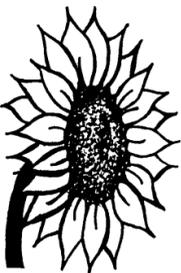


# At the Game



## Colby meet added

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
There were two track meets on the St. Francis schedule this year which did not take place due to unfavorable weather. As a result, the Indians were able to join a large field of contestant in Colby on Friday, May 6, at the Colby Invitational.

Schools represented include Oakley, Triplains, Holcomb, Grinnell, Logan, St. Francis, Healy, Ulysses, Colby, Quinter, Goodland, Brewster, Wheatland, Golden Plains.

In Colby, Derek Ross was the lone St. Francis winner. He took first in the pole vault with a jump of 13-0 feet.

A number of second place finishes were recorded by the Indians including Trevor Richard in the 300-meter low hurdles, Lauren Ross in the 400-meter dash and the pole vault, Talisa Voorhies in the triple jump, the long jump and the 200-meter dash and Ally Reichert in the shot put and the discus.

**Boys**  
Long jump: (6) D. Ross, 18-07.75

Discus: (5) Levi Weeden, 119-02.0

Pole vault: (1) D. Ross, 13-00.0; (3) AJ McAtee, 12-06.0

Javelin: (4) Weeden, 141-01.75

110-meter high hurdles: (6) Richard, 18.02

4x800-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Dylan Loyd, Matt Brown, Jordan Gienger, AJ McAtee), 8:42.51

4x100-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Joel McAtee, Richard, D. Ross, Heath Owens), 46.85

300-meter low hurdles: (2) Richard, 42.35

800-meter run: (4) Loyd, 2:09.58

4x400-meter relay: (6) St.



**MATT BROWN hands off the baton to AJ McAtee in the 4x800-meter relay held in oberlin on May 3. The relay placed first in the meet.**

Francis (D. Ross, AJ McAtee, Richard, Brown), 3:43.47

**Girls**  
400-meter dash: (2) L. Ross, 1:02.24  
Triple jump: (2) Talisa

Voorhies, 32-03.0

Pole vault: (2) L. Ross, 8-00.0

Long jump: (2) Voorhies, 16-02.25

Shot put: (2) Reichert, 36-01.5

Discus: (2) Reichert, 98-07.0

4x400-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (L. Ross, Voorhies, Dara Loyd, Brittany Lucas), 4:27.6

200-meter dash: (2) Voorhies, 27.24

## Four St. Francis youth place first

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
Two Indians placed first in individual events at Oberlin on Tuesday, May 3, while two Lady Indians accomplished the same feat.

Ten team points are awarded to first place finishers and the following contributed this amount to the St. Francis scores. Derek Ross finished first in the pole vault, Tanner Kinen was first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, Talisa Voorhies won the long jump and Megan Rice was first in the 300-meter low hurdles.

The addition of two winning girls relays teams, plus various second through sixth place points in the girls division, pushed the St. Francis score to 85, giving them a one-point margin over Rawlins County and the team title.

Phillipsburg won the boys division with 96 points, followed closely by Smith Center with 93. St. Francis was fourth with 59 points.

Winning relay teams included both the boys the girls 4x800-meter teams and 4x400-meter teams. Team members for the boys were 4x800: Jordan Gienger, Matt Brown, Dylan Loyd and AJ McAtee and 4x400: AJ McAtee, Loyd, Trevor Richard, Kinen and the girls 4x800: Rice, Lauren Ross, Amy Grace and McKenzie Grace and 4x400: Ross, Voorhies, A. Grace, Rice.

Placers at Oberlin include:

**Boys**  
Team standing: Phillipsburg 96, Smith Center 93, Goodland 82, St. Francis 59, oberlin 54, Norton 40

Pole vault: (1) Ross, 13-0; (5) McAtee, 11-6

Discus: (5) Levi Weeden, 123-3

Javelin: (6) Weeden, 143-5

4x800-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (Gienger, Brown, Loyd and AJ McAtee), 8:44.85

110-meter hurdles: (2) Kinen, 15.56; (6) Richard, 17.39

1600-meter run: (3) MacFrewen, 5:07.62

4x100-meter relay: (5) St. Francis (Joel McAtee, Richard, Ross, Kinen), 45.93

300-meter intermediate hurdles: (1) Kinen, 40.89; (5) Richard, 45.31

4x400-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (AJ McAtee, Loyd, Richard, Kinen), 3:36.04

