

Lone Colby runner finishes 33rd at state

Colby High freshman runner Andrea Browne finished 33rd in the Class 4A state cross country meet Saturday in Wamego with a time of 16 minutes, 26.20 seconds.

Coach Chris Giersch said he felt confident about Browne's chance in the meet.

"Andrea had an excellent week of practice before the state meet," he said, "and we were very confident that she had a good chance to place in the top 20 to earn a medal."

Giersch said she had a good start in the race.

"(She) was in the top 15 after the first 400 meters," he said, "but she was in the middle of a tightly packed group of girls. Af-

ter the first up-and-downhill part of the run and the first tight curve of the race, she was still in great position to medal."

During the next phase of the course, about 800 meters from the start, he said, Browne faced a challenge she did not expect.

"Along this part of the course that includes another tight curve and a hill, she was tripped up and fell," Giersch said. "At this point, she had difficulty recovering and getting back on her feet, so she fell back to about 38th position."

"The girls are so tightly packed together it was difficult for her to get up on her own feet without being stepped on or run over by other runners. Andrea remained competitive and recovered some of the

ground that she had lost"

Browne finished 33rd out of 97 runners, he said, and her time was only about 16 seconds from the 20th medal position.

"We were very proud of the way Andrea showed her toughness and competitive spirit by not giving up on the race and being as competitive as possible," the coach said. "The situation was very disappointing because Lacie Siruta, a runner from Goodland, placed 18th and Andrea has run faster times all year."

"Andrea has made us proud by the way she has run all year, and we expect her to run even better next year," Giersch said.



DANA BOLYARD

Colby sixth grade football players (from left) A.J. Reed, Aaron Platt, Peyton Ortnor and Kory Finley (front line) and Dalton Schutte, Alex Ferguson, Tyler Zerr, Carter Stanly, Health Bolyard, Tucker Branum, Kyler Britt, Isaac Rosales, Josh Olson, Tommy Cline and Jordan Schippers (side line) held hands as they prepared for the championship game Sunday. The boys took second place in their league and finished the season 8-1.

Sixth graders take second in league

The Colby sixth-grade football team won a close contest in the first round of the league playoffs Saturday against Pratt in a game where the Colby boys had a rough start but wound up with a 27-26 win.

On Sunday, the team came out and played hard against Phillipsburg, said Penny Cline. Colby Community College administrative assistant, earning second place after losing the championship game, 19-13.

The boys finished the season 8-1 and are the first Colby little league team to complete the regular season undefeated and make it into the championship playoffs.

"These boys give a new meaning to the words respect, passion, pride and unity," Cline said.

Coaches for the boys are Travis Branum, Scott Platt, Andy Schippers and Fred Britt.

Wildcats still playing like underdogs

By Ashley Dunkak

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN - It may seem odd that an undefeated team, ranked third in the country and barreling toward the BCS title game, would consider itself an underdog.

Old habits die hard at Kansas State.

"We're always going to consider ourselves the underdogs just because of what everybody says all the time about us and how we're not the best athletes and everything else," punter Ryan Doerr said. "I don't think really much has changed to that."

Despite its recent success, including wins over West Virginia and Texas Tech the past two weeks, Kansas State still has much to prove.

Voters in the coaches' and Harris polls have them slotted behind unbeaten Oregon, and Notre Dame is giving chase, and that poses a problem with the two polls making up a big chunk of the BCS rankings that determine who plays for the national championship.

"We still have a lot of people doubting us," fullback Braden Wilson said. "That's one of the things that drives us. We still think about that. We still use that."

It's easy to find examples of how players have developed this underdog mentality.

Kansas State rarely gets big-name recruits, and most of the players making up the roster were rated three stars or less out of high school. So they're saddled with a reputation of being not quite as fast, not quite as big, not quite as

strong as many other schools.

Maybe those perceptions are why Kansas State was picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 last year by the league's coaches, only to win 10 games. Or why the coaches still guessed the Wildcats would finish in the bottom half this season.

