

The Saint Francis Herald

At the Game



SENIOR ELIZABETH GIENGER (second from left) works hard to prepare for the state meet. She runs the 400-meter, the 200-meter and is on two relay teams. Herald staff photo by C. McCormick

Coach happy with outcome of efforts at league

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St. Francis athletes winning Northwest Kansas League individual track championships at the league meet held on Friday in Atwood were Sidnee Crabtree in the shot put with a throw of 36-5, Elizabeth Gienger in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.52, the boys 4x100-meter relay team (Matt Raile, Trent Raile, Trent Kinen, Drew Zwegardt), and Kinen in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

"We were happy with the results," Coach Tim Lambert said. "Regionals is Friday and we should be

ready." See related article.

Contributing team points for the Indians were Shawn Warren, Sam Sowers, Garrett Figgins, M. Raile, T. Raile, Kinen and Zwegardt.

Oberlin/Decatur Community earned the boys title with 125 points. St. Francis and Quinter tied for second place with 78 points.

Colby ran away with the girls title. They earned 196 points which was 110 points more than second place Oakley with 86 points. Saintry was third with 72 points.

Earning team points for the Lady Indians were Crabtree, Kaitlin Figgins, Mikaela Grace, Ashlynn Lam-

bert, Jenna Hill, Gienger, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Sarah Trembly

St. Francis had certain events where they competed well such as the boys 110-meter hurdles where they won first (Kinen), second (Sowers) and fifth (Figgins); the girls discus where they won second (Crabtree), third (Trembly) and fourth (Figgins) and in boys relay action were Saintry won first in the 4x100 and third in the 4x400 (M. Raile, T. Raile, Kinen, Zwegardt for both relays).

Boys

Team standings: Oberlin/Decatur Community 125, St. Francis

78, Quinter 78, Colby 77, Rawlins County 73, Oakley 63, Goodland 47, Hoxie 15.

4x400-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (M. Raile, T. Raile, Kinen, Zwegardt) 3:38.80.

400-meter dash: (2) T. Raile, 53.24.

110-meter hurdles: (1) Kinen 15.21, (2) Sowers 16.34, (5) Garrett Figgins 16.92.

100-meter dash: (3) M. Raile 11.48.

4x100-meter relay: (1) St. Francis (M. Raile, T. Raile, Kinen, Zwegardt) 45.44.

Triple jump: (2) M. Raile

38-11.5.

Long jump: (3) T. Raile 18-11.5.

300-meter hurdles: (1) Kinen, 41.69.

Shot put: (4) Warren 42-10.

Girls

Team standings: Colby 196, Oakley 86, St. Francis 72, Hoxie 58, Quinter 46, Oberlin/Decatur Community 42, Rawlins County 35, Goodland 21.

300-meter hurdles: (5) Figgins 55.85.

400-meter dash: (2) Gienger 1:04.46.

Shot put: (1) Crabtree 36-5.

100-meter hurdles: (6) Grace

19.09.

800-meter run: (4) Lambert 2:41.45.

4x800-meter relay: (3) St. Francis (Hill, Gienger, Grace, Ketzner) 11:43.70.

200-meter dash: (1) Gienger 27.52; (5) Hill, 28.86.

Discus: (2) Crabtree 106-0, (3) Trembly 94-10; (4) Figgins 94-10.

Javelin: (4) Crabtree 106-7.

4x400-meter relay: (6) St. Francis (Lambert, Grace, Gienger, Hill) 4:35.99.

1600-meter run: (3) Lambert 5:51.46.

Final meet held

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The Northwest Kansas League meet in Colby on Thursday was the final event of the year for the junior high teams.

The St. Francis eighth grade and seventh grade boys teams each placed fourth, the eighth grade girls team placed seventh and the seventh grade girls team did not score.

"I was very pleased with the performances turned in at the league track meet," Coach Ted Busse said. "I thought in particular that we had some outstanding individual performances. In particular Katie Lambert, Dylan Wolaver, Zach Gienger, Casey Keller, Mason Schiltz, Scott Warren, Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, eighth boys 4x100, seventh boys 4x100.

"This does not include all the 'Personal Records' that were set but it does include most of them.

"In closing, I really enjoyed working with these young student/athletes. As usual Coach Kechter and Coach Orth really did a super job of coaching and they both have forgot more track than I know. I really appreciate their hard work."

First place finishers for the Saintry Indians include: Dylan Wolaver, eighth grade boys, 100-meter hurdles; Derek Queen, seventh grade boys 400-meter dash; and Katie Lambert, eighth grade girls 3200-meter run.

