

Logan, Northern Valley athletes compete in 100th state track meet

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Seven athletes from Logan High School and five from Northern Valley High School competed in the Centennial Kansas State Track & Field Championships on Friday and Saturday in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The Logan boys placed 31st out of 48 teams scoring points in Class 1A and the Northern Valley boys finished in 39th place.

The Quinter boys placed 14th, Thunder Ridge was 15th and Hoxie finished 37th.

The Class 1A state boys champion was Ness City with 62 points, followed by Ashland, 45.5; Macksville, 36; Rosalia Flinthills, 35; Lincoln, 30; Pawnee Heights, 30; Clifton-Clyde, 25.5; Moscow, 24; Tribune, 24; Little River, 21; Centralia, 20; Tipton, 20; Pretty Prairie, 19; Quinter, 17; Thunder Ridge, 16; Caldwell, 13; Madison, 12; Yates Center, 12; Baileyville, 11; Bern, 10; White City, 8; Haviland, 8; Greensburg, 8; Lakeside, 8; Hope, 8; Hanover, 8; South Haven, 7; Pratt Skyline, 6; Victoria, 6; Axtell, 6; Logan, 5; Minneola, 5; Centre, 4; Burrton, 4; Natoma, 4; South Barber, 4; Hoxie, 4; Linn, 4; Northern Valley, 3; Miltonvale, 3; Quivira Heights, 3; Sharon Springs, 3; Triplains, 3; Narais des Cygnes, 2; Pike Valley, 2; Wheatland-Grinnell, 1; Southern Coffey County, 1; Jetmore, 1.

The Northern Valley girls placed 45th in Class 1A out of 55 schools scoring points. The Victoria girls were the champion with 44 points and Sharon Springs was runner-up with 40. Hoxie tied for ninth place, Thunder Ridge placed 20th and Quinter was 22nd.

Following Victoria and Sharon Springs in the team race was South Barber with 33.5 and they were followed by Tribune, 33; Cunningham, 31; Lincoln, 30; Little River, 28; South Haven, 24; Hoxie, 24; Frankfort, 24; Madison, 23; Pratt Skyline, 20; Hanover, 20; Norwich, 16; Bucklin, 14; Baileyville, 12; St. John's of Beloit, 12; Weskan, 10; Minneola, 10; Thunder Ridge, 9.5; Centralia, 9; Quinter, 9; St. John, 9; Axtell, 9; Jetmore, 8; Natoma, 8; Ness City, 7; Wheatland-Grinnell, 6; Wilson, 6; Hartford,

6; Yates Center, 6; South Gray, 6; Clifton-Clyde, 6; Greensburg, 5; Otis-Bison, 5; South Central, 5; Satanta, 4; Pike Valley, 4; Linn, 4; Glasco, 4; Lakeside, 4; Haviland, 3; Quivira Heights, 3; Northern Valley, 2.5; Ashland, 2; Wetmore, 2; Tipton, 2; Macksville, 2; Sylvan, 2; Rosalia Flinthills, 2; Caldwell, 1; Pleasanton, 1; Bern, 1; White City, .5.

Logan

"We had an alright weekend at the state meet but our athletes are competitors and they were disappointed in how things turned out," said Logan head coach Chris Graham.

"Our girls 4 x 100 meter relay ran pretty well but just missed out on the finals. I think they will use some of their disappointment for motivation this summer and next year. All four runners will be back plus we'll have a couple of freshmen to push them."

Members of the Lady Trojans' 4 x 100 meter relay team were junior Caley Greving, freshman Whitney Mulder, sophomore Paige Buss and sophomore Alethea Bennett. They were timed in 52.81 and had the ninth best time in the preliminaries.

Caley Greving also competed in the shot put event. She heaved the iron ball 32'3" but did not qualify for the finals.

Logan sophomore Hannah Pinkerton pole vaulted and cleared 7'6" but finished 11th.

