

Men's track team fifth at regional tourney

The Colby Community College men's track team finished fifth of 15 teams, scoring 88 points at the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Region VI meet held in Hutchinson on Friday and Saturday.

The fifth-place standing is the best finish in Colby Community College's Division I history, since 2004.

The men's 4x800-meter relay team of James Leonard, Jonathan Burgess, Raymond Velazquez and Nelson Justiss finished second with a time of 7:49.95 to start the meet.

"These guys set the tone for the meet," said Coach James Ortiz. "Their time qualifies them for the national meet but they will not compete in the relay. We have over-qualified in events to the national meet so we will not be racing in that event. It's a good problem to have."

Edward Limo was named Region VI Outdoor Track Athlete of the Meet.

"I think it's fitting that Edward ended

his Kansas Jayhawk Conference experience with a bang," said Ortiz. "He scored 28 points during the meet on his own. He nearly won every event in which he competed. The only event he lost was the 10,000-meter run where CCC's Juan Pacheco finished ahead of him."

"Ed and Juan worked together the entire way and followed instructions to not race each other after separating from the competition to preserve energy for following races, finishing side by side. It didn't matter who won between Ed and Juan because all we wanted was for them to finish first and second."

Limo and Pacheco switched roles in the 5,000-meter run with Limo winning and Pacheco finishing second.

"In years past, it's been hard for the entire team to score 18 points the entire meet," explained Ortiz. "This weekend, Ed and Juan scored 18 points in a single race - twice."

Limo also went on to defend his

3,000-meter steeplechase title.

Kristen Mitchell broke his own school record and qualified to nationals in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.61.

Jason "Chris" Theriot won the men's triple jump in dramatic fashion. He was the last jumper of the competition and on his final try soared into the lead and won his first Region VI title with a jump of 14.71 meters.

"With Chris being the last jumper, we knew he wasn't going out without a fight and he really put it together on his final jump," said Ortiz.

Velazquez and Burgess finished in second and third place in the men's 1,500-meter run.

"We had a near-perfect meet," said Ortiz. "These are the kind of overall team performances that you hope for at regional and national meets. We are planning to improve on last year's 23rd place at the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships."

The Trojans team will compete in Levelland, Texas, from Thursday to Saturday, May 17 to 19, for the national championships.

Team Rankings at KJCCC Meet in Hutchinson

Hutchinson Community College, first place, 135 team points.

Coffeyville Community College, second, 121.50.

Johnson County Community College, third, 119.

Barton County Community College, fourth, 100.50.

Colby Community College, fifth, 88.

Cowley Community College, sixth, 85.50.

Butler Community College, seventh, 58.

Cloud Community College, eighth, 42.50.

Highland Community College, ninth, 17.

Dodge City Community College, 10th, 16.

Garden City Community College, 11th, 16.

Kansas City Community College, 12th, 16.

Allen Community College, 13th, 16.

Neosho County Community College, 14th, 11.

Pratt Community College, 15th, 8.

KJCCC/Region VI Outdoor Track and Field Team Results (Since joining Division I competition in 2004)

2012: fifth place, 88 points.

2011: eighth, 48.

2010: 12th, 13.

2009: 14th, 5.

2008: 11th, 12.

2007: 14th, 7.

2006: 10th, 18.



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Bailey Terrell (right) and Haileigh Shull worked together Monday to get a Russell runner out at second base during a Colby High varsity softball game at the Colby ball fields. The Lady Eagles lost two games against Russell, 7-6 and 15-14, to end the regular season.

Colby softball team loses to Russell at home

The Colby High varsity softball team lost its last two regular season games Monday to Russell at the Colby ball fields.

The Lady Eagles lost 7-6 in the first game and 15-14 in the second, and they finish the season with a 14-6 record.

Kenzie Curry was the losing pitcher in game one, allowing 7 runs, 10 hits and 1 walk and threw 6 strikeouts.

Offensively, Morgan Bell was 3 for 4 at the plate with 2 singles, a double and 2 runs batted in, Haileigh Shull was 2 of 4 with a triple, a double and 2 runs batted in, Lacy O'Neal was 2 of 3, hitting 2 singles, Curry was 1 for 3 at bat with a double and 1 run batted in

and Karly Kriss was 1 of 4 with a single and 1 run batted in.

Curry was the losing pitcher again in game two, allowing 15 runs, 16 hits and 2 walks and threw 8 strikeouts.

