

Schedule

A glance at upcoming area sports action:

Tonight

College volleyball: Regional play-in match: Pratt vs. Colby Community College, 6:30 p.m., in Colby Community Building. The Jayhawk Conference co-champion Trojans are seeded second while Pratt is seventh. Winner advances to Regional tournament at Hutchinson Nov. 10-11.

Thursday

Middle school basketball: Oakley at Colby seventh grade girls, 4 p.m. Colby at Oakley eighth grade girls, 4 p.m.

Football: Goodland at Colby, 7 p.m.

Football: Cheylin at Brewster, 7 p.m.

Football: Northern Valley at Golden Plains, 7 p.m.

Heartland Christian completed its regular season and awaits a possible playoff spot.

Trojan men are Region VI kings again

By Debbie Schwanke

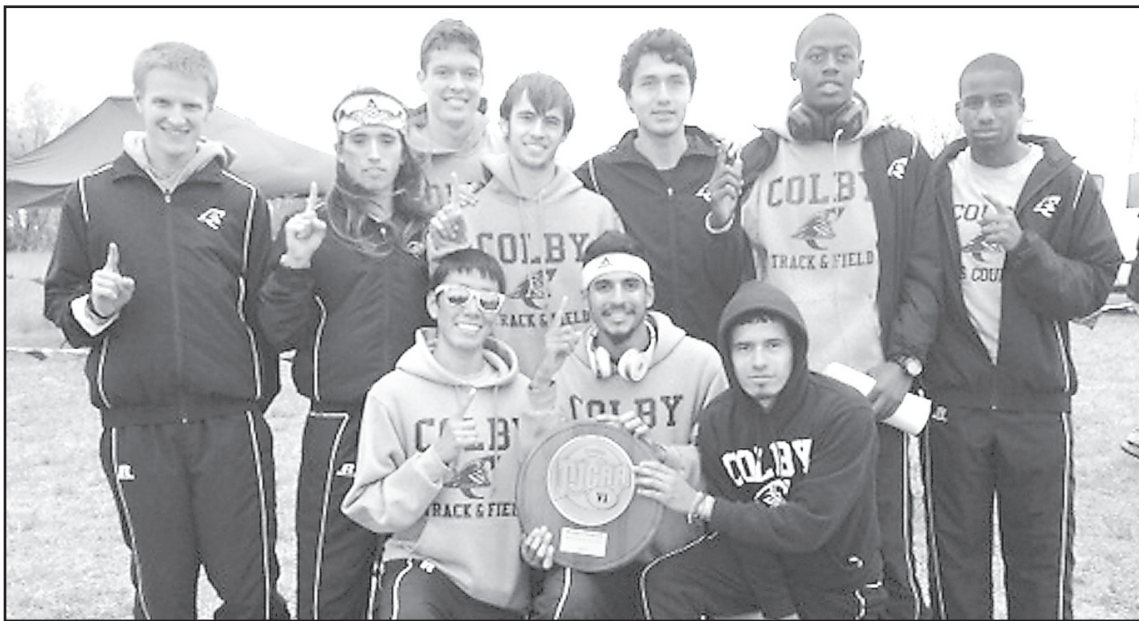
Colby Community College

The Colby Community College men successfully defended their Region VI cross country title on Monday with a dominating performance over a field which included seven National Junior College Athletic Association nationally-ranked programs.

"I've never gone into a championship meet more confident in a squad than I did on Monday," fifth-year head coach James Ortiz said. "This was all part of the plan."

The Trojan men had five athletes earn all-Region VI honors. They were led by freshman Mike Kinuthia who finished third overall, covering the 8,000 meter course in 26:14.

"To have all five of your scorers in the top 10 is pretty impressive going up against the tough field we did," Ortiz said. "These guys really wanted to race well and



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The men's cross country team captured another Region VI championship for Colby Community College on Monday at Hutchinson. They also earned five of the 10 all-Region VI individual honors.

bring this championship back to Colby."