"I also want to mention Jandy Dunn and Nariah Hamilton filled in for Laura Brunk who was injured on the eighth grade relay teams,"

Coach Busse said. "We always seem to have others to fill in."

The first six placers in each event earned points for their team.

Eighth grade boys

Team standings: Colby 206.1, Hoxie 60, Grant Mustangs/Goodland 51.1, St. Francis 49, Quinter 41.66, Rawlins County 31.6, Oberlin 31, Oakley 26.

Triple jump: (5) Thomas Douthit 29-1.

4x200-meter relay: (5) St. Francis (Foster Grant, Michael Leibbrandt, Gienger, Keller) 2:00.56.

High jump: (2) Keller 4-10 1/2 (3) Taylor O'Leary 4-8.

Shot put: (2) Gienger 38-4.

200-meter dash: (5) Wolaver 25.99; (6) Douthit 27.31.

4x100-meter relay: (2) St. Francis (Douthit, O'Leary, Gienger, Wolaver) 52.91.

100-meter dash: (5) Wolaver 12.48.

100-meter hurdles: (1) Wolaver, 16.38.

Seventh grade boys

Team standings: Grant Mustangs 148, Colby 89, Oakley 66, St. Francis 52.2, Oberlin 41, Quinter 36, Hoxie 18, Rawlins County 15.

4x200-meter relay: (6) St. Francis (Erik Hart, Jacob Butler, Tyler Lee, Gaten Cooper) 2:16.45.

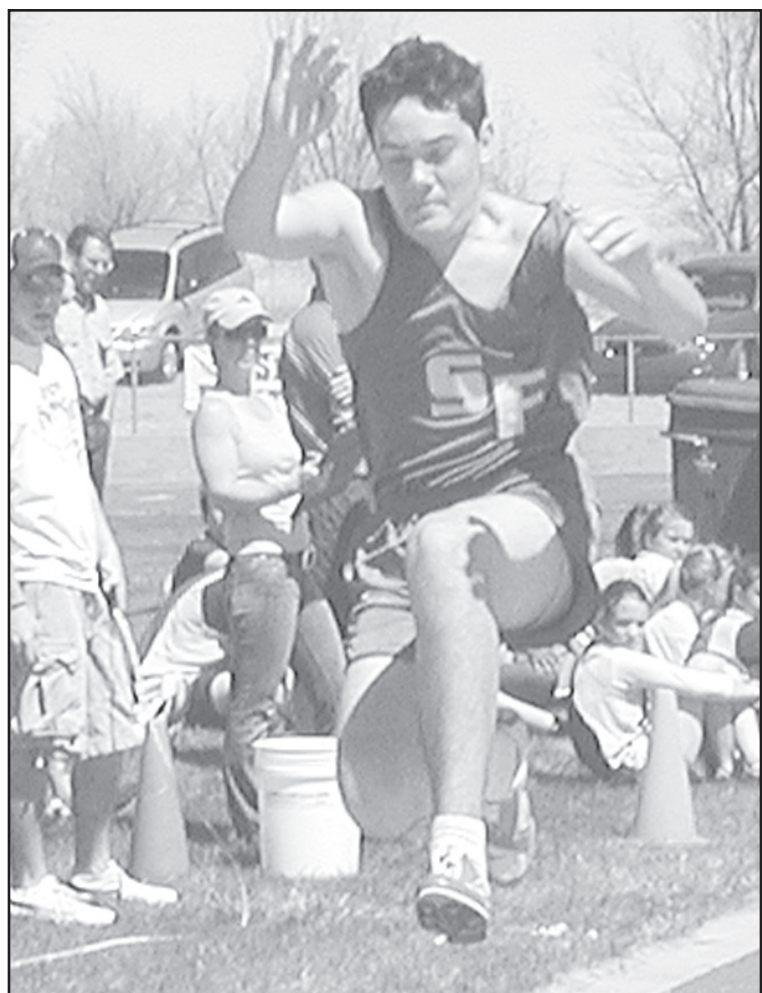
Pole vault: (2) Schiltz 8-6.

4x100-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Queen, Hart, Schiltz, Lampe), 55.94.

400-meter dash: (1) Queen, 1:00.52; (2) Lampe, 1:01.36.

100-meter dash: (3) Lampe, 12.99; (4) Queen, 13.09.

200-meter dash: (2) Queen,



KEEGAN SHERLOCK attempts a successful leap for the eighth grade boys team. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

26.94; (5) Schiltz, 29.49.

High jump: (5-tie) Lampe 4-4, Schiltz 4-4.

Eighth grade girls

Team standings: Colby 132.5, Oberlin 93.5, Oakley 87, Quinter 72, Rawlins County 45, Grant Mustangs/Goodland 23, St. Francis 22, Hoxie 20.

