

Junior high track team takes first

By Kent Kechter

Finally! It's been a long cold track season thus far, but the junior high track teams finally got to compete in a meet on Thursday, April 25.

The five team meet, held in Oberlin, gave competitors from Decatur Community, Hoxie, Quinter, Rawlins County and St. Francis a chance to measure their skills against those of other schools. St. Francis won the boys division and placed fourth in the girls division.

St. Francis scored 112 points in the boys' division. The Red Devils were close behind with 108 points. Rawlins County placed third with 52 points. Quinter was fourth (44) and Hoxie fifth (27).

In the girls' division, Decatur Community placed first with 98 points. Quinter came in second with 90. Hoxie placed third (60), St. Francis fourth (49), and Rawlins County fifth (47).

St. Francis won eight individual events during the competition. Taylor Rogers was a triple gold winner earning first place finishes in the 100 meters (12.08), 400 meters (1:00.06), and 200 meter hurdles (29.68). Joel Hill won the triple jump with a leap of 34' 10". Tate Busse's 5:48.45 time was good enough to win the 1600 meters. Quinton Cravens won the 100 meter hurdles in 16.74. Trayton Doyle won the shot put with a heave of 36' 5 1/2". Sophie White was the only individual winner in the girls' division. Sophie's 100 meter hurdle time of 17.88 was nearly a second better than the next competitor.

St. Francis athletes placing in the top five positions in the girls' division were:

Hanna Bracelin – third in shot put (30' 5 1/2"); fifth in long jump (12' 8 1/4").

Jenna Confer – second in 3200 meters (20:03.48).

Jylian Laten – fifth in 200 meter hurdles (36.99).

Makayla Rogers – fourth in shot put (29' 7").

Kattie Schmid – third in discus (67' 4"); fourth in 100 meters (15.07); fourth in 100 meter hurdles (19.30).

Zoe Sundstrom – third in 100 meters (14.90); fifth in 100 meter hurdles (19.53).

Madi Tice – third in 200 meters (30.01).

Sophie White – first in 100 meter hurdles (17.88).

4 X 100 meter relay – fourth (1:06.02) Jenna Confer, Kattie Schmid, Makayla Rogers, and Sophie White.

4 X 200 meter relay – second (2:08.80) Hanna Bracelin, Reagan Beims, Zoe Sundstrom, and Madi Tice.

4 X 400 meter relay – fourth (5:08.33) Jylian Laten, Hanna Bracelin, Reagan Beims, and Madi Tice.

St. Francis athletes placing the boys' division were:

Tate Busse – first in 1600 meters (5:48.45).

Quinton Cravens – first in 100 meter hurdles (16.74); third in triple jump (33' 11 3/4"); fourth in 200 meters (27.85).

Trayton Doyle – first in shot put (36' 5 1/2"); fifth in discus (89' 8").

Jake Faulkender – second in 800 meters (2:53.22).

Sayed Fierro – third in 400 meters (1:05.79); 3rd in 100 meter hurdles (18.18).

Joel Hill – first in triple jump (34' 10"); 2nd in 200 meters (26.17); second in long jump (16' 5 1/2"); third in discus (103' 0").

Luke Lampe – third in 100 meters (13.63).

Taylor Rogers – first in 100 meters (12.08); first in 400 meters (1:00.06); first in 200 meter hurdles (29.68).

Dalton Straub – fifth in long jump (15' 0").

4 X 100 meter relay – third (56.05) Sayed Fierro, Dalton Straub, Luke Lampe, and Tate Busse.

4 X 200 meter relay – second (2:00 51) Tate Busse, Sayed Fierro, Luke Lampe, and Jake Faulkender.

Athletes win five

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On Friday, April 26, the St. Francis High School track teams competed in the Quinter Invitational Track and Field Meet. As usual, the meet was highly competitive with 19 boys teams and 16 girls teams competing in the meet.

St. Francis athletes won five individual events in the meet. Dallas Reed won the women's pole vault clearing 8' 6". Derek Queen won the 400 meters with a time of 53.62 seconds. Steven Nelson's 43.50 clocking in the 300 meter hurdles was good enough to win the gold in the event. Mason Schiltz cleared 12' 6" to win the pole vault. The Indian's 4 X 400 meter relay team consisting of Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Derek Queen, and Logan Lampe bettered all other teams with a time of 3:38.13.

The Indians nearly won the meet scoring 67 points. Wallace County won the boys division with 68 team points. Other team placings in the boys division were: 3rd Ellis (60); 4th Hoxie (58), 5th Grainfield-Wheatland (56); 6th Weskan (47); 7th Brewster (42); 8th Golden Plains (31); 9th Greeley County (28); 10th Natoma (20); 11th (tie) Decatur Community (15); 11th (tie) Palco (15); 13th Northern Valley (13th); 14th Rawlins County (12); 15th Heartland Christian School (8); 16th Triplains (6); 17th Quinter (5); 18th Western Plains (4); and 19th Hill City (3).