**Girls**  
Team standing: St. Francis 85, Rawlins County 84, Oberlin 81, Hoxie 66, Trego 59, Smith Center

Long jump: (1) Voorhies, 16-8

Pole vault: (3) Lauren Ross, 8-0

High jump: (2) Amy Grace, 4-10

Shot put: (2) Ally Reichert, 35-3.5

Discus: (4) Reichert, 109-0

4x800-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (Rice, Ross, A. Grace and M. Grace), 10:25.86

300-meter intermediate hurdles: (1) Megan Rice, 48.31

800-meter run: (2) M. Grace, 2:30:47

200-meter dash: (3) Voorhies, 27.17

3200-meter run: (3) Danielle Flemming, 13:19.04

4x400-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (Ross, Voorhies, A. Grace, Rice), 4:13.43

## Athletics compete in meet at Atwood

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
Eleven high schools sent representatives to the 9-10 track meet held Monday, May 2, in Atwood.

In the girls' division the Burlington, Colby and Decatur County teams all posted 90 points or more in a close battle for first place. Burlington emerged with 94 points and the championship while Colby had 92 and Decatur County 90. St. Francis was in fourth place with 75.5.

Sainty placed fourth in the boys' division also with a total of 56 points. Colby rolled to the win with 136 points, while Hoxie had 93 and Dundy County 86.

This is the final 9-10 meet scheduled for the season. The Northwest Kansas League meet is scheduled for Friday.

**Girls**  
Team standings: Burlington 94, Colby 92, Decatur County 90, St. Francis 75.5, Hoxie 64, Dundy County 45, Quinter 44, Rawlins County, 13.5, Bethune 10, Goodland 6, Greeley County/Tribune 0.

100-meter dash: (2) Katie Marin, 13.53

200-meter dash: (2) Megan Rice, 28.30; (4) Marin 28.92

100-meter hurdles: (2) Holly Keller, 18.31

300-meter hurdles: (1) Rice, 49.37

880-yard run: (3) Mindy Cooper, 3:08.90

Two mile run: (4) Lauren Zwegardt, 15:02.71

High jump: (5) Melissa Burton, 4-2; (6-tie) Keller, 4-0

Shot put: (3) Kattie Ford, 28-5

Javelin: (3) Alecia Zimbelman, 76-6; (6) Ford, 64-2

4x100-meter relay: Mile relay: (4) St. Francis (Marin, Dara Loyd, Zimbelman, Burton), 5:00.4

two mile relay: (2) St. Francis (Cooper, Burton, Loyd, Lauren Zwegardt), 12:40.28

**Boys**  
Team standings: Colby 136, Hoxie 93, Dundy County 86, St. Francis 56, Burlington 51, Rawlins County 39, Bethune 36, Greeley County/Tribune 31, Quinter 22, Decatur County 7, Goodland 0.

100-meter hurdles: (2) Gavin Smull, 19.2

300-meter hurdles: (4) Smull, 48.2

880-yard run: (4) Darren Laffond, 2:24.5

Triple jump: (5) Ted Crabtree, 33-9.75; (6) Justin Sherlock, 33-9-50

High jump: (1) Crabtree, 5-4; (2) Sherlock, 5-2

Pole vault: (2) Crabtree, 11-0

4x100-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (David Guthmiller, Smull, Adam Peter, Laffond), 49.96

Mile relay: (4) St. Francis (Peter, Sherlock, Crabtree, Smull), 4:05.6

Two mile relay: (6) St. Francis (Laffond, Brady Frewen, Bill Bussell, Keaton Frewen), 10:13.4

## Teacher sounds the gun

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
When St. Francis schedules a home track meet they only have to look to a member of their teaching staff to be the head starter (the person responsible for beginning all races). Steve Jenkins has been filling this position since about 1980.

"I take a test each year at the same time the coaches do to maintain my certification," he said. "Passing this test qualifies me to be head starter for not only regular season meets but Regional and State events."

Head starters who do not wish to be involved with Regionals and State do not have to have the certification. This year Mr. Jenkins will be working the 2A Regional meet to be held in Oberlin on May 20.

