



At the Game

Indian hurdler wins the gold

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Trent Kinen, St. Francis senior, brought home the gold from the state track meet in Wichita. The St. Francis Indian runner placed first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.77.

Just getting to state took determination following Kinen's fall at regionals. He said he stepped out of the box too fast at the regional meet in Meade and had to stutter-step which resulted in a fall after the third hurdle. This is where his determination took over, as he got back up and finished the race, coming in second and qualifying for state.

"I don't like to lose, Kinen said when asked why, after having scratches and bruises from the fall, he got back up and finished the race.

"I was dedicated to win and had the heart which made me get up and finish."

He said he broke his toe at Meade but he tried not to think of that when headed to state. He thought possibly he could come through the back door (if they had heard about his injuries).

When it came to state, he said, he had the mental drive he needed and he knew he had to run his race, not worry about who was in front or behind him.

The hot weather (95 to 100 degrees) and humidity at Wichita was a help he said as he runs harder in the heat because he doesn't have to warm up as long.

He was set to achieve the goals he had set as a freshman which were to win a state championship and to run the race in less than 40 seconds.

"I was going to go as hard as I

could," he said.

Kinen had a busy year as far as setting school records. He set a record in the 300-hurdles at the Triplains meet early in the year, then he broke that record at Colby, tied it at the prelims at state and broke it again with his final race at state. The school record now stands at 39.77.

Kinen has been known for his hard work and dedication during his high school sporting career.

His gives the following words of advice to potential athletes: work hard at practice and then leave everything there; do what the coach wants you to do and don't cheat yourself.

Mentally he feels youth need to not worry about what others think but make themselves give 100 percent in what they do. But mainly, he said, to go out and have fun (at whatever sports you are competing in).

St. Francis athletes who qualified for state included Kinen in the 300-meter and 110-meter hurdles; the boys 4x100-relay team (Kinen, Trent Raile, Matt Raile, Drew Zwegardt) and 4x400-meter relay team (same runners), Sam Sowers in the 110-meter hurdles; T. Raile in the long jump and the 400-meter dash; M. Raile in the 100-meter dash; Shawn Warren in the shot put, Elizabeth Gienger in the 400-meter and 200-meter dashes, Sidnee Crabtree in the shot put, Ashlynn Lambert in the 1600-meter run and the girls 4x400-meter relay (Jenna Hill, Gienger, Mikaela Grace, Lambert).

"The kids did pretty well," Coach Devin Dinkel said. "Trent (Raile) pulled a hamstring in the 400-meter run so he scratched in the long jump to run in the



GOLD MEDAL WINNER – Trent Kinen won the 300-meter hurdles at the 2A state meet with a time of 39.77.

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4x100-meter relay."

St. Francis as a team placed 11th in the boys division with 21 points. Sublette took the team title with 67 points. In the girls side of the 2A event, Ellis placed first with 47 points and St. Francis earned five points to place down in the rankings.

Kinen was involved in all 21 points for the Indians. Besides placing first in the 300-meter hurdles, he placed second in the 110-meter hurdles and was a member of the 4x100-meter relay team which placed fifth. M. Raile, T. Raile and Zwegardt ran legs in the winning relay team to help

earn points for St. Francis.

Gienger placed fourth in the 400-meter dash to earn four points for St. Francis and she was also part of the 4x100 which placed seventh for the remaining St. Francis team point.

Boys results:
4x100-meter relay: a time of 45:09 in the preliminaries and a time of 44:80 in the finals, placed fifth

300-meter hurdles: Kinen, 40.26 in the preliminaries and 39.77 in the finals, placed first.

110-meter hurdles: Kinen, 15.08 in the preliminaries and 15.17 in the finals, placed sec-

ond; Sowers, 17.06 in the preliminaries and did not qualify for the finals.

Long jump: T. Raile, no distance.

Shot put: Warren, 40-6.5, did not place.

4x400-meter relay: ran 3:37.45 in the preliminaries and did not qualify for the finals.

400-meter dash: T. Raile, 53.64, did not place.

100-meter dash: M. Raile, ran 11.74 in the preliminaries and 11.68 in the finals placing eighth (the top seven places earned team points).

Girls results;

400-meter dash: Gienger ran 1:01.27 in the preliminaries and 1:00.67 in the finals, placed fourth.

