tournament. The Lady Eagles' other loss came against Southwestern Heights from Kismet 25-18, 25-17. Southwestern Heights went on to take third in the tourney.

Coach Lesley Wagoner said juniors Brenna McKee and Morgan Bell had a great day hitting the ball and the team's defensive coverage was much improved.

Wagoner was pleased with her team's overall effort.

"The Lady Eagles played well the entire time," said the coach.

Wagoner said her team still struggles a little with serve receptions.

The other teams in the tourney were Sublette, Elkhart, Hugoton, Scott City, Wichita Southeast and Ulysses.

The Lady Eagles' record currently sits at 8-6. The coach said the squad will continue to work in all areas as they prepare for a tournament at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Topeka Seaman High School.

## Brewster High runner wins third straight race

Brewster High School cross country runner Michael Schmidt finished first out of 18 runners in the Trego Cross Country Invitational junior varsity race Thursday in WaKeeney with a time of 20 minutes and 36 seconds.

Schmidt has taken first in every junior varsity race he has ran in this season. At the Bulldogs' opening meet in Quinter on Thursday, Sept. 9, he finished in 20:46 and in a meet at Leoti on Tuesday, Sept. 14, he completed the race in

21:01.

Coach Danny Traub said Schmidt is a hard worker. He said sooner or later Schmidt will have to start running in varsity races.

The Bulldogs' Will Allen took third at WaKeeney with 22:45 and Ben Baird finished in 24:54. Allen took seventh at the Quinter meet with 21:01 and third at Leoti with 25:33. Baird finished the Quinter meet in 24:39 and the Leoti meet in 24:57.

## Bronco's wide receiver had discussed suicide

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) - Denver Broncos wide receiver Kenny McKinley, who is thought to have killed himself with a gunshot to the head, had made previous statements about committing suicide, according to a sheriff's investigative report released Tuesday.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's report quoted one investigator as saying McKinley had been depressed over a knee surgery he had a month ago.

"He had made statements while playing dominoes shortly after the surgery that he should just kill himself," the officer reported. "No one believed he was serious."

The report provided no explanation for the source of the investigator's information.

The report also said McKinley had made statements about not knowing what he would do without football. It said McKinley had flown to South Carolina 10 days earlier to see his young son and had brought him back with him to Denver on Sunday night.

Two female friends who were taking care of his son discovered McKinley's body Monday and called 911. Detectives who responded to his home a few miles from the Broncos headquarters found McKinley's body with a pillow over his head and a .45-caliber

semiautomatic pistol on top of the pillow. They also noted a strong odor of freshly burned marijuana, according to the report.

The report also said McKinley was taking 500 mg naproxen tablets, which is in a class of anti-inflammatories called NSAIDs, but listed no other medications.

Arapahoe County Coroner Michael Dobersen said Tuesday that McKinley died of a gunshot wound to the head. He said a preliminary investigation "suggests the wound to be self-inflicted."

Brittany Boyd, the wife of former Broncos running back Cory Boyd, who was McKinley's best friend and college teammate, was one of the two women who were taking care of McKinley's toddler son when they discovered McKinley had shot himself.

She told The Associated Press she didn't know who told the investigators that McKinley had mentioned suicide - "That wasn't from us," she said - but added that she wouldn't be surprised if nobody would have taken such a threat seriously.

## Junior varsity squad dominates tourney

The Lady Eagles' golf team owned the top three spots at Colby's home junior varsity tournament at Meadow Lake Golf Course on Monday.

Senior Kimberly Gerstner shot the lowest round of the tourney, finishing with a 60. Senior Kelsey Shields came in second with a 66 and sophomore Lauren Mountford shot a 68 and finished third. Senior Kayla Ziegelmier shot a 71.

Colby finished first out of two

teams with a team score of 265. Ulysses finished with 310. Golfers from Goodland and Hugoton competed in the tourney, but neither school had enough players to receive an overall score. In order to receive a score, a school must have at least four golfers participating.

The girls will be in action next at 3 p.m. Thursday at Garden City. The tournament is being held by Sublette.

## Seventh grade football team defeats Grant Junior High

The Colby seventh grade football team improved to 3-0 Thursday after defeating Grant Middle School of Goodland 34-18.

