

SPORTS

10 to watch

Here are 10 other former Coastal Bend high school athletes who excelled last week at the collegiate level:

BASEBALL

Oral Roberts sophomore IF/C Jose Trevino (John Paul II): Homered twice and went a combined 5 for 8 with three runs scored and eight RBIs Saturday as the Golden Eagles split a Southland Conference doubleheader with Nicholls State. Headed into Sunday's series finale batting .254 (32 for 126) with 22 runs scored, 26 RBIs and five homers this season.

UT-Pan American senior OF Derek Hagy (Calallen): Went a combined 5 for 10 with five runs scored and two RBIs in helping the Broncos sweep their three-game Great Western Conference series against New Jersey Institute of Technology. Batting .282 (37-for-131) with 24 runs scored and 18 RBIs.

UTPA senior IF Shane Klemcke (Rockport-Fulton): Was 5 for 11 with three runs scored and one RBI in the Broncos' Great Western Conference three-game sweep of New Jersey Institute of Technology. Batting .279 (34 for 122) with 22 runs scored and 16 RBIs.

Texas Lutheran senior 3B Randy Vega (Kingsville):

Secured the Bulldogs' spot in the American Southwest Conference championship series by allowing no earned runs and just two hits over seven innings and striking out five in a 3-1 win Saturday over East Texas Baptist. Improved to 9-4 and lowered his ERA to 2.51.

SOFTBALL

Louisiana-Lafayette freshman UTIL Samantha Walsh (Ingleside): Hit a solo home run in Saturday's 6-0 Sun Belt Conference win over Troy. Entered Sunday batting .282 (33 for 117) with 26 runs scored and 22 RBIs.

St. Mary's junior RHP/UTIL Emily Brittain (Tuloso-Midway): Raised her record to 24-4 after allowing two earned runs and scattering nine hits over 5.1 innings in a 5-2 win over St. Edward's on Saturday that clinched the Heartland Conference regular-season title for the Rattlers.

Texas A&M International sophomore C/3B Cassandra DeLeon (King): Went 4 for 5 with two RBIs and two runs scored Saturday to lead the Dustdevils to a 12-9 win over Oklahoma Panhandle State to complete a three-game sweep. Was a combined 4 for 7 with four runs scored, six RBIs, two doubles and a triple in two

victories Friday. Batting .307 (47 for 153) with a team-leading 29 runs scored and 33 RBIs.

MEN'S TENNIS

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi senior Andrew Maingot (Carroll): Helped the Islanders reach Sunday's finals of the Southland Conference tournament by teaming with Guillaume Rauseo for an 8-3 win in No. 2 doubles in Saturday's 4-0 win over Lamar.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Texas Lutheran freshman Sofia Vega (Flour Bluff): Defeated Mitzi Morgan 6-4, 6-1 in No. 1 singles and teamed with Caitlin Zarr to win 8-2 in No. 1 doubles in the Bulldogs' 5-4 loss to Mississippi College on Friday in the American Southwest Conference tournament quarterfinals.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Texas State senior distance runner Sandra Venegas (Rockport-Fulton): Set a school record in the 5,000-meter run for the third time this season by winning the event at Saturday's Texas State Bobcat Classic in 16:46.30.

Compiled by Coy Slavik. If you have a Hometown Heroes suggestion, please email hometown.heroes@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Area players headed to state

Staff reports

The final week of the high school tennis season will see nine area competitors in action at the state tournament.

This year's state action is split between two sites: Class 5A and 4A will be at the Penick-Allison Center at the University of Texas in Austin. Meanwhile, the 3A, 2A and A tournaments are being held in College Station at Texas

A&M's Mitchell Center and Omar Smith Instructional Courts. Monday's matches begin at 8 a.m. in College Station and 9 a.m. in Austin.

The only two locals in Austin are Gregory-Portland's Jake Katz and Sydney Macha in 4A mixed doubles.

Class 3A has the biggest local contingent. Kingsville's Tyler Weatherford and Michael Zamora will compete in boys doubles,

while Rockport-Fulton has three representatives. R-F's Allison McLain, who reached the state semifinals last year, is back in girls singles. She's joined by the Pirates' girls doubles duo of Krista Pape and Samantha Stafford.

