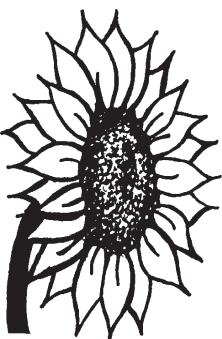


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# At the Game



## Teams run well at State

By Betty Jean Winston

St. Francis sent five of their six relay teams to the State 2A track meet and four of them came home winners. These four teams each placed among the top eight in their event at the meet held in Wichita over the weekend.

To earn the right to attend State, a team must have finished in one of the top three positions or have the best time of a fourth place team at one of the four 2A regionals. St. Francis was involved in the Hill City Regionals on Friday, May 19. Sixty-four schools in the state of Kansas have a 2A qualification.

Every practice session or meet held throughout the season is geared toward the right to attend State.

St. Francis also was involved in four individual events with Ally Reichert earning the right to go to Wichita in both the discus and shot put, while Lauren Ross competed in the pole vault and Talisa Voorhies in the 200-meter dash.

In the individual events, the only St. Francis placer was Reichert who was sixth in the shot put with a toss of 36-6.25.

"The kids did a good job, we competed well," Coach Tim Lambert said. "The field was really strong on a very warm, very windy weekend."

Taking top honors for St. Francis were the girls 4x800-meter team. They finished second with a time of 10:17.3. Members of the team are Lauren Ross, Melissa Burton, McKenzie Grace and Elizabeth Gienger.

Three teams had a third place finish including the boys 4x400-meter team. Their 3:35.9 outing led the St. Francis boys at the meet. Running were Jordan Gienger, Dylan Loyd, Joel McAtee and Trevor Richard.

Also placing third was the girls 4x100-meter team. They finished



**ST. FRANCIS RELAY TEAMS** earned a number of points in the State 2A tournament held in Wichita. On the left, Joel McAtee, who runs with the boys 4x400-meter team, is round-

ing the track. McKenzie Grace is shown receiving the baton from her teammate. She was a part of both the 4x800 and the 4x400 meter teams.

the course in a time of 52.3. Katie Marin, E. Gienger, Talisa Voorhies and Megan Rice made up this team.

The final St. Francis third place team was the girls 4x400-meter team. Ross, Rice, Grace and Gienger finished the race with a time of 4:17.2

The only other boys entry, the 4x800-meter team, placed seventh. Loyd, J. Gienger, Matt Brown and

Mac Frewen each ran 200 meters with a total time of 8:43.2.

Garden Plain took top honors for the girls teams with a total of 77 points. Northwest Kansas League entry, Rawlins County/Atwood finished second with 54 points and Ellis came in third with 42. The Lady Indians collected 22 points for 10th place. The final finish of the other 2A league teams included



ing the track. McKenzie Grace is shown receiving the baton from her teammate. She was a part of both the 4x800 and the 4x400 meter teams.

Photos courtesy of Doug Ross.

Hoxie with 20 points and with Oakley 5. Quinter did not score.

On the boys side of the meet, Minneapolis had 55 points for first place, Hill City had 45 points and Berean Academy had 38 to take the top three spots. The two St. Francis entries earned seven points while Rawlins County/Atwood had 31, Oakley 17, Quinter 6 and Hoxie 5.

"We finished the year well," Coach Lambert said. "We had a few rough spots during the season but we ran our best late in the season."

A number of the athletes attending State will be returning next year to led the squad including Lauren Ross, Elizabeth Gienger, Melissa Burton, Katie Marin, Jordan Gienger, Mac Frewen and Joel McAtee.



Loyd



Richard



Smull

## Honors received

Dylan Loyd, Trevor Richard and Gabe Smull of St. Francis were among 57 athletes chosen by the National High School Coaches Association to be named All-Academic team selections for 2006.

It is the 13th year the association has honored these achievers in the classroom. This year's selections include 34 seniors, 16 juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen and come from 24 states. They sport an average grade-point average (GPA) of 3.83 on a scale of 4.0. The team includes four wrestlers who earned All-America status in this year's National High School Coaches Association National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships.

"The members of the All-Academic Team define what it means to be a student-athlete today," said associate executive director Joe Boardwine. "They are leaders both on the field and in the classroom, and we are proud to be honoring them."

To be considered for selection, an athlete must carry a grade point average of 3.4 or better, be a state tournament placewinner or have received All-State honors.

Loyd is a Class 3-2-1A state runner up with a 34-3 record at 135 pounds. He is a four-time state placewinner with a career record of 133-20. He earned a 3.71 grade point average.