"Hannah vaulted okay but just didn't go high enough to place," said coach Graham. "She had kind of a breakthrough in practice this week and getting to compete at the state meet was a great experience for her. She's excited about the summer and will be going to a vault camp. She'll work hard for next year."

Logan junior Brady Tien was accustomed to winning gold medals in the pole vault and had vaulted as high as 14'9" this season but did not have a good day at the state meet. He was the defending state champion but his best vault was 13', which still earned him a third place bronze medal.

"Brady ended with a tie for third as he only went 13'," said coach Graham. "Going only 13' for him is like scoring 30 points in a basketball game when you average 35 points. His approach

was off on his attempts at 13'6" and it just didn't happen for him. He was disappointed but when your worst vaulting day of the season gets you a third place state medal, you have nothing to be ashamed of."

Brady also competed in the 100 meter dash and had the sixth best time in his preliminary heat. He was clocked in 11.80 but did not qualify for the finals.

Logan senior Tyson Pabst competed in the javelin and had the 15th best throw with a distance of 126'11".

"Tyson didn't have a great day throwing the javelin," said coach Graham. "He had a pretty good throw in warmups but I think was a little tense on his competition throws."

"Tyson had a great career for us and it is an accomplishment for him to qualify for the state meet in two different events. He was in the 110 meter hurdles at state last year."

Northern Valley

Northern Valley senior Alison Cole did not go as high as she has previously in the high jump but cleared 5' to tie for fifth.

"Alison was able to earn her fourth career state medal in the high jump," said Northern Valley coach Chuck Fessenden. "We were hoping that she could place higher than fifth. She could have moved up to second by making five feet on her first attempt rather than her second."

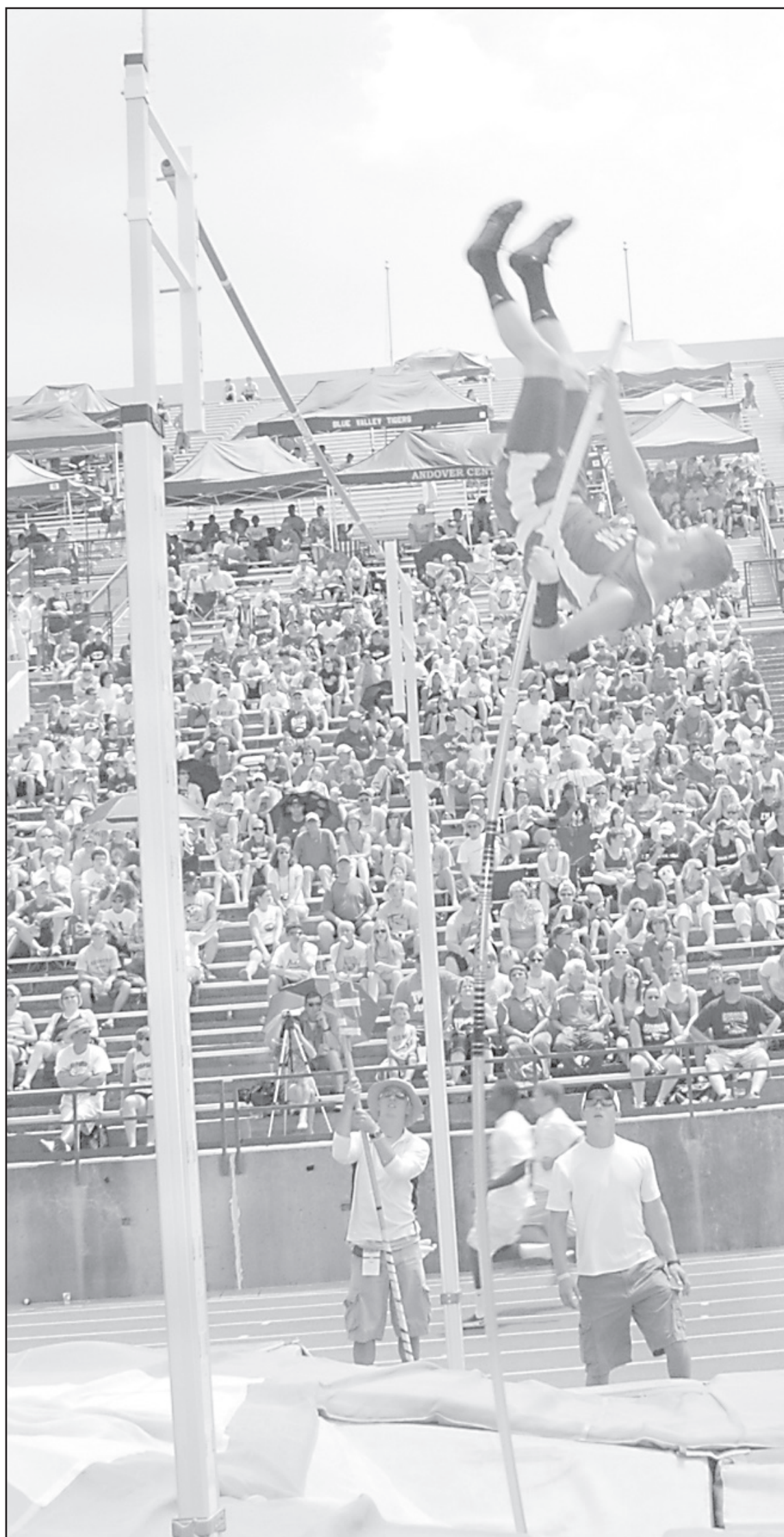
Alison also competed in the 100 meter hurdles and placed seventh in her heat in 17.56 but the time was not good enough to qualify her for Saturday's finals.

