

Indians place first at the league meet

By Kent Kechter

The 10 Northwest Kansas League schools met in Oakley on Friday, May 10, for the league track meet. The competition was very close in the boys division, but the Indians produced 95 team points, enough to earn the team championship. The Lady Indians placed 10th with 23 points.

The Indians had two individual league champions. Derek Queen won the 400 meter dash in 53.39 seconds. Mason Schiltz cleared 12' 6" in the pole vault to earn the championship. Dallas Reed won the girls pole vault, clearing 9' 0".

Boys'

St. Francis won the boys team championship with 95 points. Wallace County earned a second place finish with 84 points. Hoxie was a close third with 81. The rest of the teams finished in the following order: fourth Oakley (71); fifth Wichita County (64), sixth Decatur Community (53), seventh Dighton (41), eighth Rawlins County (28), ninth Quinter (22), 10th Greeley County (19).

St. Francis boys placing in the

league meet were:

Cade Bracelin – fourth in long jump (18' 8 3/4"); fourth in javelin (143' 10").

Garrett Brunk – fifth in 300 meter hurdles (45.90); sixth in pole vault (10' 0").

Thomas Douthit – third in 200 meters (24.87).

Carl Fabre – fifth in 200 meters (25.31).

Zach Gienger – second in discus (127' 3"); fourth in shot put (41' 2").

Casey Keller – third (tie) in high jump (5' 8").

Logan Lampe – fourth in 100 meters (11.77); fifth in 400 meters (55.24).

Steven Nelson – third in 110 meter hurdles (16.78); third in 300 meter hurdles.

Derek Queen – first in 400 meters (53.39); third in 100 meters (11.65).

Mason Schiltz – first in pole vault (12' 6").

4 X 100 meter relay – second (45.76) Logan Lampe, Derek Queen, Thomas Douthit, and Steven Nelson.

4 X 400 meter relay – third (3:37.61) Logan Lampe, Steven Nelson, Derek Queen, Thomas Douthit.

Girls'

Decatur Community ran away with the girls team championship. The Lady Devils scored 126.5 team points. Hoxie finished second with 72.5, barely edging Oakley

with 72. The remainder of the girls team scores were: fourth, Rawlins County (70), fifth, Dighton (54), sixth, Wichita County (43), seventh, Greeley County (40), eighth, Quinter (29), ninth, Wallace County (26), and 10th St. Francis (23).

St. Francis girls placing in the meet were:

Dallas Reed – first in pole vault (9' 0").

Kylie Sherlock – sixth in 400 meters (1:12.43).

Valerie Wurm – fourth in 100 meters (13.30).

4 x 100 meter relay – fifth (55.48) McKayla Taylor, Valerie Wurm, Justice Wiley, and Kylie Sherlock.

4 X 400 meter relay – fifth

(4:47.41) Kylie Sherlock, Justice Wiley, Ashlee Orth, Journey Lee.

Regional

The track teams will be competing in the Regional Track and Field Meet at Fort Hays State University in Hays on Friday, May 17. The top regional placers will qualify for the State Track Meet to be held in Wichita on May 24 and 25..

Seventh grade boys win meet

The Junior High Track Meet was held on Friday, May 10, in Oakley. Nine teams participated in the four-division meet. Oakley did not participate. The St. Francis seventh grade boys won the league team championship. St. Francis placed second in two other divisions; the eighth grade boys and the seventh grade girls. The eighth grade girls placed ninth.

St. Francis won nine individual events and four relays at the league meet. Some outstanding performances were turned in by St. Francis athletes. Taylor Rogers set a new school record in the 200 meter hurdles. He ran 28.06 to eclipse the mark set by Lane Hobrock in 2012 of 28.67. Taylor's performance also set a new Northwest Kansas League record by bettering Ian Bonsall's (Goodland) 2010 time of 28.24.

"Taylor is a very talented athlete," said Coach Kent Kechter. "He also listens well and works hard to improve his skills. I am very proud of his accomplishment."

Winning individual event championships were: Tate Busse in the seventh grade boys 1600 meters and 200 meter hurdles; Trayton Doyle in the seventh boys shot put; Sayed Fierro in the seventh boys 400 meters and 100 meter hurdles; Quinton Cravens in the eighth grade boys 100 meter hurdles; Ryan Grover in the eighth grade boys shot put; Joel Hill in the eighth grade boys triple jump; Taylor Rogers in the eighth grade boys 400 meters; and Zoe Sundstrom in the seventh grade girls 100 meter hurdles. St. Francis won the 4 X 100 meter relay in three divisions: seventh boys, eighth boys, and seventh girls. They also won the 4 X 200 meter relay in the seventh grade boys division.

Boys'

St. Francis won the league team championship in the seventh grade boys division by scoring 108 points.

Hoxie was second with 90 points, and Wichita County finished third with 80 team points. The others team standings in the seventh grade boys division were: fourth, Rawlins County (71), fifth, Dighton (55), sixth, Wallace County (24), seventh, Greeley County (23), eighth, Decatur Community (20), and ninth, Quinter (16).

Seventh grade

Scoring for St. Francis in the seventh grade boys division were:

Tate Busse – first in 1600 meters (5:33.15); first in 200 meter hurdles (32.66); second in high jump (4'6").

Trayton Doyle – first in shot put (35' 3"); second in discus (87' 11").

Jake Faulkener – fourth in 800 meters (2:41.07).

Sayed Fierro – first in 400 meters (1:01.28); first in 100 meter hurdles (17.69).

