

# Colby runner wins league meet once again

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For the second consecutive year, cross country runner Emilea Finley has won the Great West Activities Conference league meet. Finley took first place in her final year running for the Colby High School varsity girls team with a time of 16 minutes, 7 seconds at Ulysses on Saturday.

The girls team finished in fourth place overall with a team score of 84. Holcomb grabbed first place with 43 points, Ulysses took second with 55, and Scott City came in third place with a team score of 80.

The boys team took fifth place with 133 team points. Hugoton took first place out of the boys teams with 24 points, Scott City followed in second with 55, and Ulysses came in third place with 70 team points.

"The competition at the GWAC

league meet was very good," Head Coach Bob Mannebach said. "As anticipated, the boys teams in the league are good and that is why they are ranked high in the state. Our girls team fell just a little short of finishing third."

The other runners for the girls varsity squad were Taylor Lemman, who took 14th place with 18:57; Christina Ostmeier, who came in 20th with 19:38; Julia Hutfles, who grabbed 23rd place with 20:41; and Gabby Browne, who finished in 26th with a time of 21:22.

There were seven runners competing for the boys varsity squad. John Faber was the first Eagle to finish, taking 16th place with 18:25, Blake McNinch was next in 26th with 19:02, and Aaron Faber followed in 28th place with 19:07. Reed Stephens came in 30th with 19:21, Brady Rose landed in 33rd place with 20:09, Wiatt Binder finished in 35th with 20:11, and Jordan Rasmussen rounded out the

varsity in 41st place with 21:43.

The boys junior varsity team also had seven runners competing. Matt Dickman led the group, taking 11th place with 20:26, Brad Schroeder came in 16th with 20:49, and Marc Bremenkamp finished in 21st place with 21:56. Paul Schiferl took 29th with 23:26, Dalaan Organ grabbed 30th place with 23:26, Josh Lemman landed in 34th with 25:15, and Lucas Schnider ended up in 35th place with 26:05.

Mannebach said his team has several runners that qualified for the Regional meet on Saturday.

"We had some individual performances that were good," Mannebach said. "Representing our team at the Regional meet in Concordia on Saturday will be John Faber, Blake McNinch, Aaron Faber, Reed Stephens, Brady Rose, Wiatt Binder, Matt Dickman, Emilea Finley, Taylor Lemman, Christina Ostmeier, Julia Hutfles, and Gabby Browne."



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Colby High School volleyball players prepared to send the ball over the net in a game Saturday at the Great West Activities Conference league meet. The Lady Eagles went 5-0 at the tournament.

# Lady Eagles bring home league championship

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The Colby High School volleyball team left Goodland victorious on Saturday, going 5-0 at the Great West Activities Conference league meet and becoming the new league champions.

The Lady Eagles' first match of the day was against Scott City; they were able to beat the Beavers in two sets. Colby won a long first set by a score of 30-28, and won the second 25-21.

The next game was against Hugoton, and this

time the Lady Eagles shut them down easily in two sets. The first set was 25-14 and the second was 25-15.

Colby's next opponent was the home team, Goodland. The Lady Eagles slid by in two sets, winning the first 25-14 and the second 25-20.

Next up was Ulysses and Colby needed three sets to win this match. Ulysses won the first set 23-35, but the Lady Eagles bounced back to dominate the second set 25-10 and win the third 25-17.

The final team the Lady Eagles faced was Holcomb. Colby kept playing hard and won the game in two sets, the first 25-16 and the second 25-19.

# Basketball players, owners meet with federal mediator

By Brian Mahoney  
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NEW YORK – NBA players and owners are meeting with a federal mediator, and Commissioner David Stern believes more games could be canceled if there isn't movement toward a new labor deal.

George Cohen tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute. Now he's overseeing basketball's negotiations for the first time. Stern wants immediate results, saying during interviews last week that proposals could get worse and more games

could be lost without a deal.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."

Tuesday was the 110th day of the lockout. In another interview, Stern told WFAN radio in New York that his "gut" was that there wouldn't be NBA games on Christmas if it ended without a deal.

But large gaps remain between the sides, with both seeking 53 percent of basketball revenues

and players opposing owners' attempts to significantly change the salary cap system.

Cohen met with the sides individually at their offices Monday before both brought their full bargaining committees to a hotel Tuesday. The union said it wanted to have the whole week set aside for negotiations, but owners have two days of board meetings beginning Wednesday.






Stern wants to be able to bring them a deal. If not, they may have to discuss further cancellations after the first two weeks of the season were already wiped out.

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