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KayCee Miller cleared a hurdle in the 75-meter hurdle race during the Northern Valley Invitational in Logan on Friday, April 12. Miller, a sixth grader at Golden Plains Middle School, finished second in the hurdles, second in the 800-meter run and was a member of the second-place medley relay team along with Paris Bailey, Amanda Cheney and Noel Ritter.

Boys track team starts its season at meet in Logan

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The Golden Plains High School Boys track team attended its first meet of the season at the Northern Valley Invitational in Logan. Earlier meets were canceled due to weather, making this their first competition of the season. The boys started off nicely, placing in several events April 12.

Andrew Luna placed first in all three of his events, the 100, 200 and 400 meters. Luna had the best time of his career in the 100 at 11.42 seconds, which is .17 seconds faster than last year's best time.

"It was a great start to the track season," he said, "but I still have a long ways to go."

Zach Spresser also improved his personal best in triple jump at 40 feet, a 7 inch improvement over last year's personal best.

The team took second place, setting a good precedent for this year's track season. The team's next track meet was to be Friday in Oakley.

Other athletes competing included:
100 meters – Jose Bermudez,

12:12 Domico Luna, 12:13.
200 meters – Zach Spresser 24.92, fifth; Domico Luna 25.12.

400 meters – Jesus Garcia 1:00.25, sixth; Kade Wessel 1:12.11.

800 meters – Cole Ziegelmeier 2:27.54, sixth.

1,600 meters – Cole Ziegelmeier 5:21.92, fourth.

110-meter hurdles – Grant Spresser 18.03, second; Josh Barnhart 48.4.

300-meter hurdles – Josh Barnhart 48.4, fourth; Joseph Koerperich 49.45, fifth.

4x400 Relay – Domico Luna, Koerperich, Ziegelmeier, Garcia 4:02.62, third.

Shot Put – Tristan Schwarz 38'1", fourth; Jacob Anholz 32'1"; Braden Korte 28'1.5".

Discus – Tristan Schwarz 121'3", second; Jacob Anholz 95'11"; Koi Wesel 76'9".

Javelin – Grant Spresser 96'4"; Braden Korte 90'3".

High Jump – Koerperich 5'6".

Long Jump – Zach Spresser 18'10.75", third; Shane Ryburn 17'9"; Jose Bermudez 17'6.75".

Triple Jump – Shane Ryburn 38'3.5", Kade Wessel 39'6".

Golden Plains track takes second place

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The Golden Plains Middle School sixth-grade track team took second place in its first track meet.

The Northern Valley Invitational was in Logan on April 12. Despite the cold start to the day, the boys and girls combined for a total of 115 points, six gold medals and a runner-up plaque, finishing just behind Northern Valley. Other teams competing were Logan, Brewster, Grinnell-Wheatland, Paradise, Thunder Ridge and Western Plains.

On the girls' side, Noel Ritter

sent a new meet record, placing first in the shot put with a toss of 29 feet, 10 inches. She also placed first in discus at 69 feet, 3 inches.

"I enjoyed competing in the events," Ritter said. "It was awesome setting a new record. I hope to improve my distances throughout the season."

KayCee Miller placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in 13.67 seconds and finished second in the 800-meter run with 2:59.36. Also finishing second was the 4x100-meter relay team with Paris Bailey, Amanda Cheney, Miller and Ritter running a 1:04.3.

Bailey placed in two other

events, fourth in the 400-meter run (1:24.65) and fifth in the 200-meter dash (34.64). Cheney also competed in long jump (8 feet, 10.5 inches) and in the 100-meter dash (17.58).

The boys also did well, bringing home several first-place medals and scoring points in all events.

Jacob Ritter finished with gold medals in all three of his events, including long jump (12 feet, 8.5 inches), 75-meter hurdles (13.75) and the 400 meters (1:09.03).

"This first meet was a lot of fun," he said. "I would like to improve this year."

A.J. Camacho placed first in the 800-meter run (2:45.59), sec-

ond in 100-meter hurdles (14.31) and fourth in the 200-meter dash (31.25).

Caleb Korte placed sixth in high jump (3 feet, 10 inches) and the 100-meter hurdles (16.47). Nolan Ritter finished third in discus (62 feet, 9 inches), fourth in shot put (22 feet, 5.25 inches) and ran the 100-meter dash (18.67). Dylan Spresser competed in shot put (29 feet, .25 inches), long jump (10 feet, 3.25 inches) and 100 meters (16.03).