The Eagles have only been forced to punt one time the entire year. Coach Daren Organ said his team was moving the ball very well.

"The team plays with lots of heart," the coach said. "We continue to play team offense and we can run and pass well."

Organ said the team's line was starting to understand their blocking schemes and they learning to get off the football.

"Our backs are the strength of our team," said the coach.

Organ said his team still needed to improve its pass rush and pass defense.

Organ said Dustin Depe, Bryce Aramberger, Alex Young and Chan-

dlar Comfort all blocked well. The coach said backs Matt Pieper, Ben Matchell and Brady Holzmeister all ran hard.

## College golfer wins tournament

Colby Community College sophomore Chelsie Gausman took first out of 22 golfers at the Colby Invitational women's golf tournament with a 27-hole total of 127.

Assistant coach Lisa Stithem said Gausman was on fire at the start of the tournament on Sunday.

"She was doing everything right and staying focused," the coach said.

Stithem said Gausman struggled a little bit on Monday, but she was able to hold on to her lead.

The invitational was a conference tournament that ran from Sunday morning until late Monday afternoon at the Atwood Country Club. The women played nine holes on Sunday and 18 on Monday. The Lady Trojans took third out of four teams with 575 points. Stithem said she was proud

of way everyone on her team performed.

Colby sophomore Jessica Leiker finished eighth with 141 and sophomore Christy Colson had a career best score of 143. Freshman Kayla Waugh finished with a 164. Stithem said Waugh was taking 10 strokes off her score at every tournament.

Dodge City Community College placed first overall with 550 and Barton County Community College from Great Bend came in second with 559. Coffeyville Community College finished fourth with 645.

The women's golf team will play in the Northwest Technical College Invitational, 18-hole tournament, at 8 p.m. Central time (7 p.m. Mountain time) on Monday, Oct. 4th, at the Sugar Hills Golf Course in Goodland.

## Lady Eagles' runner takes second place

Colby cross country runner Emilea Finley added to her already-phenomenal rookie season Thursday by finishing second at the Hays Invitational with 15 minutes and 38 seconds.

In her three races this year, Finley, a junior, has placed no lower than third.

Senior Katrina Kaus took fourth with 16:01 and senior Katherine Kaus, Katrina's twin sister, finished 10th with 16:57. All three girls received medals. Medals went to top 15 finishers.

The race featured runners from 1A through 6A schools running together, but the rankings were split between 1 through 4A schools and 5 and 6A schools. A total of 75 girls ran in the race. Finley finished fourth among all the runners and Katrina took seventh.

Coach Bob Mannebach said Finley and the Kaus sisters all ran really well.

The Lady Eagles finished second out of three teams with 41 points, three points above Norton, who took first. The other school that had a full team was Thomas More Prep-Marian. The coach said Norton was ranked second in the state among 3A teams.

Senior Kayla Hockersmith, in her second race of the season after joining the team late, finished in 17:54. Mannebach said this was a great improvement from her performance at the Wamego Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 11, when

she finished with 18:32. Other Colby times included senior Sara Martin, 19:38 and Amy Schroeder, 20:35.

Colby sophomore Dustin Reed took fourth in the boys' race with 17:46.

"He ran a really great race," the coach said.

The boy's team placed third out of five teams in their meet with a score of 79.

Ness City took first with 34 and Norton finished third with 49. The coach said Ness City is ranked third among 1A teams and Norton is ranked third in 3A. The other two schools who had full teams were Plainville and Stockton.

Junior Jared Nally took 11th with 18:13. Mannebach said he also ran a good race. Both Nally and Reed received medals. Medals went to the top 15 runners.

Sophomore John Faber placed 17th with 18:57; freshman Reed Stephens, 19:50; sophomore Brad Schroeder, 21:02; freshman Brady Rose, time of 21:06; and junior Jordan Rasmussen 29th, 21:30.

"They all competed hard and will grow from the experience of running against this type of competition," coach Bob Mannebach. "The Hays Invitational cross country meet provided excellent competition for our team early in this season."

The teams will run next at 5 p.m. Thursday at Hill City.

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