The Lady Indians scored 16 team points to place eleventh. Decatur Community easily outscored all other teams in the girls division with 122.5 points. Ellis and Hoxie tied for second place with 68 points. Other teams placings in the girls division were: 4th Grainfield-Wheatland (63.5); 5th Rawlins County (41); 6th Hill City (30); 7th Triplains (29); 8th Quinter (24); 9th Greeley County (22); 10th Weskan (19); 11th St. Francis (16); 12th Golden Plains (15); 13th Natoma (13); 14th (tie) Northern Valley (12); 14th (tie) Palco (12); 16th Western Plains (2); and 17th Wallace County (1).

Individual scoring

Indians scoring in the Quinter Invitational were:

Cade Bracelin – 4th in javelin (140' 2")

Zach Gienger – 4th in discus (130' 10")

Casey Keller – 3rd in high jump (5' 10")

Michael Leibbrandt – 6th in 100 meters (11.99)

Steven Nelson – 1st in 300 meter hurdles (43.50); 3rd in 110 meter hurdles (17.08)

Derek Queen – 1st in 400 meters (53.62); 4th in 100 meters (11.87)

Mason Schiltz – 1st in pole vault (12' 6")

4 X 100 meter relay – 3rd (46.09) Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Cade Bracelin, and Michael Leibbrandt

4 X 400 meter relay – 1st (3:38.13) Michael Leibbrandt, Steven Nelson, Derek Queen, and Logan Lampe

Lady Indians placing in the meet were:

Dallas Reed – 1st in pole vault (8' 6")

McKenzie Taylor – 4th in 100 meter hurdles (17.33); 6th in long jump (15' 6 1/4")

4 X 400 meter relay – 6th (4:47.00) Kylie Sherlock, Journey Lee, Ashlee Orth, and Aby Fernandez



SOPHIE WHITE took first in the 100 meter hurdles at the Oberlin track meet on April 25. Herald photo by Kent Kechter

Junior high boys win at Quinter

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The St. Francis junior high track teams competed well in the Quinter Invitational Junior High Track and Field Meet on Friday, April 26, in Quinter. The junior high boys team scored 91 points in the meet to win the boys division. The junior high girls scored 23 points to place eighth.

Joel Hill was a triple gold winner at Quinter earning three first-place finishes. Joel won the long jump with a leap of 16' 10." His discus toss of 107' was good enough for an event win. His third gold came in the triple jump, where he leaped 34' 3.5".

Taylor Rogers won the 400 meters with a time of 58.84 seconds. Tate Busse overcame a difficult early race position to win the 1600 meters with a strong finish. His winning time was 5:42.17. The boys 4 X 100 relay team consisting of Quinton Cravens, Joel Hill, Jeremiah Neitzel, and Taylor Rogers won with a time of 51.28 seconds. St. Francis did not have any girls who won an individual event.

In the boys division, St. Francis' 91 points earned the team championship. Oakley placed second with 78.33 points. Brewster placed third with 67.33 points, while Northern Valley and Grinnell tied for fourth place with 57 points. The remaining team rankings were: 6th Dighton (42), 7th Quinter (22.33), 8th Weskan (22); 9th Healy (20); 10th Hoxie (17); 11th Cheylin (10), 12th Triplains (7), and 13th Greeley County (4).

Boys'

St. Francis boy athletes placing

in the Quinter Invitational were:

Tate Busse – first in 1600 meters (5:42.17).

Quinton Cravens – third in 100 meter hurdles (17.14), fourth in triple jump (32' 6").

Trayton Doyle – second in shot put (35' 8 3/4"), sixth in discus (88' 7").

Joel Hill – first in long jump (16' 10"), first in triple jump (34' 3 1/2"), first in discus (107' 0").

Jeremiah Neitzel – sixth in 200 meters (27.84).

Taylor Rogers – 1st in 400 meters (58.84).

4 X 100 meter relay – first (51.28) Quinton Cravens, Joel Hill, Jeremiah Neitzel, and Taylor Rogers.

4 X 200 meter relay – fourth (1:59.82) Tate Busse, Dalton Straub, Jake Faulkender, and Luke Lampe.

4 X 400 meter relay sixth (4:43.68) Tate Busse, Jake Faulkender, Sayed Fierro, and Coy Cassaw.

Girls'

The girls' division was won by Grinnell with 98.5 points. Quinter and Dighton battled for second place with Quinter

narrowly defeating Dighton, 74 to 72 respectively. The rest of team standings were: 4th Weskan (53), 5th Northern Valley (48), 6th Hoxie (32.5), 7th Golden Plains (30), 8th St. Francis (23), 9th Western Plains (16), 10th Greeley County (11), 11th Oakley (10), 12th Brewster (8), 13th Heartland Christian School (3), 14th (tie) Triplains (2), and 14th (tie) Cheylin (2).

St. Francis Lady Indians placing in the meet were:

Jenna Confer – sixth in 3200 meters (20:22.52).

Kattie Schmid – third in 100 meter hurdles (18.55).

Mckayla Rogers – fifth in shot put (30' 1 3/4").

Madi Tice – fourth in 200 meters (29.64), fifth in 400 meters (1:10.75).

Sophie White – second in 100 meter hurdles (17.66).

In St. Francis on Thursday

The junior high track teams will be in action on Greene Field in St. Francis on Thursday, May 2, in a five-team meet with Decatur Community, Hoxie, Tribune, and Wallace County. The meet begins at 3 p.m.

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