The sixth graders will be in Quinter Friday, where they will compete along with the seventh and eighth graders in one division.

Horses, trainers get ready for Kentucky Derby

NEW YORK (AP) – Doug O'Neill is gearing up for a Kentucky Derby repeat.

A year after winning the Derby with I'll Have Another, the trainer is going for another – this time with Goldencents.

The 3-year-old colt came through with a huge race in winning the Santa Anita Derby on April 6, and should be among the top contenders for the May 4 race. O'Neill and his crew are feeling pretty good about their chances, especially after a recent workout in which Goldencents finally began to relax "big time."

"I saw a relaxed, mature horse that finished up great," O'Neill said after Goldencents worked four furlongs in 48.40 seconds at Santa Anita last week. One more workout on Thursday, and it's off to Louisville on Saturday."

I'll Have Another also won the Preakness, but was scratched and retired because of a tendon injury the day before attempting to win the Belmont Stakes and capture the Triple Crown."

Goldencents is No. 4 on the AP's final Run to the Roses' Top 10 list of Derby contenders, with Verrazano, Orb and Revolutionary holding their spots at 1-2-3, respectively.

Verrazano, one of as many as six Derby horses for trainer Todd Pletcher, had his first workout over Churchill Downs on Sunday, covering five furlongs in 1:00.20. Revolutionary, a Pletcher trainee, also worked, going four furlongs in 48.80.

Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby winner Orb worked five furlongs in 1:02.20 Sunday at Payson Park before departing for Louisville.

"This was the one we need to get behind us," trainer Shug McGaughey said. "What I liked to see was that he was very settled going to the track, warming up and coming home."

The 20-horse field will be chosen based on a new system of Derby qualifying points from designated races. Five of Pletcher's horses are in the top 20, with a sixth, Lexington Stakes winner Winning Cause, at No. 21.

Here's our Top 10:

1. Verrazano (Todd Pletcher, trainer; John Velazquez, jockey): Wood winner is unbeaten in all four starts and will try to become the eighth unbeaten Derby winner.

2. Orb (Shug McGaughey, Joel Rosario): Fountain of Youth, the Florida Derby winner, gets his original rider back now that John-

ny V has chosen Verrazano.

3. Revolutionary (Pletcher, Calvin Borel): The Louisiana Derby winner is 2-for-2 this year after winning one of four as a 2-year-old.

4. Goldencents (Doug O'Neill, Kevin Krigger): O'Neill is on the way to Churchill to try and win his second straight Derby.

5. Overanalyze (Pletcher, Rafael Bejarano): Don't underrate Arkansas Derby winner, who also won the Remsen and Futurity Stakes.

6. Normandy Invasion (Chad Brown, Javier Castellano): Despite only a maiden win in five races, the colt is considered one of the "now" horses for the Derby after strong second in Wood.

7. Itsmyluckyday (Eddie Plesa Jr., Elvis Trujillo): The Holy Bull winner and Florida Derby runner-up has five wins.

8. Java's War (Kenny McPeck, Julien Leparoux): Both the trainer and rider are looking for their first Derby wins.

9. Palace Malice (Pletcher, Mike Smith): Another maiden winner, he ran second in the Blue Grass.

10 (tie) Will Take Charge (D. Wayne Lukas, Jon Court): The Rebel winner comes into the Der-

by off a seven-week break.

10 (tie) Mylute (Tom Amoss, Rosie Napravnik): The Louisiana Derby runner-up had an impressive workout at Churchill Downs.



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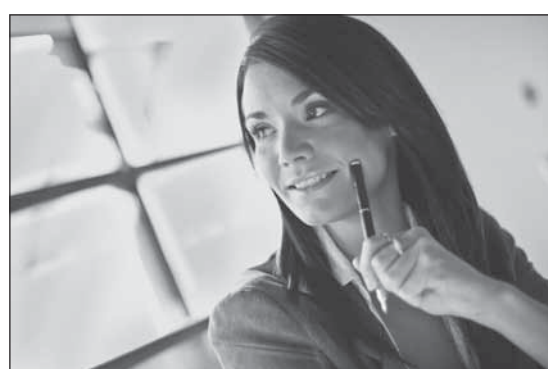
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