



At the Game

Indians hope to qualify several for state meet

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The all-important regional track and field meets are being held across the state on Friday. The Indians will travel to Hill City for one of the 3-2-1A Regional meets

Representing St. Francis in either a boys or girls event will be Shelby Cassaw in the 3200-meter run; Kaitlin Figgins in the shot put and discus;

Garrett Figgins in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles; Zach Gienger in the shot put and discus; Mikaela Grace in the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles; Adam Guthmiller in the discus; Lane Hoffman in the 3200-meter run; Cody Killingsworth in the pole vault; Logan Lampe in the 200-meter dash; Ally Northrup in the triple jump; Derek Queen in the 400-meter dash; Ma-

son Schiltz in the pole vault; Isaac Schiltz in the high jump, triple jump and pole vault; Aly Schlepp in the 800-meter run; Sarah Trembly in the javelin and Dylan Wolaver in the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles.

“We are going to have to perform well Friday because it looks like it’s a very tough regional,” Coach Devin Dinkel said. “The kids that do quali-

fy to go to state should have a pretty good chance of medaling if they duplicate their regional performance.”

In all regional meets, points shall be awarded to winners of the first six places in each event, including relays, as follows: 10-8-6-4-2-1. Winners of the first four places including relays will qualify for the state track and field meet.

There are four 2A Regionals

with others being held at Greensburg/Kiowa County High School; Washington/Washington County High School; and Yates Center High School at Woodson.

Teams participating at Hill City include Atwood/Rawlins County, Belleville/Republic County, Bennington, Brookville/Ell-Saline, Ellis, Hill City, Lincoln, Mankato/Rock Hills, Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur

Community; Osborne, Plainville, Salina/Sacred Heart/ Solomon, St. Francis; Wakeeney/Trego County.

The field events will begin at 3 p.m. In the running events the girls will run first in each event followed by the boys.

Garrett Figgins is the only member of this year’s squad who traveled to state last year.



PLACES SECOND - Adam Guthmiller, St. Francis senior, will be traveling to regionals in Hill City on Friday, attempting to earn the opportunity to attend the state meet.



Herald photos by Kristi Guthmiller

Boys win league championship

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“We had a great day,” Coach Devin Dinkel said, concerning the Northwest Kansas League meet held in St. Francis on Friday.

The Sainty boys earned 121 points and finished in first place at the league meet with Decatur Community coming in second with 118. Other teams in the league include Oakley, Hoxie, Quinter and Rawlins County.

In the girls division, Oakley led the way with 136 points, followed by Decatur Community with 125 points. Sainty had 41 points for sixth place.

“The coaches asked some kids to participate in some events that they don’t normally do in order to try and steal some points,” Coach Dinkel said. “I am very proud of how well the kids competed.”

The St. Francis boys collected 40 of their 121 points by having four first place finishes.

Garrett Figgins won both the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles and Isaac Schiltz won the pole vault and the triple jump.

Ten points of the girls 41 came from Kaitlin Figgins winning the discus.

The St. Francis team will be attending regionals at Hill City on Friday. See separate article.

Indians

Team standings: St. Francis 121, Decatur Community 118, Oakley 102, Hoxie 92, Quinter 71, Rawlins County 49.

4x100-meter relay: (3) St. Francis, 48.34
400-meter dash: (3) Derek Queen, 58.07.

Long jump: (2) Isaac Schiltz,

19-1; (6) Wyatt Landenberger, 17-2.5.

3200-meter run: (5) Lane Hoffman, 11:48.96.

110-meter hurdles: (1) Garrett Figgins, 16.64; (3) Dylan Wolaver 17.78; (6) Dylan Peter, 19.74.

200-meter dash; (5) Logan Lampe, 24.93.

4x800-meter relay: (4) St. Francis, 10:31.61.

Discus: (2) Adam Guthmiller, 133-1.

High jump: (2) I. Schiltz, 6-0; (3) Casey Keller, 5-4.

