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Trevor Strutt putted toward the ninth hole while his opponents watched at the Colby Invitational golf tourney Thursday at Meadow Lake Golf Course. Strutt placed 23rd in the tournament and the Eagles took second place as a team.

Eagles golf team places second at home tourney

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The Colby High varsity and junior varsity golf teams played in the Colby Invitational Thursday at Meadow Lake Golf Course, with the varsity taking second out of nine teams.

The varsity Eagles finished the meet with 343 points, just behind Goodland, which took first with 337 points.

Oberlin came in third with 347, Norton fourth with 368, Atwood fifth with 368, Oakley sixth with 372, Scott City seventh with 413, Colby junior varsity eighth with 454 and Thomas More Prep ninth with no score. (Thomas More has only three golfers, not

the five needed for a team score.)

Colby had 10 golfers representing the school for the home meet out of a total of 48.

Paul Schiferl finished in second place with a score of 79, Konnor Kriss took seventh with 83, Tayte Query 10th with 87, David Browne 19th with 94, Trevor Strutt 23rd with 96, Ian Koerperich 33rd with 103, David Mainus 36th with 106, Michael Tubbs 39th with 109, Jaden Morrison 40th with 110 and Jory Koon 46th with 129.

The junior varsity squad will play in the Brewster Tournament at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Sugar Hills Golf Course near Goodland, and the whole team will be at the Great West Activities Conference tourney at 3 p.m. Thursday in Hugoton.

Youth compete in track meet

The Goodland Youth Track and Field Meet on April 28 at the Goodland High School track and field complex drew athletes from around northwest Kansas in four age groups: Bantam (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten); Group 1 (first and second grades); Group 2 (third and fourth grades); and Group 3 (fifth and sixth grades).

Area students who won medals included:

Colby

Shaylee Holzmeister, sixth in the 50-meter dash with 12.54 sec-

onds.

Teigan Thummel, fifth in the 100-meter dash with 18.23 seconds.

Braden Thummel, fourth in the 400-meter dash with 1:29.30.

Brewster

Hunter House, first in the 1,600-meter run with 7:26.87 and second in the discus with 43 feet, 4 inches.

Weston Schmidt, second in the 100-meter dash with 15.34 seconds and second in the 1,600-meter run with 7:35.41.

Oakley

Ivan Jirak, fifth in the 400-meter dash with 1:44.63.

Kylie Park, third in the 200-meter dash with 34.97 second and fifth in the 100-meter dash with 16.02 seconds.

Janie Berggren, fourth in the 200-meter dash with 36.4 seconds and sixth in the 100-meter dash with 16.74 second.

Pius Jirak, second in the shot put with 16 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Boy seeks to stay on girls' hockey team

By Frank Eltman

Associated Press

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — He's too good, and that's too bad.

A 13-year-old New York boy who played field hockey growing up in Ireland has been told that after two years as a member of the Southampton High School girls' team, he is now too skilled to qualify for an exemption allowing him to compete with — and against — girls next season.

Keeling Pilaro, whose 10 goals and eight assists earned him all-conference honors on suburban Long Island — he was the only boy in any league — is appealing the decision by the governing body

for high school sports in Suffolk County, and a lawyer for his family suggests a court battle could ensue if the ball doesn't bounce Keeling's way.

An appeals committee said it looked only at his skills, not size or strength, when upholding the decision to keep him off the field. That raises a question of discrimination.

Keeling's fight appears to be a rare example of a young man seeking to take advantage of Title IX, a 40-year-old law enacted to provide women equal access to athletic opportunities. There are no boys' high school field hockey teams anywhere on Long Island,

or, for that matter, in most of the country.

"It's really annoying," the eighth-grader said in a recent interview. "I'm just 4-foot-8 and 82 pounds, so I don't see why I shouldn't be allowed to play. I don't really care if I'm on a girls' team or a boys' team, I just want to play."

Southampton school administrators agree, but they don't have the final say.

"The decision to support him represents our commitment to provide meaningful opportunities to each of our students," Superintendent Dr. J. Richard Boyes said in a statement.

Colby softball girls improve with wins

The Colby High varsity softball team raised its record to 14-4 with two wins driven by hot bats at Dodge City on Tuesday, 16-1 and 16-15.

In game one, Kenzie Curry got the win, allowing 1 run, 3 hits and no walks and throwing 2 strikeouts.