Luke Lampe – second in long jump (14' 5 3/4").

Dalton Straub – third in discus (87' 8").

4 X 100 meter relay – first (54.85) Tate Busse, Sayed Fierro, Luke Lampe and Dalton Straub.

4 X 200 meter relay – first (2:07.23) Luke Lampe, Trayton Doyle, Jake Faulkender, and Nick Paulsen.

4 X 400 meter relay – fourth (4:45.48) Luke Lampe, Jake Faulkender, Nick Paulsen, and Sayed Fierro.

Eighth grade

Decatur Community won the eighth grade boys division racking up 116 team points. St. Francis was second with 91. The other team placing were: third Wichita County (76), fourth, Rawlins County (61), fifth, Quinter (60), sixth, Wallace County (47), seventh, Dighton (42), and eighth, Greeley County (25),

and Hoxie (0).

Scoring for St. Francis in the eighth grade boys division were:

Quinton Cravens – first in 100 meter hurdles (16.96); sixth in triple jump (32' 6 1/2")

Ryan Grover – first in shot put (38' 5 1/2")

Joel Hill – first in triple jump (34' 10 1/4"); third in 200 meters (26.26); fifth in discus (101' 0")

J. R. Landenberger – fifth in 100 meters (13.20); fifth in the 200 meters (27.48)

Taylor Rogers – first in 400 meters (57.63); second in high jump (5' 2")

4 x 100 meter relay – first (49.98) Joel Hill, J. R. Landenberger, Quinton Cravens, Taylor Rogers

Girls

Hoxie won the league team championship in the seventh grade girls' division with 97 points. St. Francis and Quinter tied for second place with 77 points. Other team finishes in the seventh grade girls division were: fourth, Decatur Community (72), fifth, Wallace County (48), sixth, Wichita County (46), seventh, Greeley County (31), eighth, Rawlins County (25), and ninth, Dighton (10).

Seventh grade

Scoring for St. Francis in the seventh grade girls' division were:

Hanna Bracelin – fourth in triple jump (24' 10 3/4"); fifth in long jump (11' 11 1/2"); fifth in shot put (28' 4").

Reagan Beims – sixth in 200 meters (32.39).

Emileigh Dinkel – fifth in 100 meters (15.38).

Mallory Mills – fourth in 800 meters (2:54.43).

Madi Tice – second in 200 meters (29.33); second in 400 meters (1:04.47); third in 100 meters

(14.55).

Zoe Sundstrom – first in 100 meter hurdles (18.20); second in 200 meter hurdles (33.95); fourth in 100 meters (15.09).

4 X 100 meter relay – first (59.28) Hanna Bracelin, Jylian Laten, Zoe Sundstrom, and Madi Tice.

4 X 200 meter relay – third (2:15.40) Matthisen Witzel, Jylian Laten, Devin Patton, and Emileigh Dinkel.

4 X 400 meter relay – fifth (5:18.63) Reagan Beims, Emileigh Dinkel, Jylian Laten, Matthisen Witzel.

Eighth grade

Wallace County easily won the eighth grade girls' team championship by scoring 110 team points. Quinter was a distant second with 83 points. The other eighth grade girls teams finished in the following order: third, Decatur Community (69), fourth, Wichita County (57), fifth, Rawlins County (55), sixth, Dighton (52), seventh, Hoxie (31), eighth, Greeley County (25), and ninth, St. Francis (23).

Scoring for St. Francis in the eighth grade girls division were: McKayla Rogers – fourth in shot put (30' 3"); sixth in discus (56' 10").

Sophie White – second in 200 meter hurdles (34.02); third in 100 meter hurdles (18.18); fourth in 100 meters (14.82).

The track season has come to a close, but many of the athletes are ready to complete next year.

"The junior high track kids were fun to work with, said Coach Kent Kechter As coaches, Ted Busse and I have been blessed with some talented and nice kids! We didn't get a lot of cooperation from the weather this year, but we got it from the athletes. Good job, junior high tracksters!"

Swim league sets dates and places

The Plains Tsunami swim league met Saturday, May 4, in Cambridge, Neb., at 10 am. Stroke and turn training started the meeting.

Each team is required to have a stroke and turn judge on the deck to participate in the meet. This is a paid position and is a very important part of each meet by teaching swimmers proper technique and positions in the water.

We discussed rules and qualifying meet requirements, said Margaret Poling, coach. The league then broke for a catered lunch. The cost for each swimmer to the league increased to \$26.

The meeting concluded with the scheduling of meets. Each week five meets are held. One or two for the eastern division, two in the central division and one or two in the western division. The 22 teams then pick their first choice location so if one meet gets overloaded with swimmers some swaps can be made. The three locations for

the qualifying meets were decided. Each swimmer must swim in four meets to be eligible to swim in the qualifying meet.

Sainty Sharks

Sainty Shark information: practices will be held, Monday-Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. Fridays, noon-1 p.m. Please call Margaret at 332-3103 or 772-7374 for more information.

Sainty Shark schedule

June 1, St. Francis; June 8, Imperial; June 15, Benkelman; June 22, Atwood; June 29, St. Francis (relay meet anyone eligible); July 6, Imperial Qualifying Meet; July 13, Lexington Championship

Teams

Teams participating: Alma, Arapahoe, Atwood, Benkelman, Cambridge, Cheylin, Elm Creek, Effingham, Elwood, Franklin, Gothemberg, Holdredge, Imperial, Indianola, Lexington, McCook, Minden, Grant(PC), Phillipsburg, St. Francis, Southern Valley.

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