

# Brewster Bulldog near front of pack

Brewster High's cross country team of three delivered a strong performance at the Hoxie Invitational on Saturday.

Not only did leader Leyton Werth challenge for another championship (second/18:40), teammates Tekoda Turner (16th/21:10) and Quin Clymer (22:57/21st) outraced nearly 30 varsity runners from eight other teams.

"It was their varsity races of the season, and there were about 48 varsity runners total," coach Shea Rothchild said about Turner and Clymer. "It was pretty windy and maybe it got to them a little bit. But all in all, we were happy as

we work toward regionals in just two weeks."

Rothchild also mentioned how Hoxie was one of the most "challenging, spread-out courses" that Brewster will run this season.

Another pair of Bulldog runners reached the top five in Tuesday's middle school mile run.

Adrian Mercado earned second place (6:48) while Desmond Purvis (6:59) placed fifth.

The Bulldogs are set to run next at a Grainfield Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 17 (3 p.m. start).

The Colby Eagles are running at today's Phillipsburg Invitational (4:30 p.m.).



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The Heartland Christian Crusaders (in white) have kept pressure on every opponent this season while winning four of five games, including a victory at Western Plains/Healy pictured here. The attacking Crusaders are sophomores Cory Wertz (10), Sean Sullivant (25) and junior Taylor Miller (54) among others.

# Eagles host league

The Great West Athletic Conference volleyball tournament has been announced for Saturday, Oct. 17 at Colby High School.

All conference teams will play a round-robin format with the best record determining who is GWAC champion. Ulysses took home the team title last season.

Admission into this year's tournament will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

No league passes will be accepted.

The complete tournament schedule:

### East net

Colby vs. Goodland, Scott City vs. Ulysses, Colby vs. Ulysses, Colby vs. Scott City, Hugoton vs. Scott City, Colby vs. Hugoton and Colby vs. Holcomb.

### West net

Holcomb vs. Hugoton, Goodland vs. Hugoton, Goodland vs. Holcomb, Ulysses vs. Holcomb, Goodland vs. Ulysses and Goodland vs. Scott City.

# Tee assignments set for regional at Colby

The answer about who will be starting where in Monday's regional golf tournament at Meadow Lakes Golf Course have been answered.

Colby High submitted the complete schedule on Thursday, showing where the Eagles will begin.

Tee 2: Miranda Kern.  
Tee 3: Andrea Barton.  
Tee 4: Haley Mengel.

Tee 8: Elissa Zerr.

Tee 9A: Jenna Crampton.

Tee 9B: Kelly Sloan.

Everyone tees off at 9:30 a.m. to begin this 18-hole state tournament-qualifying quest.

Barton, Mengel and Kern qualified last season.

They're coming off three top 10 Great West Athletic Conference finishes.

# Crusaders take aim at Wichita

A showdown of 4-1 Heartland Christian and 4-1 Sunrise Christian Academy highlights Friday night's schedule for other Colby area football teams.

The Crusaders have been running through opponents during recent weeks, but this 7 p.m. contest in Wichita will have a larger impact on their Kansas Christian School Association state playoff hopes.

They'll take on a Sunrise Christian team that scored 30 points during one quarter against Logan last weekend. The Buffaloes needed every point as they trailed 12-6 at halftime before eventually winning 42-32.

Heartland Christian will have to contain Sunrise senior quarterback Antonio Kitt. In a previous 54-48 victory over Cair Pavel, Kitt rushed 21 times for 203 yards and four touchdowns.

Yet he wasn't limited to running, because Kitt also completed nine passes covering another 134 yards. He led another impressive

impressive Sunrise finish that featured 38 second-half points.

Of course, the Crusaders will counter with their own defense destroyer in junior Blaine Wertz.

All Wertz achieved last week was 251 rushing yards and seven touchdowns during a 58-12 conquest of the Wichita Warriors.

He continues to support coach Steve Ziegelmier's remarks about Wertz being "one of the fastest athletes in this area".

Friday's other area game actually pits two familiar rivals: Tri-Plains Brewster and Golden Plains at Rexford.

Opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Both teams have to be hungry for another win: the Titans are 2-3 overall after losing a tough 34-16 contest with undefeated Weskan last weekend.

The Golden Plains Bulldogs are now 1-4 with their lone triumph still being a 42-40 comeback win over Western Plains-Healy four weeks ago.

Watch for results next week.



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Heartland Christian school

Heartland Christian junior Blaine Wertz broke away from this Western Plains-Healy tackler en route to another touchdown on Sept. 27.

# Cardinals eliminate Pirates

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright held the hug with catcher Yadier Molina a few extra seconds, soaking in his latest pressure-packed performance for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I've got to put it right up there with the most fun and one of the greatest moments of my career so far," Wainwright said. "Those are the kind of moments that starting pitchers live for. I almost didn't want to let go of Yadier."

Wainwright went all the way on the mound Wednesday night, pitching the Cardinals past the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-1 and into the NL Championship Series for the third straight season.

David Freese and Matt Adams each hit a two-run homer, and Wainwright scattered eight hits for his second dominant win of the division series.

"I wanted it bad. It's probably the most nervous I've ever been," Wainwright said. "I don't get a whole lot of nerves when I pitch. Before I pitched today, I was pretty nervous."

For three years now, nobody is better than the Cardinals when they can't afford to lose. And after coming through again in a winner-take-all Game 5, St. Louis gets to stay at home to open the NLCS against the well-rested Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday night.

By ending Pittsburgh's storybook season, the Cardinals improved to 8-1 when facing post-season elimination the past three years. They also won Game 5 of the NL Division Series in Washington last year — even though Wainwright got rocked — and at Philadelphia in 2011.

"We'll take him on the mound any day, especially in a big situation," St. Louis manager Mike Matheny said.

Freese homered in the second inning off rookie Gerrit Cole.

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