Falfurrias' Kristen McGehee, in girls singles, is the area's only 2A player. Meanwhile, Ben Bolt's Mario Garza will compete in the Class A boys singles tournament.

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at the 3A boys state tournament and third in four years. Kolb tied for sixth place in the state last year with a two-round total of 149.

Miller golfer Knox — who finished tied for fourth place at the Region IV-4A tournament recently with a two-round total of 148 — said he will need to sink more putts than he did at regionals to make a run at the 4A boys state title.

"I'm finally getting the mindset that I can compete with the big boys up there," Knox said. "I missed four makeable birdies at regionals, so I just need to make my putts."

Johnson also comes into the 5A girls state tournament with plenty of momentum after her final round of 68 put her just two strokes shy of Taylor Coleman of San Antonio Johnson for the Region IV-5A title in San Antonio recently.

Xac (74-77 — 151) will also be trying to get her revenge on defending 4A girls individual state champion Lindsey McCurdy of Buda Hays (72-72 — 144) at the 4A state tournament. McCurdy beat Xac by seven strokes to win the Region IV-4A title in San Antonio recently.

STATE GOLF SCHEDULE

CLASS 5A	CLASS 2A
When: 8 a.m. Monday; 8 a.m. Tuesday	When: 8 a.m. Thursday; 8 a.m. Friday
Where: At Morris Williams Golf Course, Austin	Where: Roy Kizer Golf Course, Austin
CLASS 4A	CLASS A
When: 8 a.m. Monday; 8 a.m. Tuesday	When: 8 a.m. Thursday; 8 a.m. Friday
Where: Onion Creek Club Golf Course, Austin	Where: Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin
CLASS 3A	TAPPS 4A
When: 8 a.m. Thursday; 8 a.m. Friday	When: 8 a.m. Monday; 8 a.m. Tuesday
Where: Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Austin	Where: Twin Rivers Golf Club, Waco

"My ultimate goal is winning state," the 15-year-old Xac said. "I'm going to have to be extremely focused and not make as many mistakes as I made in my past tournaments."

North of Austin, the IWA boys and girls golf teams will both be going for their second state title in three seasons during the two-day TAPPS 4A state golf tournament, which starts Monday in Waco.

Jaimie Bibby — who recently won the girls individual regional championship in TAPPS 4A this season — placed second individually at the state tournament last year while also leading the Angels to a second-place finish as a team. Bibby, a senior, won

the TAPPS 4A girls state individual title as a sophomore.

Gabi Rendon (who also placed in the top four at regionals), Lauren Saenz, Abby Shockley and Daniela Carreon comprise the rest of IWA's regional champion girls golf team this season.

Will Wallace — a regional individual boys champion in TAPPS 4A this season — placed fourth individually at last year's state tournament in helping the Angels finish fifth as a team.

Lucas Trevino, who also had a top-five finish at regionals, Kevin Smith, Hicks Layton and Dan Bomer are the other golfers on the Angels' regional runner-up boys team.

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and discus (165-4) at the J. Fred Duckett Rice Twilight Meet on April 20.

"This is what I've been working towards all season. Conference is in a couple of weeks, so this is the perfect time to start peaking."

Robinson has rebounded from a disappointing indoor season in which she competed in only two meets while trying to recovering from a shoulder injury that has plagued her since her West Oso days.

"Back in high school, I hurt my shoulder and I just found out a couple of months ago that I actually tore something," Robinson said. "I have been dealing with that all through college."

The injury has not prevented Robinson from posting impressive marks in all of the weight events. As a freshman, she finished sixth in the discus at the C-USA outdoor meet and followed the next season with a second-place throw of 157-5 at the conference outdoor meet in the event.

Last year, Robinson won the C-USA outdoor discus title with a mark of 159-1 and came on strong in the hammer throw to finish fourth with a mark of 162-11.

"I didn't do the hammer until college, so it took some time to get the technique down," Robinson said. "But every year, I have gotten better and I've

SHARAE ROBINSON FILE

2012: Won Conference USA outdoor discus title with a throw of 159-1 and finished fourth in hammer throw (162-11).

2011: Took second in discus (157-5) at Conference USA outdoor meet.

