

Riders compete in first show of fall

Colby Community College hosted the first show of the fall season for Intercollegiate Horse Show Association western riders Saturday and Sunday at the college farm.

"It was a great start for the season," said Head Coach Shanda Mattix. "CCC finished fifth as a team on Saturday and first on Sunday. Heather Darling from Abilene was reserve high point rider for the first show and high point rider on Sunday."

Individual results for the two days include:

Saturday Open Reining
Heather Darling (Abilene), second
William Wright (Louisburg), sixth

Open Horsemanship
Heather Darling (Abilene), fourth
William Wright (Louisburg), second

Advanced Horsemanship
Chelsea Brady (Parker, Colo.), fourth

Novice Horsemanship
Mariah Woolsoncroft (Salina), third

Morgan Harms (Franklin, Neb.), sixth
Jessica Koepp (Udall), sixth

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship
Brittany Normand (Fort Scott), first
Tayla Kimball (Medicine Lodge), third
Ariel Nickelson (Tribune), fifth

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship
Kegan Vanover (Norton), first
Amanda Reed (Brookville), third
Elizabeth Leiker (WaKeeney), Reserve

Beginner
Tarah Stuart (Gove), fifth
Kara James (Balko, Okla.), second
McKayla Albertson (Colby), fifth

Sunday Open Reining
Heather Darling (Abilene), second
William Wright (Louisburg), first

Open Horsemanship
Heather Darling (Abilene), first

Advanced Horsemanship
Jessica Fuson (King City, Mo.),

fifth
Savannah Isely (Bird City), sixth

Novice Horsemanship
Mariah Woolsoncroft (Salina), third
Morgan Harms (Franklin, Neb.), second
Jessica Koepp (Udall), third

Intermediate 2 Horsemanship
Brittany Normand (Fort Scott), second
Amanda Barnum (Colby), second
Randi Cressler (Hoxie), fifth

Intermediate 1 Horsemanship
Amanda Reed (Brookville), second
Elizabeth Leiker (WaKeeney), second

Beginner
Kara James (Balko, Okla.), fifth
Breanna Hooker (Galena), second

The Colby team will be competing in an Intercollegiate Horse Show Association two-day hunt seat show on Saturday and Sunday at the University of Colorado in Boulder.



KAYLA CORNETT/Colby Free Press

Western riders in the Open Horsemanship category walked their horses around the arena at the Colby Community College horse show Saturday at the college farm.

Colby cross country riddled with illness at Oberlin meet

By Kayla Cornett

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The Colby High School cross country team did not perform as well at the Oberlin meet on Sept. 27 as it usually has this season.

"We had some good individual results at the Oberlin meet; however, our team results were not as good as previous meets, due to illness on the team," Head Coach Bob Mannebach said. "Shelby Cassaw and Julia Huffles did not run for the girl's team due to illness and we had several boys on the varsity who ran but were coming off colds."

The boys team finished in fourth place with a team score of 82 while the girls team took seventh place with 141.

For the boys varsity squad, John Faber led the Eagles, taking ninth place with a time of 18:03. Reed Stephens came in 16th with 18:23, Aaron Faber finished in 27th place with 19:44, and Blake McNinch landed in 31st with 20:29. Brad Schroeder took 36th place with 21:19, Marc Bremerkamp followed in 37th with 21:30, and Wiatt Binder ended up in 39th place with 21:35.

The boys junior varsity runners had a little more luck with three runners finishing in the top 10. Brady Rose took fourth place with a time of 20:48, Jordan Rasmussen finished right behind Rose in fifth with 20:51, and Matt Dickman came in eighth place with 21:16. Other runners included Dalaan Organ, who took 14th, Paul Schiferl, who finished in 16th, and Josh Lemman, who came in 18th.

For the girls varsity team, Emilea Finley once again took first place with a time of 15:08. Christina Ostmyer followed for the Lady Eagles in 28th with 18:42, Taylor Lemman finished in 29th place with 18:45, Gabby Browne landed in 50th with 21:38, and Cameron McLaughlin rounded out the varsity in 56th place with 26:11.

There were no runners for the girls junior varsity squad.

"Emilea Finley and John Faber both medaled and had a great run," Mannebach said. "Brady Rose, Jordan Rasmussen, and Matt Dickman medaled in the JV race as they ran well. Reed Stephens had a good run and just missed medaling."

Colby's next meet will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Lakin.

Junior high Titans undefeated this season

By Bonnie Holm

The Triplains-Brewster junior high football team hosted the visiting Golden Plains Bulldogs in a League contest on Sept. 29.

The Titans dominated every aspect of the game, winning 50-0. The Titans won the toss, and elected to receive the ball. Golden Plains kicked off, and the Titan's Coleton Rogge returned the ball to the 38 yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Eric Gfeller pitched the ball to Ryan Gfeller, who passed it to Rogge. Rogge then ran 42 yards into the end zone for the Titan's first touchdown. Takoda Turner scampered into the end zone for the extra point, making the score 8-0 in favor of the Titans.