So while Kansas State (8-0, 5-0) is undefeated heading into Saturday's game against Oklahoma State, players are more than happy to keep their underdog status.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said he does not believe in underdogs, because the competitive balance in the Big 12 is too great to

say anybody is an underdog.

More important to Snyder is whether his players consider themselves to be the favorite.

That's why he consistently mentions the nail-biting nature of Kansas State's 10-7 win in the 2011 season opener against Eastern Kentucky, and why he reminds players that this year's 14-point victory over North Texas was probably about half of what the margin of victory could have been.

For Snyder, it all goes to prove two points: No team can be taken for granted, and odds-makers do not make one iota of difference.



MICHELE WERTH

Brewster cross country runner Ben Baird (right) took 12th place in the state meet Saturday in Wamego. He had a time of 18:03.30 while his teammate, Layton Werth, finished 18th with 18:22.90.

Brewster runners place at state

Both runners for the Brewster cross country team placed at the state Class 1A meet Saturday in Wamego, with each receiving a medal for his accomplishments.

Ben Baird ran the course in 18 minutes, 3.30 seconds, to take 12th place. Layton Werth finished 18th with a time of 18:22.90.

Both ran their personal best times of the season, said coach Shea Rothchild. Baird cut 22 seconds

off his previous best and Werth cut 38 from his.

Also placing in the top 20 from western Kansas were three boys from Greeley County and two from Victoria.

From Tribune, Troy Wineinger took third, Miguel Trejo eighth and Sergio Trejo 14th. From Victoria, Jublain Wohler finished 11th and Isaac Dreiling 20th. There were 95 runners, Rothchild said.

Don HINEMAN
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



A Strong Voice for Western Kansas

Free Market Capitalism

- Work to reduce burdensome over-regulation and eliminate regulatory uncertainty
- Guard against erosion of private property rights

Taxes

- Advocate for a balanced, fair tax system that minimizes the burden for all
- Reduce reliance on property tax

Public Education

- Ensure a bright future for Kansas through education of our youth
- Recognize the challenges of rural public education and fight to preserve our schools

Second Amendment rights

- Voted for constitutional amendment to clarify second amendment rights and protect the rights of hunters

The rights of the unborn

- Endorsed by Kansans for Life Political Action Committee

Streamlining government

- Protect essential services
- Demand efficiency and cost reduction

I respectfully ask for your vote on November 6th

Paid for by Don Hineman for State Representative, Derek Martin, Treasurer

Diesel Technicians

Great Opportunities for Technicians to work in the Agricultural Industry!

At Plains Equipment Group we are differentiating ourselves through our people, our partnerships, and our performance. We are looking for diesel technicians to join our expanding team. Let us help you become a John Deere Certified Technician!

Join a company that offers excellent pay, benefits, growth opportunities, and work environments. We have positions available at many of our Nebraska locations. Relocation assistance provided.

To learn more about our open positions and to apply, visit our website at www.plainsequipmentgroup.com.



Two Auctions with Kansas Art

November 10th
50 works
By Prairie Print Makers



December 1st
16 x 20 Oil on Panel
By Birger Sandzen



www.DirkSoulisAuctions.com

Lone Jack, Missouri 1.800.252.1501 or 816.697.3830

Service Technicians Needed

HorizonWest Inc. is looking for experienced diesel/farm equipment service technicians for our Sidney and Scottsbluff locations in western Nebraska. These are full time positions. We are one of the area's leaders in agricultural equipment technology. We offer competitive wages, time & 1/2 for OT, matching 401k retirement plan, and a service incentive program. There is also Health/Dental/Life Insurance, personal time off, 7 paid holidays, uniform allowance, a tool reimbursement program and factory schooling/training.



Call: Bruce at 308-635-3727 or toll free at 888-322-7344

or send resume to PO Box 1070 Scottsbluff, NE 69363

TAKE A SMALL STEP TO GET HEALTHY

www.smallstep.gov