1600-meter run: (3) Lambert 6:27.76.

4x200-meter relay: (4) St. Francis (Lambert, Krissy Harris, Dunn,

Ally Northrup) 2:07.88.

4x100-meter relay: (5) St. Francis (Hamilton, Harris, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel) 1:02.07.

3200 meter run: (1) Lambert 13.38.

Seventh grade girls

Team standings: Oakley 113, Rawlins County 98, Grant Mustangs/Goodland 78.333, Oberlin 77, Colby 61, Hoxie 19, Quinter 16.

Youth does well in skiing event

Jesse James Pugh, grandson of Laura Pugh, recently competed in the Rocky Mountain Devo Freestyle Skiing Championships held in Winter Park, Colo..

Competing in the J4 division

(11-12 years) Pugh placed second in the Slope Style portion of the championships.

Despite injuring a knee on a practice run, Pugh still placed 15th in moguls out of 45 competitors.

Ball teams get ready for season

Jolene Dodd, St. Francis Rec director, has announced the rosters and schedules for the T-Ball and Pitching Machine teams for this year. The C-team boys roster and schedule will be announced in next week's Herald.

T-Ball schedule

T-ball games will be played at the Grace School ball field. The teams will be meeting the first four Mondays in June.

June 1: Orange vs Yellow, 7 p.m.; Green vs Blue, 8 p.m.

June 8: Blue vs Orange, 7 p.m.; Yellow vs Green, 8 p.m.

June 15: Green vs Orange, 7 p.m.; Yellow vs Blue, 8 p.m.

June 22: Green vs blue, 7 p.m.; Yellow vs. Orange, 8 p.m.

T-ball rosters

Yellow: Preston Witzel, Jayce Landers, Jesse Baxter, Hadleigh Hilt, Elijah Mills, Cleoy Jones, Alyssa Jones. Coaches are Robin Petersen assisted by Jeff Landers.

Orange: Ben Busse, Shannon Semler, Caleb Todd, D.J. Easter, Hailey Robbins, Ian Taylor. Coaches are Cory Busse assisted by Jenny Busse.

Blue: Cutter Neitzel, Brody Kaup, Brayden Kaup, Jasper Hunt, Jordyn Faulkender, Jordan Smull. Coaches are Tracy Neitzel assisted by Drew and Stacy Kaup.

Green: Isaac Hathaway, Emma Johnson, Colton Raile, Joshua Berens, Matthew Berens. Jason Johnson is the coach.

Pitching Machine

The Pitching Machine League



does not have individual team rosters. The kids are divided into two groups when they arrived and are taught the real aspect of playing baseball. They are switched into different teams each week and get to play different positions.

The league meets on Wednesdays including June 3, June 10, June 17 and June 24. Extra dates may be added, check with the coaches. Games begin at 7 p.m.

The games will be played at the St. Francis ball field this year. Coaches are Matt Bandel, Clay Keller and Kody Krien.

Players include Dalton Straub, Conner Keller, KC Kriern, Adam Krien, Draven Houtman, Tiernan Poling, Brady Dinkel, Emileigh Dinkel, Madison Tice, Kody Tice, Karly Bandel, Isaiah Lee, Shadryon Blanka, Seth Prentice, Colton Neitzel, Jacey Jones, Frank Havel, Bob Havel, Garin Cooper, Audrey Meyer, Seth Mills and Keigan Taylor.

Regional action begins on Friday

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Friday is the time, that hopefully, everything will come together for members of the Indian track and field squad. The all-important regional tournaments are being held across the state, with the Indians traveling to Meade.

In order to qualify for the 2A State meet on May 29 and 30 in

Wichita, a trackster must finish in one of the top three positions in an event at a regional meet. Also qualifying will be some fourth place finishers with good times.

There are four 2A Regionals with others being held at Pleasanton, Moundridge and Washington.

"It is going to be a long drive

(to Meade)," Coach Tim Lambert said. "We are hoping to get things going and do well.

"We should be ready."

Teams participating at Meade include Atwood/Rawlins County, Elkhart, Ellis, Hill City, Johnson/Stanton County, Kinsley; Leoti/Wichita County, Meade, Oakley; Oberlin/Decatur Community; Satana; Spearville. St.

Francis, Sublette, Syracuse and WaKeeney/Trego Community.

Members of the track squad who traveled to state last year either in an individual event or as part of a relay team/alternate included Elizabeth Gienger, Trent Raile, Trent Kinen, Matt Raile, Sam Sowers, Drew Zwegardt, Sidnee Crabtree and Jami Pevler.