

# Lady Eagles win at Trego track meet

The Colby High girls track team landed at the top of the heap again on Friday at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney. The Lady Eagles placed first out of 14 teams, ahead of Thomas More Pre-Marian and Holcomb.

Emilea Finley repeated her performance in the 1,600- and 800-meter runs from the Holcomb meet on April 23, placing first in each. She improved her time in the 1600 meters by 10.2 seconds and in the 800 meters by 3.6 seconds.

Morgan Bell placed first in the high jump with 5 feet. She also placed third in the 300-meter hurdles with 49.96.

The girls' 4-by-400 relay team of Finley, Bell, Kaitlyn Flanagan and Brenna McKee came in first with 4:24.1. The 4-by-100 team of McKee, Flanagan, Anna Taylor and Julia Hutfles came in second with 52.44.

Other results include:

Paige Roopchan, second in the triple jump with 34 feet, .25 inches, third in the 100-meter hurdles with 16.45 and fifth in the long jump with 16 feet, 2.25 inches.

McKee, sixth in the 400 meters with 1:04.2 and third in the long jump with 16 feet, 4.25 inches.

Shelby Gardner, fourth in the shot put with 33 feet, 3 inches and fourth in the discus with 96 feet, 3 inches.

The Colby boys team saw improvement over their previous finishes. The Eagles came in eighth behind Norton and ahead of Oakley.

The 4-by-100 meter relay team of Kale Arnberger, Jory Koon, Wiatt Binder and Beau Brown placed first with 44.48.

Arnberger outdid his second-place finish in Holcomb, getting first in the 400 meters with 52.14. Josh Middleton also improved, placing fourth in the shot put with 44 feet, 4 inches, more than a foot longer than his sixth-place put at Holcomb. The Eagles' Brown placed sixth in the 100 meters with 11.67.

The boys' 4-by-800 relay team of Jared Nally, Bryan and Austin Schiedeman and Dustin Reed placed third with 9:03.7. The 4-by-400 team of Binder, Arnberger and Bryan and Austin Schiedeman placed 3:47.3.

The Colby Invitational track meet is scheduled for Friday at Dennen Field. Action begins at 3 p.m. with running events beginning at 5 p.m. The Colby Middle School league meet will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at Dennen Field.

# Miami Dolphins scoop up star K-State running back

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DAVIE, Fla. — Kansas State running back Daniel Thomas is such a versatile player the Miami Dolphins gave up three draft picks to land him.

Miami swung a deal with Washington to move up in the draft Friday and select Thomas in the second round with the 62nd overall pick. The Dolphins traded away selections in the third, fifth and seventh rounds.

"It makes me want to go out there and do the best I can to show they didn't make a mistake trading up to get me," Thomas said.

Miami was in need of help at running back because Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams both become free agents this offseason. The 6-foot, 230-pound Thomas led the Big 12 Conference in rushing the past two years.

"What we like about Daniel is he's a physical runner and he's very versatile," general manager Jeff Ireland said. "He's big. He can run. He can catch."

He can even throw. A quarterback in high school and junior college, Thomas took wildcat snaps for Kansas State and completed 7 of 12 passes for 155 yards and two scores.

The Dolphins were burned two years ago when they drafted Pat White in the second round to run

their wildcat; he's already out of the NFL. That may be why Ireland denied he projects Thomas as a wildcat triggerman.

"I wasn't looking for that," Ireland said. "I was looking for a running back."

But if Brown isn't re-signed, Thomas might find himself operating the wildcat.

"That's something I think I can bring to the table," Thomas said. "I played quarterback in high school and junior college. I'm good for like three or four passes a game."

Mostly he'll take handoffs. He totaled 2,850 yards and 30 touchdowns rushing at Kansas State, and he also made 52 receptions.

Despite quarterback Chad Henne's declining stock, the Dolphins didn't select a passer in the first two days of the draft. Among those still on the board when Ireland picked Thomas was Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett, projected by some as Miami's first-round pick.

Mallett instead went to AFC East rival New England in the third round.

"He's got a great future," Ireland said. "I just felt like it wasn't the right fit for us, but I like the kid very much."

Thomas was the fifth running back taken. He compared himself to former 1,500-yard NFL rushers Larry Johnson and Stephen Jackson, and Ireland said those were

apt analogies.

"I'm a guy who is going to keep the chains moving. I rarely lose yardage," Thomas said. "I can run between the tackles or go outside, whatever they need me to do."

The last time the Dolphins took a running back so early was in 2005, when Brown was the No. 2 overall pick.

A native of Hilliard, Fla., Thomas went to junior college in Mississippi before transferring to Kansas State. The Dolphins also took a Floridian in the first round — Florida Gators center Mike Pouncey of Lakeland.

"A great player," Thomas said. "To have a guy like that will be great."

The Dolphins have only two other running backs on their roster — Patrick Cobbs and Lex Hilliard. Last year neither Brown nor Williams had a 100-yard game, and Miami finished next to last in the AFC in scoring.

Ireland didn't rule out the possibility of Brown or Williams returning this year.

"We've still got work to do at the running back position, whether in free agency or the draft," Ireland said. "But Daniel helps us for sure."

Miami has four picks Saturday — one in the fourth round, one in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Safe!



KEVIN BOTTRELL/Colby Free Press  
Colby High School sophomore Karly Kriss slid to beat a throw in the Lady Eagles' 10-0 win over Scott City on Friday. The Scott City player missed the throw, allow Kriss to slide safely into second base. Colby won game two of the doubleheader 3-1.

# Wildcats look good in exhibition

MANHATTAN (AP) — Collin Klein seemed to pull away from a crowded pack in the race for starting quarterback during Kansas State's spring game on Saturday.

Klein hit 25 of 37 passes for 358 yards and five touchdowns, including a short toss to Chris Harp-er in the final seconds that tied the score 37-all. The extra point gave the Purple squad a 38-37 victory over the White squad.

Klein outperformed Samuel Lamur, Justin Tuggle and Sam Johnson. In addition to gaining a clearer picture of the quarterback competition, the 8,594 fans on a cloudless day also got their first look at Wichita brothers Arthur and Bryce Brown, who have transferred back to their home state after starting their careers at other schools.

Coach Bill Snyder said no deci-

sion has been made as to who will start at quarterback.

"I was just pleased that they all took steps forward. They did that a week ago Saturday, and as soon as I told you they did neat things, they turned around and tried to find guys in the other color jersey to throw it to and were successful."

Klein established himself early, hitting a 50-yard touchdown pass. On the next possession, Klein guided the Purple team down the field on an eight-play drive during which he hit receivers Sheldon Smith and Brodrick Smith for long gains and also utilized highly touted running back Bryce Brown.

Klein had time in the pocket and looked comfortable with a variety of receivers. Sheldon Smith had five catches for 138 yards and one

score and Tramaine Thompson had seven catches for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

"I just think the repetitions have helped," Klein said. "I think being able to kind of break down the components of my mechanics and big picture, schematically, and just the help that coach (Del) Miller and coach Snyder have provided for me in those areas really helped me a lot. It's a long process. I'm not going to let up now."

Last season, Klein developed a reputation as a running quarterback, especially after carrying 25 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns against Texas. "He's made some headway in decision-making and receiver selection," Snyder said. "That's where the progress is. (The) same is true with Sam."

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