

Norton Lady Jays season comes to an end

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The 2013 season ended for the No.7 seeded Norton Community High School volleyball team last Saturday with a loss to No.2 seeded Cimarron in the Class 3A Sub-State Volleyball Tournament in Cimarron.

Norton lost in two sets by scores of 18-25 and 19-25.

The Lady Jays' season record was 16-18.

"I believe that Saturday was

a very emotional and frustrating day for us," said Norton head volleyball coach Christine Thompson. "Our girls came out playing hard and started the match by getting three or so points right in a row. Then the momentum changed and we were not able to get it back.

"Our girls attacked Cimarron aggressively but Cimarron was very scrappy and able to cover the floor well.

"We lost the first set due to

our errors that we made on our side of the net. In the second set, we got behind, stopped communicating and made many unforced errors.

"I believe that, due to lack of experience playing at this high-pressure time like in this match, we were not able to compose ourselves and fight back like we have in past matches this season."

Cimarron lost in three sets to No.3 seed Holcomb in the semi-

finals and No.1 seed Hoisington outscored Holcomb in two sets to win the championship and earn a spot in the upcoming State Tournament this Friday and Saturday in Emporia.

Freshman Baylee Miller had 2 serving aces against Cimarron and junior Katie Bohl had 1.

As she has all season, senior Johnnye Ruder led in setting assists with 9.

Kills leader was Bohl with 7, followed by sophomore Casey

Ambrosier, senior Bailey Ambrosier, 2 each; Ruder, 1.

Bailey Ambrosier was digs leader with 7, followed by Ruder, freshman Caitlyn Cox, 4 each; Miller, 3; junior Adrienne Hager, 2; Bohl, Casey Ambrosier, 1 each.

Bohl had 3 blocks, followed by sophomore Peyton Renner, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, 1.

Coach's final comments

"Overall, we had a great season," said coach Thompson.

"Every player on the varsity team made great gains and grew mentally.

"I have been very impressed with how our girls improved together as a team and played well most of the season.

"Our record does not reflect how much success we really had this season."

The Lady Jays will lose just two seniors from this season's team, Johnnye Ruder and Bailey Ambrosier.

Former Husky runs for Colby

The Colby Community College men successfully defended their Region VI Cross Country title on Monday, Oct. 28, with a dominating performance over a field which included seven National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) nationally-ranked cross country programs.

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

The Trojan men had five ath-

letes 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 our scorers in the top 10 is pretty impressive going up against the tough field we did," stated Ortiz. "These guys really wanted to race well and bring this championship back to Colby."

Other All-Region performers were freshman Chris Speaks (5th place, 26:26), sophomore Gunnar Hays, from Almena (8th place, 26:40), freshman Bran-

don Levi (9th place, 26:55) and sophomore Omar Trevino (10th place, 26:52).

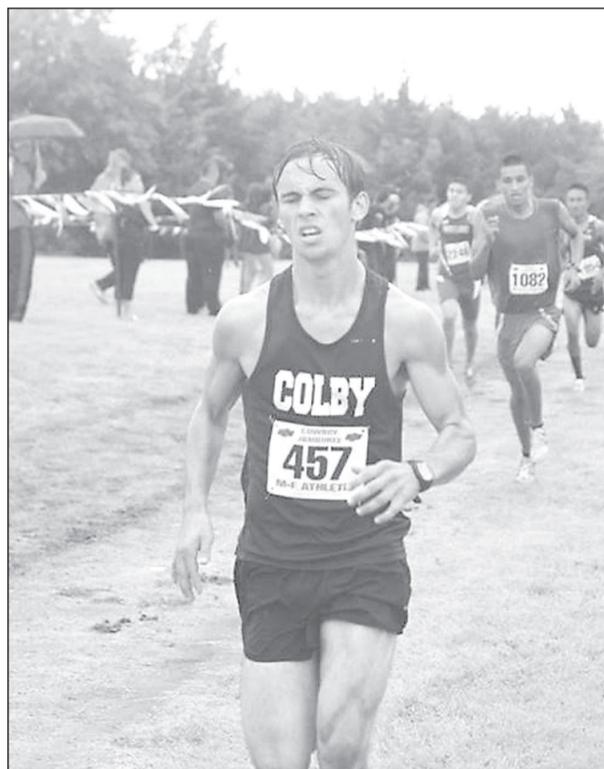
Ranked in fourth place nationally, the Colby Trojans finished with a team score of 35 points over fifth-ranked Allen County with 73 points. Ninth-ranked Garden City took third with 81 points. Colby also earned its second consecutive Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) West Championship over Garden City.