4x100-meter relay team: ran 4:20.18 in the preliminaries to qualify for the finals. They ran 4:17.88 in the finals and placed seventh.

Shot put: Crabtree, 33-7, did not place.

200-meter relay team: Gienger, 27.83 in preliminaries, did not qualify for finals.

1600-meter run: Lambert, 5:41.76, did not place in the top seven for team points but came in 10th.



CATCHER JUSTIN PACHECO and umpire Trevor Hilt are carefully watching for the next pitch.

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Baseball season opens

The boys C-team was active over the weekend as they began a busy month of two-a-week games.

The St. Francis team was defeated in their first game of the season by Benkelman 1-0 on Friday night.

The game was a pitching dual between the two teams. Cade Bracelin pitched a good game for St. Francis.

Benkelman scored their run in the third inning. St. Francis left several runners stranded on bases throughout the evening and just couldn't get anyone brought in to score.

Garrett Brunk had a hit for St. Francis and he, Quentin Cravens and Matt Howell had walks on Friday night.

On Monday night St. Francis lost to Atwood 9-2.

"Our batting still struggled tonight," said Shawn Blanka and Chris Bracelin, coaches.

The top of the first inning Atwood scored five runs which hurt St. Francis right off the bat.

Brunk started the Indians off with a double to begin the first inning and Justin Pacheco

had a walk but no score was recorded.

St. Francis scored two runs in the second inning. Joel Hill walked and then was brought in by Howell's single. Brunk brought in Howell with a single for the second score. Atwood also scored two runs in the second both off of walks.

In the third inning, Bracelin was hit by a pitch and took a base and then was thrown out at home, Nicky Easter had a hit and Hill walked but they were left stranded on base.

Atwood scored another two runs in the third inning, the first coming from a walk and the second run was scored from throwing errors by the Indians.

In the fourth inning the Indians shut out Atwood and Howell had a hit for the Indians.

Pitching for the Indians were Shakotah Blanka and Bracelin.

St. Francis is scheduled to play Cheylin this weekend with the Friday night game at home and the Monday night game at Bird City.

Tournament results released

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Spring and golf go together. Riverside Recreation in St. Francis opened its tournament season over the weekend with the Bud Light Three-Man Scramble.

"The weather was fantastic," Roger Lauer, Riverside golfer, said.

Thirty-four teams, a total of 102 golfers, participated. Besides area and local golfers, this weekend event always brings a number of golfers back to their hometown to compete. It is one of the main competitions of the golf-tournament season.

"We received favorable comments about (the condition of) the course," Mr. Lauer said.

The team of Hoxsey, Rummel and Glad took the top prize in the championship division. The team of Glad, Pfortmiller and Organ placed second and the team of Poling, Poling and Kincheloe came in third.

Winners of the first flight include: Johnson, Daise and Daise, first; Crabtree, Grace and Lauer, second and Quiggle, Blecha and Loyd, third.

Gibson, Lennon and Jordan came in first in the second flight while the team of Carpenter, Lippert and Mosier placed second. Four groups tied for third in this flight including the team of Tice, Battin and Grover, the team of Confer, Confer and Forsythe, the team of Wolters, Wolters and Wolters and the team of Roesener, McKain and Bracelin.

Workman, Lauer and McAtee won the third flight with Dodd, Landou and Deines placing second and Lampe, Lampe and Campbell, third.

Hole prize winners for Saturday and Sunday follow with the Saturday winner printed first.

Longest putt, hole one; Arnie Hoxsey, Greg Wolters.

Closest to the bridge, hole two: Jake Moss, G. Wolters.

Closest to the pin, hole two: Jim Frewen, Darren Workman

Longest putt, hole three: Luke McKain, Paul Krueger

Closest to the pin, hole four: Joel McAtee, Mike Wolters.

Longest putt, hole five: Jason Johnson, G. Wolters.

Longest putt, hole six: A. Hoxsey, Chubbs Schultz.



DR. BRETT POLING had a practice shot before the tournament on Saturday.

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Closest to the pin, hole seven: Terry gan, Gene Kincheloe.

Daise, J. Johnson. Closest to the pin, second shot, hole

Longest putt, hole eight: Gary White, nine: Brian Loyd, J. Johnson.

Greg Doll. Longest putt, hole nine: Daren Or-