With the Titan's kicking off, Golden Plains started their first drive of the game from their own 25 yard line. Eric Gfeller tackled the running back behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 2 yards. On the next play, the Bulldogs ran a reverse for a gain of 6 yards. On third and 4, the Bulldogs fumbled, Ryan Gfeller recovered, and the Titan's offense took the field.

Ryan Gfeller took the hand-off from the quarterback, gaining 8 yards. On the next play, Ryan Gfeller caught a short pass from Eric Gfeller, and scored the second Titan touchdown. Eric Gfeller scored on the extra point attempt, making the score 16-0.

The Bulldogs again had trouble keeping the ball in their possession, as they fumbled on the second play after the kickoff.

Skyler Hanson recovered the

ball for the Titans. Running an option play on first and 10, Ryan Gfeller pitched the ball to Eric Gfeller, who scored another touchdown for the Titans. Fred Shertz kicked the extra point, and the Titans led, 22-0.

Golden Plains once again fumbled on their first play, and the Titans recovered. The Titans scored on the third play from scrimmage with a run by Eric Gfeller. The extra point attempt was good, and the Titans were up 31-0.

The Titans scored once more before the end of the first quarter, with a run by Eric Gfeller, and a successful boot of the ball through the uprights for Shertz.

With the Titans leading 38-0 to start the second quarter, Coach Stramel started substituting in the younger players. J.B. Felzien, Jaden Schmidt, and Tad Holm combined for tackles which prevented the Bulldogs from gaining a first down.

The Titans took over at mid-field, and on the second play from scrimmage, Jaden Schmidt ran the ball 40 yards for a touchdown. The Titans took a knee for the extra point, keeping the score 44-0.

Golden Plains finally got some offense going, making a first down to their own 30 yard line. The Bulldog's Cole Ziegelmeier broke loose for a 40-yard run, and was finally brought down by Jaden Schmidt. The young Titans held the Bulldogs for 4 downs, with great tackles by Felzien, Nate Brown, and Justin Schmidt.

Taking over on downs, the Titans had the ball deep in their own territory. After a small gain

by Jaden Schmidt, the Titans had a couple penalties called against them, and were backed up to their own 3 yard line. With third and long, Justin Schmidt caught a pass from Eric Gfeller, and ran the length of the field to score the final touchdown, ending the game at halftime with a victory for the Titans, 50-0.

More concussions reported

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of athletic children going to hospitals with concussions is up 60 percent in the past decade, a finding that is likely due to parents and coaches being more careful about treating head injuries, according to a new federal study.

"It's a good increase, if that makes any sense," said Steve Marshall, interim director of the University of North Carolina's Injury Prevention and Research Center.

"These injuries were always there. It's not that there are more injuries now. It's just that now people are getting treatment that they weren't getting before," said Marshall, who was not involved in the new research.

Bicycling and football were the leading reasons for the kids' brain injuries, but health officials said that could be at least partly related to the popularity of those activities. For example, it's possible many more kids bike, so a larger number of bike-related injuries would be expected.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study is based on

a survey of 66 hospital emergency departments that was designed to be nationally representative. The CDC looked at non-fatal data for the years 2001 through 2009 for kids and teens ages 19 and younger.

The agency looked at traumatic brain injuries, a category of injuries that mostly counts concussions but also includes skull fractures and bleeding in the brain.

The estimated numbers of kids coming into ERs with these brain injuries rose dramatically, about 153,000 in 2001 to nearly 250,000 in 2009. The rate also rose, also by about 60 percent.

However, there was not a significant increase in the rate of kids who were immediately admitted to the main hospital for further treatment. That suggests that more so than in the past, more coaches and parents have been bringing kids to the ER with mild concussions and blows to the head, said Dr. Julie Gilchrist, a CDC epidemiologist who led the study.

That's probably due to more awareness of the formerly under-

appreciated long-term hazards of concussions, she added.

In 2003, the CDC started a "Heads Up" youth concussion awareness campaign targeting doctors. Since then, the agency has expanded the focus to coaches and school officials.

That effort was bolstered by a series of studies that began to appear around 2005 that showed damage in the brains of former National Football League players. Media coverage of such studies has intensified in the past four years, too, with reports focusing not only on football players but also the actress Natasha Richardson, who died in 2009 from a brain injury from a skiing accident.

Health officials have long advocated the use of bicycle helmets as a way to reduce the severity of head injuries, but helmet use dropped after the early 1990s and has been holding at a fairly low rate for more than a decade. About 85 percent of youths say they rarely or never wear a bicycle helmet, according to one government survey.

Volleyball wins match on the road

The Lady Trojans continued their winning streak at Garden City Wednesday by defeating the Lady Broncbusters in three sets. The first set was a score of 25-16, the second was 25-17 and the third was 25-15.

The Trojans, coached by Carey Jones, will play nationally-ranked No. 20 Seward County Community College on Monday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

The Seward County Lady Saints are currently second in the Jayhawk West Conference. Colby is in third with a 6-2 conference and 18-10 overall record.

The Lady Trojans will also be at home on Wednesday against Dodge City Community College.

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