Offensively, Jenessa Williams was 3 of 4 with 3 singles and 3 runs batted in, Curry had 2 of 2 hits with a homerun and a double and brought in 2 runs, Bell was 2 of 4, hitting 2 singles, Kriss was 2 for 5 at the plate a double, a single and 2 runs batted in, Shull hit a home run and had 3 runs batted in, Bailey Terrell and Andrea Barton were each 1 of 3 with a single and a run batted in and O'Neal was 1 of 5, hitting a single.

The girls committed 9 errors on

defense.

The junior varsity squad finished its season with a record of 13-4 after beating Russell 11-0 Monday at the Colby ball fields.

Haley Mengel was the winning pitcher, throwing a one-hitter along with 1 walk and 4 strikeouts.

Offensively, Courtney Reiley and Tatym Rundel each hit a single, Darby Sager had 2 singles and 1 run batted in and Maura Hansen, Lauren Bell and Mengel each brought in 1 run.

Colby's next action will be at the regional tournament in Pratt. The girls will play Ulysses (4-16) in the first round at 3 p.m. Monday.

Bulldog runner breaks school record

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Golden Plains Senior Kalyn Weber set a new school record in the 200-meter run at the Quinter Invitational track meet on April 27 when he ran the event finishing first with a time of 22.61 seconds.

The previous record holder was Mike Miller, who set the record of 23.0 in 1986. This was only the second meet this season in which Weber ran the 200 meters.

"I had set the goal to break the record in the 100, but fell short at this meet," Weber said. "I was more determined to set a new record in the 200. I am proud to have my name now on the record board."

Miller was at the meet and watched Weber break his 26-year-old record. Miller, who shook his hand and congratulated him following the race, commented, "I knew he was close in the 100-meter but didn't realize he was close in the 200-meter. Records are made to be broken."

"I am still pursuing his 100-meter record of 11.01 seconds," Weber added.

As for the rest of the team, the Bulldogs competed against 17 other teams at the Quinter Invitational and finished the meet in second place, just a few points behind Hill City.

The boys had led the meet throughout the day, but Hill City inched past them following the last event of the day. Several athletes improved their skills to place high and earn points for their team.

Cole Christensen finished first in both the high jump with a season best 6'4" and in triple jump with a season best of 41'6". Also finishing in first place was Weber in the 200-meter run.

Second-place finishers were Weber in the 100 meters with a time of 11.29, Andrew Luna in the 400 meters with a time of 54.39 and Zach Spesser in the triple jump with a personal best of 40'0".

Additional events earning points for the Bulldogs included the 4x100-meter relay team, which finished fourth with a time of 46.59, run by Trey Schwarz, Christensen, Luna and Weber; Tristan Schwarz finished fourth in the discus with an improved distance of 122'3".

Luna placed fifth in the 200-meter run with an improved time of 23.74; Josh Barnhart de-

creased his time in the 110-meter hurdles to 19.54 for sixth place; and Weber threw the javelin 132'2" for sixth.

Other athletes improving were Tomas Ferencak with a 25.97 run in the 200 meters and Chance Hoeting ran the 300-meter hurdles with a season best 49.22 seconds. Luna finished the 100 meters with a time of 11.72 while Tom Koubek clocked in at 13.03 seconds. In the 400-meter run, Domico Luna ran a 1:01.0 and Ferencak ran 1:03.13.

Running the 110-meter hurdles were Hoeting at 19.83 and Grant Spesser at 22.27. The 300-meter hurdles were also ran by Joseph Koerperich, 52.52, and Barnhart, 53.09. The 4x400-meter relay was run by D. Luna, Koubek, Trey Schwarz and Christensen with a time of 4:13.91.

On the field, Tristan Schwarz threw the shot put 36'1.25" and Jacob Antholz threw it 29'4.5". The discus flew 92'8" for Antholz and 75'5" for Koerperich.

In high jump, Koerperich and Trey Schwarz each cleared 5'2". Zach Spesser landed at 18'1" in long jump and Tristan Schwarz jumped 32'10" in triple jump.

Trojans golfer wins Region VI tourney

Jalyn McCauley, a freshman from St. Francis, won the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Region VI Golf Tournament by one stroke over Coffeyville's Taylor Smith.

The tournament was April 29 and 30 at Carey Park Golf Course in Hutchinson.

McCauley posted an 18-hole total of 87 on Sunday, while Smith shot an 85.

"On Monday, McCauley

shot 82 for a 36-hole total of 169," said assistant coach Lisa Stithem. "Smith posted a 36-hole total of 170. The win qualifies Jalyn for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament to be held in Daytona Beach, Fla., May 14 to 17."

Head coach for the Lady Trojan golfers is Miles Ladenburger.



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