"Alison did not have her best time of the season in the hurdles but she was able to three-step the whole race, which has been a challenge for her at times this season," said coach Fessenden.

Alison's twin sister Megan also competed in the high jump and cleared 4'8" but did not place.

"Megan jumped well in the high jump but was unable to place," said coach Fessenden. "We were very happy to see Megan get to compete at the state track meet."

Husky sophomore Austin Herman medaled in the triple jump with a distance of 42'.5" to place fifth.



Logan junior Brady Tien is one of the top pole vaulters in the state. Above, he is shown pole vaulting in the State Track Meet in Wichita where he tied for third in Class 1A after winning the state championship as a sophomore.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

"We knew if Austin could hit a jump somewhere in the 42 feet range that he would have a good chance of getting a medal," said coach Fessenden. "He was able to get over 42' on his third attempt in the preliminaries."

"Medaling at state was a great achievement for Austin since he is only a sophomore."

Husky junior Matt Dole competed in the pole vault and cleared 10'6" to tie for 13th.

"Matt equaled his regional qualifying vault," said coach Fessenden. "His second attempt at 11' was very close."

"This was a great experience for Matt and we hope he can qualify for state again next year."

The biggest disappointment for the Northern Valley boys team and all its fans was the false start by sophomore Gunnar Hays in the 3200 meter run, an event he'd won in the regional meet with a time of 10:15.0.

As it turned out, if he'd run the same time in the state meet he would have placed fourth.

"Gunnar had a tough break in the 3200 meter run," said coach

Fessenden.

"His lane had two lines in it. When he stepped forward before the start, he stepped up to the wrong line. He realized he was at the wrong line so he started to step up to the correct line but the

starter shot the gun while he was moving and he was disqualified. Fortunately, Gunnar is a sophomore and should have two more opportunities at the state track meet."

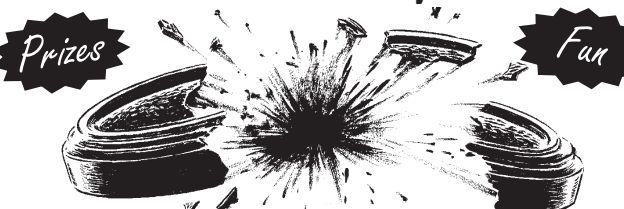
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Northern Valley sophomore Austin Herman flew through the air to place fifth in the Class 1A triple jump with a distance of 42'.5."

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