Other all-region performers

were freshman Chris Speaks (5th, 26:26), sophomore Gunnar Hays (8th, 26:40), freshman Brandon

Levi (9th, 26:55) and sophomore Omar Trevino (10th, 26:52). Ranked fourth nationally, the

Colby Trojans finished with a team score of 35 points over fifth-ranked Allen County with 73 points.

Ninth-ranked Garden City took third with 81 points.

Colby also earned its second consecutive Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Championship over Garden City.

In addition, Ortiz was named the Region VI Coaches Association Cross Country Coach of the Year for the second straight year.

Next up for the Trojans is the National Junior College Association Cross Country Championships on Nov. 9 in Fort Dodge, Iowa (11 a.m. CST).

Last season, the Trojans finished a college-best fourth at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships.

"Step one (conference title) and step two (Region VI title) are checked off the list but we can't lose focus because we have one final step to go," Ortiz concluded.



MICHELLE WERTH

Brewster junior Layton Werth, left, maintained a strong state-qualifying pace while coach Shea Rothchild checks Werth's time during Saturday's 1A regional cross country meet.

Brewster duo races into 1A state meet

By R.B. Headley

Colby Free Press

Brewster cross country will have double the fun with two runners competing at Saturday's 1A state championship in Wamego.

Bulldog junior Layton Werth and sophomore Tekoda Turner both earned their spots by racing to strong Top 10 regional places last weekend.

Wheatland was host for this race where Werth finished second behind only Scandia-Pike Valley's Caden Callaway.

Callaway will bring the fastest regional time of any 1A state qualifier (16:03), but there's no reason

to believe Werth won't capture his second consecutive state medal.

Werth's time of 17:52 ranks fifth behind only Henry Penner of Macksville (17:10), Adam Koch from Frankfort (17:37), Stafford's Derek McClure (17:42) and Callaway.

Meanwhile, Turner capped his first varsity cross country season in ninth place (18:57) to reach state.

He was only one second from passing Palco's Taylor Keller (18:56) and three seconds behind Logan sophomore Austin Tien (18:53). Fellow Brewster first-year varsity runner Quinn Clymer placed 38th (22:02).

Trojan women take fifth in conference

By Debbie Schwanke

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The Colby Community College women's cross country team competed at Monday's Region VI championships in Hutchinson, finishing fifth in conference and ninth regionally.

"We started off the morning with an injury right before the start of the race," coach Crystal Berndt said. "One of the ladies hit a hole and went down. She would have been one of our top five runners and emotions flew through the team and myself and that point. These six ladies who ran gave a great effort but we just

couldn't pull off another conference championship this year. It was a very emotional ending to our 2013 Cross Country season."

Sophomore Emily Chestnut of Clay Center was the top runner for the Lady Trojans. She finished 23rd in the Region and 13th in the Conference with a time of 21:41.

She was followed by sophomore Heather Schneider (22:27), freshman Joyce Korir (23:38), freshman Dolvine Serem (24:01), sophomore Sierra Besmer (24:24) and freshman Christina Bedore (24:46).

The Lady Trojans' next competition will be the Half Marathon on Nov. 16 in Dallas, Ga.

Tigers torment picker

Most Kansas and Kansas State fans can agree on one thing: they both despise the Missouri Tigers.

And just when you think Ol' Mizzou can't inflict any more pain as a member of the Southeastern Conference, they did indeed hurt your round-bellied sportswriter R.B. Headley Saturday night.

Missouri's unbelievable ability to blow a 17-0 fourth-quarter lead against the South Carolina Gamecocks cost Renegade Bingo cheater Headley yet another game in his season-long skirmish with Associated Press writer Ralph Russo.

"I'm so embarrassed that I'm going to cover my face Thursday night when I ask for candy," the Really Big chocoholic admitted.

Rarely Brilliant should be embarrassed after also picking Penn State to upset No. 4 Ohio State, which resulted in an inspired 63-14 Buckeyes victory.

"Even worse than my Florida State-Clemson pick," R.B. admitted.