Shot put: (6) Zach Gienger, 39-0.5.

300-meter hurdles: (1) Figgins, 43.36; (3) Wolaver, 44.40.

Pole vault: (1) I. Schiltz, 12-0; (2) Cody Killingsworth, 11-6; (3) Mason Schiltz, 11-0.

Triple jump: (1) I. Schiltz, 39-6.75.

Lady Indians

Team standings: Oakley 136, Decatur Community 125, Hoxie 96, Quinter 90, Rawlins County 57, St. Francis 41.

Shot put; (3) Kaitlin Figgins, 33-6.

100-meter hurdles: (5) Mikaela Grace, 18.69.

1600-meter run: (6) Shelby Cassaw, 6:46.62.

300-meter hurdles: (5) Grace, 54.00.

3200-meter run: (6) Cassaw, 15:10.58.

800-meter run: (3) Aly Schlepp, 2:41.84.

Discus: (1) Figgins, 99-7; (5) Sarah Trembly, 80-1; (6) Clarice Neitzel, 78-10.

Javelin: (2) Trembly, 110-1.

4x400-meter relay: (5) St. Francis, 5:10.13.

St. Francis tracksters compete well at home league meet

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The Northwest Kansas League junior high track and field meet was held in St. Francis on Friday. Teams in the league include St. Francis, Quinter, Decatur Community, Hoxie, Oakley and Rawlins County.

The Indian teams did very well with the seventh grade boys and seventh grade girls both placing first. The eighth grade girls team placed third and the eighth grade boys team fifth. Winning the eighth grade girls division was Decatur Community while Oakley placed first in the eighth grade boys

“The St. Francis seventh grade teams both won convincingly,” Coach Ted Busse said. “The seventh grade boys had a lot of athletes who placed second through sixth to win the championship. Everyone pitched in so they had a good team effort.

“We had eight league champions (individual and relay teams) in the girls division and four league champions in the boys division.”

The last times a St. Francis junior high team won a league championship was in 1995 (seventh grade boys) and 1996

(eighth grade boys and seventh grade girls).

“I really appreciate the kids who were willing to change events to help themselves as well as their team,” Coach Busse said. “It made a big difference in the outcome.”

Individual championships were won by the following athletes: seventh grade girls, McKenzie Taylor in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles and Kylie Sherlock in the triple jump; eighth grade girls: McKayla Taylor in the 100-meter hurdles and the 200-meter hurdles and Dallas Reed in the pole vault; seventh grade boys: Garrett Brunk in the 100-meter hurdles; eighth grade boys: Cade Bracelin in the shot put and Kyler Zwegardt in the discus.

Relay championships were won by the seventh grade girls 4x100-meter team: Emily Elfers, Carol Eve Harris, Kylie Sherlock, McKenzie Taylor; and seventh grade boys 4x100-meter relay team: Jakob Church, Francisco Fernandez, Justin Pacheco, Travis Rogers.

This was the final event of the junior high season.

Seventh grade girls

Team standings: St. Francis 144, Quinter 83, Decatur Community 80, Hoxie 57, Oakley 24, Rawlins County 22

100-meter dash: (1) McKenzie Taylor, 13.76; (4) Carol Eve Harris, 14.94.

200-meter dash: (1) Taylor, 29.52; (4) Harris, 31.93.

400-meter dash: (2) Kylie Sherlock, 1:11.33; (3) Hannah Wolff, 1:19.79.

800-meter run: (2) Journey Lee, 3:14.73; (3) Wolff, 3:22.51.

100-meter hurdles: (1) Taylor, 18.21; (3) Emily Elfers, 19.98.

200-meter hurdles: (3) Elfers, 36.45.

4x100-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (Elfers, Harris, Sherlock, Taylor), 59.21.

4x200-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Harris, Lee, Kattie Jenik, Hannah Stafford), 2:21.84.

Pole vault: (2) Lee, 5-06.

Long jump: (2) Sherlock, 11-05.50.

