



Nick Angelos (far left) leapt 20 feet, 6.75 inches, to finish fourth in the long jump Friday to qualify for state competition this weekend. Stephanie Sheldon (below) was fourth in pole vault at 9 feet, 6 inches, and Kerek Mason fought through the pack to finish second in the 1,600 meters in Clearwater, in 4 minutes, 37.25 seconds.

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Three seniors earn ticket to state track meet

Three Goodland High School seniors will close out their track and field careers at the state meet Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita after placing Friday in regional competition.

Only the top four finishers qualified for state.

•Kerek Mason ran second in the 1,600 meters in Clearwater, finishing in 4 minutes, 37.25 seconds.

•Nick Angelos was fourth in the long jump, leaping 20 feet, 6.75 inches.

•Stephanie Sheldon was fourth in

pole vault at 9 feet, 6 inches.

"We had a beautiful day for a track meet despite the 5 1/2-hour drive down to Clearwater," said Coach Jonathan Danel. "Of the 12 kids we took down there, we had three of them qualify for state."

"We had five of our 12 kids get season personal records at the meet: Stephanie Sheldon in the vault, Michelle Smith in the shot, Grant Wilkens in the vault, Emily Murray in the 100-meter hurdles and Kerek Mason in the mile."

Mason came in seventh in the

800-meter run in 2 minutes, 10 seconds. Wilkens, a junior, was sixth in the pole vault at 12 feet, 13th in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 45.16 seconds, and ran the 110 high hurdles in 17.5 seconds in the finals.

Junior Bob Doxon was seventh in shot put with a 44-foot, 11.5-inch heave, and junior T.J. Hawkins was 11th with a 43-foot, 7-inch toss.

Doxon placed seventh in discus, throwing 134 feet, 4 inches, and Hawkins was 13th, throwing 116 feet.

Junior Casey Henderson did not

make the finals in the 100- or 200-meter dashes but finished in 11.36 seconds in the 100-meter prelims and in 23.56 seconds in the 200 prelims.

For the Cowgirls, senior Kaylee Billinger tied for seventh in high jump, leaping 4 feet, 10 inches, and Smith, a sophomore, tied for seventh in discus, throwing 92 feet, 6 inches.

Murray, a senior, finished fifth in 100-meter high hurdles, in 16.86 seconds, and eighth in 300 low hurdles in 52.35 seconds.

Billinger was 10th in the 100-meter run in 1 minute, 5.26 seconds, and Smith came in 11th in shot put with 30 feet, 8 inches. Billinger did not make the finals in the 100-meter dash, but ran the prelims in 13.56 seconds.

Senior Whitney Dautel finished 12th in the 1,600-meter run in 6 minutes, 11 seconds and 17th in the 800 meters in 2 minutes, 46 seconds.

The Cowboys were 13th out of 16 teams with 13 points, while the girls tied for 14th.

"I was very proud of the kids in how they performed throughout the season," Danel said. "After getting the season off to a slow start due to the weather, I felt we finished strong."

"We have a lot of kids coming back next season, and I am very much looking forward to it. If all of the kids come out for track next season, we should qualify a lot more."

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Wednesday: Gold Day; Last Day of School, Central School Fun Day at Chambers Park, 8:10 a.m. Junior High Awards Assembly

Thursday: Teacher Professional Day, 7 p.m. Goodland Learning Center Graduation.

Friday & Saturday: State Track, State Softball and State Baseball

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