2010: Placed sixth at Conference USA outdoor meet in discus (143-11).

High school: Won Class 3A shot put title in 2009 at West Oso. ... Won district titles in discus and shot put in 2008. ... Named All-South Texas Athlete of the Year in 2009. ... Salutatorian of her senior class.

Personal: Born Aug. 6, 1991 in Corpus Christi. ... Daughter of Raymond and Tammy Robinson. ... Older sisters Krystal Robinson (2002-06) and Tina Robinson (2007-12) competed for Rice track and field.



finally figured it out my senior year. It's all coming together."

After her shoulder healed over the winter, Robinson opened the outdoor season with wins in the hammer throw and discus at the Texas Southern Relays on March 15. Then the next week, Robinson surpassed Tina's mark in the hammer throw.

"I don't think she was too upset because she has another record (in the weight throw)," Robinson said. "I just wanted one record and that one was the most attainable. I feel like she is one of the reasons I got the hammer record because I knew it was hers and I wanted to leave with a record and beat her."

Robinson's season-best mark of 168-2 in the discus ranks second among C-USA athletes behind only SMU's Rayann Chin, who has a season-best throw of 174-7. Her 178-8 in the hammer throw is fourth behind SMU's Elizabeth Murphy (204-3),

East Carolina's Kayla Padgett (187-3) and SMU's Helena Perez (187-2).

Robinson will have a home-field advantage at the C-USA Outdoor Championships, which will be held May 9-13 at Rice.

"Everyone is throwing around the same distance, so I'm really going to have to come prepared," Robinson said. "There's a lot of competition this year. I'm confident I will be able to pull through."

Robinson said it is gratifying to be able to overcome her nagging shoulder injury and continue her family's legacy at Rice.

"I always knew I would come back and throw no matter what," Robinson said. "I've been throwing since I was 6 years old, so I was going to work through it to make sure I would finish strong this year."

"I know these are my last few meets, and I want to try really hard so I'll have no regrets after I graduate. I want to know that I did the best that I possibly could."

ISLANDERS from 1C

picked up a 6-2, 6-0 victory at No. 1 singles.

"Today he was more than just a great player, he was a great leader," Moore said of Nagy. "I heard his voice constantly shouting encouragement to every other Islander. I can't tell you how huge that was."

Trailing 4-1 at No. 3 singles, Matt Westmoreland rallied to win the first set and closed it out 6-4, 6-0 to clinch the team's NCAA berth.

"That was a very defining, character-testing moment," Moore said. "At that moment, you saw a will to win that was simply unmistakable. He was simply not going to lose today, he has just cared too much and worked too hard."

for the second day in a row, downing No. 2 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 4-1 to win the Southland Conference women's tournament final.

The Islanders (17-4) fell in their first championship match, while the Lady Demons (14-7) advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second time, joining the 2010 squad as SLC champions.

Northwestern State took the doubles point and won three of the four completed singles matches. The Islanders' lone point came at

No. 6 singles, where Chelsea Horan defeated Daniela Simonova 6-4, 6-1.

NW STATE 4, A&M-CC 1

Singles — 1. Polina Konop (NW) def. Doris Kuselj (A&M-CC), 6-0, 6-3; 2. Tatiana Larina (NW) def. Maider Martin (A&M-CC), 6-3, 6-2; 3. Stefania Nicolae (A&M-CC) vs. Natalya Krutova (NW), 2-6, 6-3, 1-0, unfinished; 4. Andrea Nedorostova (NW) def. Sandra Burges (A&M-CC), 6-2, 6-2; 5. Celia Rodriguez (A&M-CC) vs. Olga Leyshyna (NW), 6-4, 5-2, unfinished; 6. Chelsea Horan (A&M-CC) def. Daniela Simonova (NW), 6-4, 6-1

Doubles — 1. Tatiana Larina/Andrea Nedorostova (NW) def. Doris Kuselj/Stefania Nicolae (A&M-CC), 8-3; 2. Natalya Krutova/Polina Konop (NW) def. Sandra Burges/Chelsea Horan (A&M-CC), 8-6; 3. Mia Matuszak/Maider Martin (A&M-CC) vs. Amy Williams/Daniela Simonova (NW), 7-7, unfinished

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