At the plate, Curry was 3 for 4 with 3 doubles, 5 runs batted in and 2 runs scored; Karly Kriss was 3 for 4 with a double, 2 singles, 1 run batted in and 1 run; Jenessa Williams was 2 for 2 with a home run, a single, 5 runs batted in and 2 runs; Morgan Bell was 2 for 3 with a double, a single, 1 run batted in and 2 runs;

Lacy O'Neal was 2 for 4 with 2 singles, 2 runs batted in and

3 runs; McKenna Ortner was 1 for 3 at bat with a single, 1 run batted in and 2 runs; and Bailey Terrell was 1 for 4 with a single and a run.

In game two, Curry got the win again, allowing 15 runs, 9 hits and 2 walks and had 7 strikeouts.

Offensively, Curry was 3 for 3 with 3 doubles, 3 walks and 4 runs; Andrea Barton was 2 for 3 with 3 runs batted in and 3 runs; Williams was 2 for 4 at the plate with a double, a single, 3 runs batted in and a run; Brooklyn Bange was 2 for 5 with 2 singles and 2 runs; and Kriss was 1 for 3 with 4 runs.

The junior varsity girls moved their record to 12-4, winning two close games, 5-4 and 10-9.

In game one, Haley Mengel got the win with 7 strikeouts and 2 walks.

At the plate, Courtney Reiley hit a single, Mengel had a double and 1 run batted in and Abby Friesen and Kali Kuper each brought 1 run in.

In game two, Mengel came in to pitch in the third to pick up the win. She struck out 3 and walked 5.

Offensively, Madison Rogers hit a double and a single, Mengel hit a single, Darby Sager had 2 doubles and 2 runs batted in, Kelly Sloan hit 2 singles, Hailey Schindler had 2 singles and 2 runs batted in and Morgan Vap had a single and 3 runs batted in.

Golden Plains boys take first at Dighton

By Morgan Walz

Golden Plains High School

On April 24, the Golden Plains High School boys track team traveled to Dighton for its fourth track meet of the season.

Several athletes took first in their events, and the boys inched into first place, beating out Dighton 117.5 to 117. Results are listed below:

100 meters: Andrew Luna, fourth, 11.9 seconds; Tom Koubek, 13.5.

200 meters: Kalyan Weber, first, 23.54; Luna, second, 24.66; Tomas Ferencak, sixth, 27.33.

400 meters: Luna, first, 53.9.

110-meter hurdles: Chance Hoeting, first, 20.16; Josh Barnhart, second, 20.66; Grant Spresser, third, 22.3.

300-meter hurdles: Hoeting, second, 51.08; Barn-

hart, third, 53.61; Joseph Koerperich, fourth, 54.98.

4x100-meter relay team: Dominic Luna, Barnhart, Ferencak, Cole Christensen, second, 50.0.

4x400-meter relay team: Ferencak, D. Luna, Weber, A. Luna, second, 4:01.6.

4x800-meter relay team: D. Luna, Koubek, Trey Schwarz, Barnhart, third, 10:54.1.

Shot put: Tristan Schwarz, third, 38 feet, 11 inches; Jacob Antholz, 29'11"*

Discus: Tristan Schwarz, first, 122'1"*; Antholz, 86'5"; Koerperich, 85'11".

High jump: Christensen, first, 5'6"; Trey Schwarz, third, 5'4"; Koerperich, tied fifth, 5'4".

Javelin: Weber, third, 129'5".

Triple jump: Christensen, first, 39'9.5"; Zach Spresser, third, 37'9.5"; Tristan Schwarz, sixth, 33'3.5".

*Improved time or distance.

Fan interrupts playoff game

DENVER (AP) — The playoff game between the Los Angeles Lakers and Denver Nuggets was briefly interrupted when a 20-year-old female fan walked out on the court in the second quarter Sunday night.

The woman, identified by police as Savannah McMillan-Christmas of Denver, walked several steps onto the court as Nuggets point guard Ty Lawson brought the ball past half-court. Officials blew the

whistle to stop play with 1:10 left and McMillan-Christmas was escorted away by security.

McMillan-Christmas was arrested for investigation of trespassing and taken to a detention facility for booking, said Denver police Det. Todd Erickson, part of the security detail at Pepsi Center.

Erickson said he was at his post near the Denver bench when he spotted McMillan-Christmas stepping onto the floor near mid-court

in front of startled Nuggets guard Andre Miller.

"I happened to see her walk on to the court and I thought, 'Uh, oh,'" Erickson said.

He hustled over to her and, with other security personnel, told her she had to go back to her seat.

She responded by asking, "Where's Kenyon?" an apparent reference to former Nuggets player Kenyon Martin.

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