

Lady Husky takes gold medal at state

By DICK BOYD

Two Northern Valley girl athletes competed in the Class 1A State Track and Field Meet held Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Freshman Alison Cole had an outstanding performance in the high jump where she cleared 5-foot-4-inches to tie the school record, held by Alison and two others, and win the gold medal.

Sharing the record with her are Rachelle Smith and Cori Cox. Cole tied the record earlier this season in a meet in Mankato.

"I think Alison will go even

higher next year," said Northern Valley coach Chuck Fessenden. "Since she was a freshman, it was her first time competing but she didn't let the pressure situation bother her."

Lady Husky senior Kelli Cole competed in the 300 meter hurdles and placed 12th in the preliminaries with a clocking of 51.48 after placing second in the regional meet the week before in 49.9.

"Kelli ran well in the regional but knew she would have to run faster in the state meet," said coach Fessenden. "She is a good athlete in a lot of sports and works hard."

Northern Valley freshman Alison Cole (right) won the gold medal in the high jump in Class 1A in the State Track Meet in Wichita. She tied the Lady Husky school record of 5'4" which she had jumped earlier in the season and shares with two other Northern Valley girls.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Logan senior Tim McElroy won gold medals in both the discus and shot put in Class 1A in the State Track Meet in Wichita. He repeated as state champion in the discus with a throw of 159'9" and broke the Logan school record in the shot with a heave of 54'6". Jeremy Lehning held the record with a 54'5" distance.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Trojan boys take seventh, girls 17th

By DICK BOYD

Six track and field athletes from Logan High School competed in the 1A division in the Kansas High School Track and Field Meet held Friday and Saturday in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The Trojan boys tied for seventh place with Kensington and the Lady Trojans tied for 17th.

Logan senior Tim McElroy turned in a tremendous performance in the shot put and discus, winning gold medals in both events and setting a school record in the shot put.

McElroy heaved the shot 54-foot-6-inches to break the Logan school record of 54'5" held by Jeremy Lehning. He repeated as the state champion in the discus with a throw of 159'9".

McElroy will throw next season for Fort Hays State University in Hays.

"Tim is very dedicated; he works very hard," said Logan coach Chris Graham. "He didn't have a bad day all season. He threw the discus 170 feet in two meets. He will be a fine thrower for Fort Hays."

Logan junior Zach Long tied for fifth in the pole vault by clearing a personal best 12'6".

He also competed in the 110 meter hurdles and had the twelfth best time in the preliminaries after an unusual incident during the race. He was timed in 17.76 after placing second in the regional meet with a time of 16.3.

"Zach was running well in the

hurdles race when the boy next to him knocked over his hurdle," said coach Graham. "Zach cleared his hurdle but the other boy's hurdle got in his way, threw him off stride and he took a tumble. He got up and finished the race."

"He was very disappointed but it was out of his control. He'll be back next year."

"You can always count on Zach for points. He keeps improving every year in the pole vault and will go higher next year. He has some real potential."

"I'm really proud of both Tim and Zach. They were my most consistent boys competitors all year. I could always count on them. Zach will be back to continue to improve and Tim will have a great career at Fort Hays."

The Logan girls 1600 meter relay team of seniors Bethany Clements and Anne Hartman and juniors Jenny Archer and Shelley Kemper placed second with an outstanding time of 4:16.57. They won their regional the week before in 4:21.30. The same four girls competed in last year's state meet in the same event and did not make the finals with a time of 4:29.45.

The same foursome ran the 400 meter relay this year and finished in sixth place with a time of 53.55 after placing fourth in the regional with a 53.0 clocking.

Hartman also competed in the 200 meter dash and 100 meter dash. She placed fifth in the 200 meter dash in 27.62 after qualifying with the eighth best time. She

had the 14th best time in the preliminaries of the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 13.39.

Clements competed in the 800 meter race and placed eighth with a time of 2:28.14. She was less than one second out of fifth place.

"I'm really proud of the way all of our girls ran," said coach Graham. "Our two seniors Bethany and Anne are really competitive. Anne battled a foot problem all year and still ran hard."

"Bethany ran the best she has all year in the 800 meters. She was boxed in early and used a lot of energy getting out of it. We'll miss those two seniors. They are great leaders and work hard in practice. Anne is such a great competitor that she'll find a way to win. On the relays, I can count on her beating anybody running with her."

"Our 1600 meter relay team made great strides during the season. They ran their two best races of the year in the state meet. They peaked just at the right time. They were ready and confident. They are exciting to watch."

"The same girls also competed hard in the 400 meter relay. They don't like getting beat and that got them on the medal stand."

"All of our athletes are great young people. They came down to Wichita to compete. They were focused. I'm proud of them and loved working with them."

Riverless Run/Walk set for Saturday, June 2

By DICK BOYD

The annual Riverless Run/Walk sponsored by the Phillips County Health Systems will be held this Saturday, June 2 in Phillipsburg.

Registration will be held from 7:15 to 8 a.m. one block south of the stoplight. The two mile run/walk will begin at 8 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the

top male and female after completion of the run/walk.

Entry fee is \$15.

Those with questions can call Heather Harper at 785-543-5226 at work or 785-540-4016 on her cell phone or e-mail her at hharper@phillipshospital.org.

Jennings senior wins bronze at state

By DICK BOYD

Marcus McKenna, a high school senior from Jennings who attended school in Hoxie and competed in athletics for the Indians, finished an outstanding prep career with a great performance in the Class 2A division of the State Track and Field Meet held Friday and Saturday in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Running his specialty the 800 meters, he placed third with a clocking of 2:00.65, which is just off the school record of 2:00.10 set by Max Moss 47 years ago.

Last year, McKenna placed fifth in the state meet in 2:06.12.

McKenna also ran the opening leg for Hoxie's 3200 meter relay team, which placed sixth in 8:26.85 after finishing fifth last year with a

time of 8:42.44. McKenna ran his 800 meters in the relay in 1:59.8.

"Marcus is the first person I've coached to go under two minutes in the 800 meters," said Hoxie coach Tom Friess.

"He's been running in that area all season. He knows how to run the race. He's so strong that he can push himself hard at the beginning of the race and can also finish strong. He is a great young man. He never complains. He is always ready to run. He'll do everything you ask and better."

Another athlete from Jennings also competed on the Hoxie track team. Brian Miller ran the 300 meter hurdles and just missed qualifying for the state meet when he placed fifth in the regional meet.

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