Triple jump: (1) Sherlock, 26-01.50; (3) Kayla Reed, 21-05.50.

Shot put: (2) Reed, 27-08.75; (5) Jenik, 25-10.50.

Discus: (4) Jenik, 59-11.

Eighth grade girls

Team standings: Decatur

Community, Hoxie, St. Francis, Rawlins County, Oakley, Quinter 41.

100-meter dash: (3) Valerie Wurm, 13.93; (4) Echo Jones, 14.38; (5) McKayla Taylor, 14.66.

200-meter dash: (2) Wurm, 30.27; (6) Ashlee Orth, 33.16.

800-meter run: (4) Jones, 3:00.82.

100-meter hurdles: (1) Taylor, 18.32.

200-meter hurdles: (1) Taylor, 33.57.

4x100-meter relay: (2) St. Francis (Mariah Beikman, Jones, Wurm, Taylor), 57.98.

4x200-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Kyla Bandel, Beikman, Dallas Reed, Justice Wiley), 2:14.97.

4x400-meter relay; (2) St. Francis (Bandel, Orth, Beikman, Wiley), 5:43.40.

High jump: (4) Wiley, 4-02.00.

Pole vault: (1) Reed, 7-06. (2) Wurm, 6-06; (5) Bandel, 5-00.

Triple jump: (6) Reed, 24-10.0.

Shot put: (5) Aby Fernandez, 26-00.0.

Seventh grade boys

Team standings: St. Francis 140, Decatur Community 102,

Rawlins County 92, Oakley 73, Hoxie 54, Quinter 30.

100-meter dash: (2) Carl Fabre, 13.51; (3) Lane Hobrock, 13.92.

200-meter dash: (2) Fabre, 27.88; (3) Hobrock, 28.51.

800-meter run: (5) Austin Patton, 3:02.30.

1600-meter run: (6) Philip White, 6:41.59.

100-meter hurdles: (1) Garrett Brunk, 18.00; (5) Travis Rogers, 19.89.

200-meter hurdles: (3) Brunk, 34.38.

4x100-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (Jakob Church, Francisco Fernandez, Justin Pacheco, Rogers), 1:00.19.

4x200-meter relay: (2) St. Francis (Patton, Church, Fernandez, Pacheco), 21.58.

4x400-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Clayton Cassaw, Fernandez, White, Chris Hoard), 5:25.85.

High jump: (3) Fabre, 4-06.0; (4) Fernandez, 4-06.00; (5) Hobrock, 4-04.00.

Pole vault: (2) Brunk, 6-06.0; (4) Rogers, 6-06.0; (5) Cassaw, 6-00.0

Long jump: (3) Fabre, 14-04.5; (5) Brunk, 3-10.00.

Triple jump: (2) Hobrock, 30-

10.25; (5) Rogers, 23-09.50; (6) Blake Meyer, 18-10.75.

Shot put: (2) Church, 30-03.00; (4) Hoard, 27-07.00.

Discus: (3) Church, 84-04; (4) Hoard, 81-07; (5) Pacheco, 76-05.

Eighth grade boys

Team standings: Oakley 102, Quinter 95, Rawlins County 88, Decatur Community 87, St. Francis 65, Hoxie 64.

100-meter dash: (3) Cade Bracelin, 13.15.

200-meter dash: (5) Bracelin, 28.17.

3200-meter run: (4) Howell, 13:52.21; (5) Riley Shay, 16:18.38; (6) Jonathan Hoard, 21:03.02.

100-meter hurdles: (4) Howell, 17.34.

200-meter hurdles: (4) Howell, 32.25.

4x200-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Shay, Tristan Archer, Tanner Gilliland, Hoard), 2:25.23.

4x400-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Gilliland, Howell, Hoard, Shay), 5:55.32.

Shot put: (1) Bracelin, 41-02.50.

Discus: (1) Kyler Zwegardt, 125-04; (2) Bracelin, 122-01.