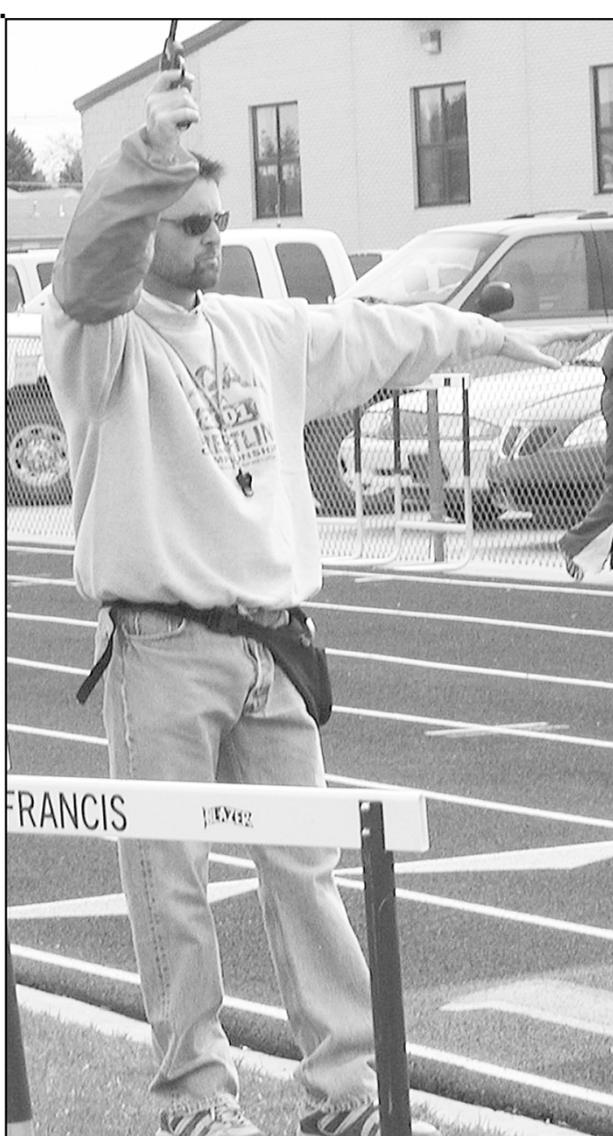
Mr. Jenkins said he began his job as head starter when Ray Huffman, former teacher, was ready to retire from the position.

"I think it was Bud Burnham, former teachers, who asked me to take over," he said

The first couple of years Mr. Jenkins just did St. Francis meets, but the next spring Cheylin was holding one of their meets in St. Francis. They asked him to help and that got him involved with the Liberty League. After Cheylin, he began doing meets at Tribune and it has evolved from there.

"It is my job to make all the calls," he said. "Most runners come on the track ready to go, but occasionally someone is still stretching when the other racers are in position. If I feel that the ones ready to go are being put at a disadvantage due to this runner, I speak up. It is not fair to someone who follows the rules to have to wait for someone goofing off."

"The main reason I like the job is I have a front row seat for the races."



**HEAD STARTER Steve Jenkins works the St. Francis Invitational on April 26.**

*Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick*  
I have seen some tremendous athletic efforts having watched the runner from start to finish.

Mr. Jenkins said he had a number of memories from past events.

One which sticks in his mind is the time a junior high girl had a false start. Her mother came up to him

and wanted to know if he could "live with the fact that he had ruined her daughters life."

Mr. Jenkins, besides his teaching duties, is also involved with the high school football and wrestling programs and is the head junior high wrestling coach.

## Race held in Topeka

Area barrel racers competed in the Kansas State National Barrel Horse Association race held in Topeka April 29 through May 1.

Over 350 riders competed in the open division and 120 in the youth division. There was a long go on Friday and Saturday and qualifiers came back and ran in the short go on Sunday.

Placing in the first go was Brenda Delano who placed 12th in the 1D. In the second go, Mrs. Delano placed ninth in the 1D, Deb Christy placed 21st in the 2D and Shawna Blanka was seventh in the 4D. Those qualifying for the finals were Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Blanka.

In the youth division Shakotah Blanka placed fourth in the 4D in the second go to qualify for the finals where he placed 12th in the 3D.

A futurity was held on Sunday morning for horses 5 and under. Mrs. Christy placed third in the 1D and Mrs. Delano won the 2D division.

A National Barrel Horse race will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Rodney Shay's arena. For more information contact Shawna Blanka, Kansas 07 District Director at (785) 332-2875.

## Youth attend livestock shows

**By Betty Jean Winston**  
St. Francis youth attended spring livestock shows in two different areas on Saturday.

Travis Havel and Amber Havel attended the 23rd annual Loyalty Day Spring Livestock Show in Tribune. Travis took his steer which placed fourth in Cross Class 2 while Amber's steer placed sixth in Cross Class 3.

RL Walz and Matt Raile participated in a spring live-

stock show in Curtis, Neb. Matt's heifer, Whisky Girl, was the only Gelbvieh in the show. Matt also entered the all-breeds

class. RL placed second in both rings in his heifer class and fourth in both rings in his steer class.