Headley still finished 9-3 for the week (86-26 overall), but Russo's 10-2 record raised his season mark to 94-18 (eight-game lead).

Colby team caps playoff run with win

A fantastic Final Four football season ended in victory as the Colby Little League Association sixth graders shut out McPherson 1, 6-0, Sunday afternoon.

The memorable weekend began with happy Eagle fans forming an escort out of Colby. Their team traveled to play two huge Western Kansas League playoff games at Fort Hays State University's Lewis Field.

Colby faced undefeated Great Bend Black in the semifinals on Saturday, and those Panthers prevailed 21-0. It was the Eagles' first loss since an 8-0 season-opening battle with Norton on Sept. 7.

However, the team quickly recovered to post their fourth shut-out in six contest. Colby finished 6-2 for the season.

The complete sixth grade team consisted of Rathe Aschenbrenner, Calvin Stapp, Bryson Metcalf, Darik Fisher, Davontai Robinson, Jadon Siruta, Ryan Voss, Mason Wright, Jonathan Ortner, Konnor Griffin, Thane Wildeman, Bradyn Blackhart, Elijah Shepherd, Lewis Haines, Neo Brown, Cade Lanning, Blaise Vrbas, Aaron Kurth and Aden Basgell.



HEATHER ALWIN/Colby Free Press

The Colby Little League Association sixth graders never backed down during Saturday's Final Four with undefeated Western Kansas League champ Great Bend Black at Lewis Stadium in Hays. Though they lost this contest, the Eagles rebounded for a win in Sunday's third-place game.

Bulldogs score 52-6 Senior Night victory

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldog football team gained its second win of the season with a 52-6 home win against the Wheatland Grinnell Thunderhawks Friday night in Rexford.

With perfect football weather, the Bulldogs were pumped up and ready for a win.

"It felt good to get another win," Josh Barnhart said. "Especially on senior night."

Senior Tristan Schwarz ran in the ball at the very start of the game. An extra point run by senior Josh Barnhart gave the Bulldogs an early 8-0 lead.

After receiving the ball back from the Thunderhawks, the Bulldogs put the ball in the air and Zach Spresser, senior, caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Grant Spresser.

Another PAT run by Barnhart gave the Bulldogs a 16-0 lead with seven minutes still to play in the first quarter.

One series later, senior Shane



KAYCIE CLAPP/Golden Plains High School

Golden Plains' Josh Barnhart rolled over a defender for two points after another Bulldogs touchdown Friday evening.

Ryburn broke three tackles to take the ball to with two feet of the goal. Schwarz finished the drive in the end zone to give the 'Dogs a 22-0 lead.

The Thunderhawks (0-8 record) moved the ball as the quarter progressed, but the Bulldog defense kept them out of the end zone as the buzzer sounded.

Following three downs of prog-

ress, Grant Spresser took the ball over the goal line for a 28-0 lead. Ryburn then added one more score to put the home team at 34.

After another touchdown run by Schwarz was called back due to an inadvertent whistle, the Bulldogs defense held rock-solid once again to get the ball turned back over to them

Grant Spresser kept the ball on

the first down, Barnhart carried on the second, and Schwarz ran in a touchdown on the third to put Golden Plains up 40-0.

Following great halftime entertainment by the Golden Plains dance team, the Bulldogs came into the third and added two more touchdowns from Schwarz and Barnhart to finish the game 52-6 with nearly seven minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs delivered 77 total tackles during the 2 1/2 quarters of play.

Benny Martinez led the team with 16 along with Grant Spresser's 13. Shane Ryburn was also in double figures with 10.

Additional tackles were attributed to Domonic Luna (nine), Barnhart (six), Zach Spresser (six), Schwarz (five), Cole Ziegelmeier (four), Austin Rivera (three), Jesus Aragon (two), Kade Wessel, Koi Wessel and Dawson Spresser made one apiece.

Grant Spresser led the team with 134 total yards.

Barnhart gained 112 and Schwarz 110.

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