



Colby team runs at home

The Colby High junior varsity boys (above) took off from the starting line Saturday during the Great West Activities Conference league meet held at Meadow Lake Golf Course in Colby. Josh Lemman (right) took a bottle of water from a spectator during the race. The junior varsity boys took fifth as did the varsity boys, and the varsity girls finished third.



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Runners compete in league meet

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The Colby High cross country team held the Great West Activities Conference league meet at Meadow Lake Golf Course Saturday.

Coach Chris Giersch said the team was thankful to be able to use the golf course for the meet.

"We were fortunate to have nice weather for the meet Saturday," Giersch said. "Many parents, staff from the school and other community members volunteered their time to help with the meet and it ran smoothly because of their help. I give out a big thanks to these people."

The meet began with the junior varsity boys running the course. Brady Rose led the Eagles, finishing in 16th place with a time of 20 minutes, 27 seconds. Following Rose was Marc Bremenkamp in 25th with 21:43.

Other runners for the junior varsity were Matt Dickman, 32nd with 22:12; Austin Rogers, 39th with 23:47; Josh Lemman, 40th with 24:08; Zack Stones, 42nd with 24:32; and Connor Schwanke, 45th with 25:30. The boys took fifth as a team with a score of 112.

Up next were the varsity girls; the junior varsity girls didn't have their own heat, so they ran with the varsity.

The Lady Eagles' top runner

was Andrea Browne, who finished second with 16:00. Behind her was Taylor Lemman in 10th with 18:07 and Bridget Bickner 11th with 18:19.

Other girls running in the meet were MaKayla Hoffman, 34th with 21:01; Maura Hansen, 37th with 22:56; Katie Elias, 38th with 24:24; and Cameron McLaughlin, 39th with 24:34. The girls finished third with a team score of 85.

The final race of the day was the varsity boys. Leading the Eagles was John Faber in 20th with 18:44. Colby's other varsity boys were Aaron Faber, 23rd with 18:54; Alec Onstad, 24th with 19:08; Michael Schiferl, 26th with 19:21; Blake McNinch, 32nd with 20:03; Wyatt Binder, 37th with 20:33; and Brad Schroeder, 38th with 20:46. The boys came in fifth with a score of 125.

"I think that our kids performed well considering that our league competition is very tough, especially in the boy's division," Giersch said. "I would like to thank all of our runners that are now finished up with their season for all their hard work and dedication."

Coach Giersch said Colby can only take seven boys and seven girls to the regional meet, which will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Prairie Ridge Cross Country Course in Buhler.

The race will begin with the 4A girls.

Bulldogs give Titans the win

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The Golden Plains Bulldogs traveled to Brewster to face off against the Brewster-Triplains Titans in both league and district play.

The Titans were hungry for a win on Oct. 5 as they had not yet won a game this season and had not won a game all last year.

The Titans received the ball to start the game. Golden Plains stopped several drives as the Titans moved the ball down the field, ending with the first touchdown of the game and a two-point conversion.

Back in control of the ball, the Bulldogs ran several times and attempted to pass, only to punt back to the Titans.

The Titans quickly converted their possession into a second touchdown. The 'Dogs stopped the two-point conversion and the Titans led 14-0.

Golden Plains made several gains by Andrew Luna, Grant Spreser and Jose Bermudez before Chance Hoeting crossed into the end zone.

With Bermudez running in the two-point

conversion, the score was at 14-8 with the Titans in the lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Titans took to the air early in the second to increase their score to 31 by the half while keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone in the second.

The Bulldogs came back in the second half as they scored two touchdowns – one by Bermudez and one by Grant Spreser along with a conversion by Bermudez to outscore the Titans 14-6 in the third. Luna also scored a touchdown for the Bulldogs, but it was called back due to a penalty.

Continuing to play hard in the fourth, the 'Dogs once again outscored the Titans 14-8 as touchdowns were made by Bermudez and Grant Spreser with a conversion by Hoeting. However, it wasn't quite enough to overcome the first half lead as the Titans won the game 45-36.

Bermudez demonstrated his continued leadership on the field as he led the team in receiving yards at 185.

He also led the team in tackles with 12, rushed for 14 yards, grabbed one interception, scored two touchdowns and both two-point conversions.

Grant Spreser commented that Bermudez

did a great job connecting with him on the passes. Grant Spreser also played well as quarterback, throwing the ball to Bermudez and running in two touchdowns as he rushed for 47 yards and claimed two tackles on defense.

Chance Hoeting scored one touchdown for the Bulldogs, rushing for 61 yards along with a two-point conversion, receiving for 26 yards and was responsible for 8 tackles.

Also rushing for the Bulldogs were Andrew Luna for 64 yards and Tristan Schwarz for 2. Luna received for 5 yards and had 7 tackles while Schwarz received for 26 yards and had 4 tackles. Other tackles were claimed by Benny Martinez with 9, Zach Spreser 6, Domonic Luna 3, Jesus Garcia 9 and Camron Spreser 10. Camron Spreser also had one field-goal block.

This loss dropped the Bulldogs' record to 2-4 on the season and 1-3 in league and district play.

They have two more district games to try and improve their standing as they took on the Wallace County Wildcats at home on Oct. 12 and will travel to Grainfield to face the Wheatland-Grinnell Thunderhawks on Friday.

Golden Plains crushes Cheylin

By Shania Finlay

The Golden Plains Middle School football team played the Cheylin Cougars in Bird City, where both teams came into the game with no wins.

However, the Bulldogs left with their first victory in two seasons.

"It took a while, but we ended up breaking our losing streak," said Nick Brown.

The first quarter went fast on Oct. 4 with Jesus Aragon and Dawson Spreser scoring a combined total of 42 points by the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Bulldog defense held strong, not allowing the Cougars to enter the end zone.

The Cougar defense also

played hard, preventing the Bulldogs from crossing the goal line and leaving the score at 42-0 at halftime with Golden Plains still in the lead.

The game came to an early end in the third quarter when Dawson Spreser scored the final touchdown making the score 48-0.

"I would say that we have improved a lot since our first game, and we couldn't have done it without the leadership of our coach, Mr. Betz," said eighth grader Cole Bingham.

"I am really proud of my team for working together for our victory," eighth grader Jesus Aragon said.

The Bulldogs' season ended Thursday against Northern Valley-Western Plains in Rexford.

Women's golf team plays in Hutchinson

The Colby Community College women's golf took second Oct. 8 and 9 at the Hutchinson Community College Warrior Invitational at Carey Park Golf Course in Hutchinson.

The team finished behind Kansas Wesleyan University.

Kaylee Keck, Colby, led the Lady Trojans, taking fifth place with a score of 184.

Taylor Gobin, Hill City, was seventh with 194; Macinzie Lehman, Tribune, 11th with 215; Rachel Platt, Syracuse, 13th with 234; and Brooke Gettler, Topeka, 14th with 237.

The women were to play Sunday and Monday in Dodge City. Miles Ladenburger coaches the team, assisted by Lisa Stithem.

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