Richard is a three-time Class 3-2-1A state runnerup with a 30-4 record at 119 pounds. He is a four-time state place winners with a career record of 123-26 and earned a 3.75 grade point average.

Smull is a Class 3-2-1A state runnerup with a 23-6 record at 160 pounds. He has a career record of 96-28 and carried a 3.57 grade point average.

## Gym Schedule

The week of June 4 through June 10 the following activities are taking place at the high school.

There will be a high school boys basketball camp Sunday through Friday beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be a high school girls basketball camp Monday through Friday beginning at 9 a.m.

There is an open gym Monday through Thursday. Volleyball is scheduled for Monday.

Wrestling is scheduled for Tuesday.

Weights are 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday while on Friday the times are only 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

## Ball Schedule

Friday: C-team boys, Cheylin vs Sox, at St. Francis, Reds vs Atwood at Atwood; 6:30 p.m.

Monday: T-ball, Orange vs Yellow, 7 p.m. Green vs Blue, 8 p.m.; C-team boys, Sox vs Reds in St. Francis, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Pitching machine, Orange vs yellow, 7 p.m., Green vs Blue, 8 p.m.

Thursday: Softball girls, Haigler in St. Francis

## Team wins first game of the season

By Betty Jean Winston

With a 5-0 shutout victory over Benkelman on May 22, the St. Francis girls softball C-team began the season on a high note. The first game was played on the home field which is always a fun way to begin the campaign.

Sarah Trembly was on the mound for St. Francis and earned nine strikeouts on her way to victory.

"Sarah did a great job of pitching," Coach Ronee Reichert said.

The hitters are also important and came through in this game with 10 players having at least one hit. This included a home run by Trembly.

The team took the lead 3-0 in the first inning and added two more points in the second for their total of five.

"Now that we have the first game jitters out of the way, I am sure these girls will play better," Coach Reichert said.

"We are a great offensive and defensive team, with lots of talent and a desire to win.



**CAITLIN Northrup** races to first base following her single.

Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

Recording runs batted in (RBIs) for the team were Trembly with two and Christina Hilt, Lexee Reichert and Caitlin Northrup with one each.

Having hits were Shayla Hilt, one single, one triple; Lexi Hilt, one single; Reichert, one single; Trembly, one home run; Christina Hilt, two singles; Justice Wiley, one



Gienger



Grace



Rice



Ross



Keller



Dara Loyd



Marin



Flemming



White



Dylan Loyd



Smull



Sowers



Richard

## Coaches name athletes who made track academic teams

The Northwest Kansas League is honoring the following student athletes by naming them to the All-League Track Academic Teams.

In girls' track, St. Francis had a team grade point average of 3.5 with the following players named to the All-League Girls Track Academic Team: Elizabeth Gienger,

McKenzie Grace, Megan Rice, Lauren Ross, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katlin Marin, Danielle Flemming and Sawyer White.

In boys track, St. Francis had a team grade point average of 3.234 with the following players named to the All-League Boys Track Academic Team: Dylan Loyd, Gavin

Smull, Sam Sowers and Trevor Richard

Seniors being honored include Grace, Rice, White, Dylan Loyd and Richard. Ross, and Flemming are juniors while Keller, Dara Loyd, Gavin Smull and Marin are sophomores and Sowers and E. Gienger are freshmen

## Player goes to All-Star football game

Cheylin graduate, Josh Moyer, will head to Beloit, on Sunday to play in the Kansas Eight-Man All Star Football game on Saturday, June 10.

Students are nominated statewide based on their performance and records during the regular football season. Once students are nominated, they must raise funds to cover their expenses for the week-long practices in Beloit. Josh is being supported by many individuals and businesses in both McDonald and Bird City.

Players are organized into four teams, Division I East and West and Division II East and West. Josh will

be playing on the Division II West Team.

Other players from the Western Kansas Liberty League who will be joining Josh on the Division II West Team are Gabe Cox and Macy Sexton from Weskan, Kyle Elder from Sharon Springs, and Branson Gilley from Brewster. All players wear their school's helmet during the game, and eight-man teams from all over Kansas are represented.

The games are played on Trojan Field. The Division I game will be played at 10 a.m. and the Division II Game will begin at about 2 p.m. Pre-game introduction of players,

their parents, and coaches is at 1:30 p.m. Tickets can only be purchased at the gate. One ticket allows the person to attend both games.

The Kansas Eight-Man Football Association began in 1986 when a group of 16 North-Central Kansas eight-man coaches created an association that would strive to aid and advance the game of eight-man football. The group worked with similar groups in Nebraska and Oklahoma. The annual game is just one of the goals for promoting eight-man football, and recognizing the efforts of those who play and coach the game in the state of Kansas.