In addition, head coach James 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 NJCAA Cross Country Championships. Last season, the Trojans finished a college-best fourth at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships.

"Step one (Conference West) and step two (Region VI) are checked off the list, but we can't lose focus because we have one final step to go," said Ortiz. "Iowa Central will host this year's championship on Nov. 9, race time is set for 11 a.m.



Gunnar Hays, formerly of Northern Valley, but who is now attending Colby Community College, is seen here running in the Region VI Cross Country meet in which he placed eighth.

- Courtesy photo

Norton junior high football team's victory

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The Norton Junior High Blue Jays crushed the Colby Eagles 52-0, on Thursday, Oct. 10, at Travis Field.

This contest was decided early on as the Blue Jays hung 30 points on the Eagles in the first half. In the first quarter, Tevin Petrie broke free on a 44 yard run to put the Jays on the board, 8-0.

Jace Ruder got in on the scoring by returning an Eagles punt 52 yards, and giving the Jays a 16-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Eagles had no answer for stopping Petrie and Ruder who scored on touchdown runs of 28 and 29 yards, respectively, as the Jays took a 30-0 lead into halftime.

The Blue Jays continued their dominance in the second half.

Jace Ruder recovered an Eagles fumble and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. Later in the quarter, Ryan Johnson scored from nine yards out, and the Blue Jays had a 44-0 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Hayden Wiltfong capped the scoring with a 30 yard touchdown run as the Blue Jays won big over the Colby Eagles 52-0.

Blue Jays scoring:

1st Quarter

Tevin Petrie 44 yard run, PAT

Ruder run good

Jace Ruder 52 yard punt return, PAT Johnson run good

2nd Quarter

Tevin Petrie 28 yard run, PAT

Ruder run good

Jace Ruder 29 yard run, PAT run no good

3rd Quarter

Jace Ruder 40 yard fumble recovery, PAT run no good

Ryan Johnson 9 yard run, PAT

Oren Rhea run good

4th Quarter

Hayden Wiltfong 30 yard run, PAT Wiltfong pass to Justis Posson good

Blue Jays rushing:

Jace Ruder - 8 rushes, 76 yards

Tevin Petrie - 8 rushes, 131 yards

Ryan Johnson - 5 rushes, 21 yards

Hayden Wiltfong - 2 rushes, 38 yards

Oren Rhea - 4 rushes, 4 yards

Blue Jays passing:

Jace Ruder - 2 for 8, 47 yards

Hayden Wiltfong - 1 for 1, 3 yards

Blue Jays receiving:

Justis Posson - 2 receptions, 12 yards

Trenton Chisham - 1 reception, 38 yards

Coach's comments-

"We are playing real good

football towards the end of the season," said head coach Shane Miller. "We are pretty balanced on offense and our defense is really pursuing to the ball. This was probably one of our better defensive ballgames from start to finish."

"We had over 300 yards total offensively and were able to hold the Eagles offense to 52 yards.

"Offensively we again were able to bust some big plays with two scores over 40 yards and two others at 25 yards. Our offensive line is doing a nice job of blocking and the backs are running much harder creating tackling issues for our opponents. Once we are in open space we have pretty good speed and are able to outrun teams."

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Logan sends one to the State Cross Country meet



Austin Tien, Logan's only cross country runner, cruises into the finish line with a time of 18:53 on Saturday at the Wheatland 1A Regional. He placed seventh which earns him a trip to the State Cross Country meet in Wamego on Saturday, Nov. 2. He will run at 11:30 a.m.

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