



WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT, Gabe Anderson and Troy Juenemann (above) Mark Bricker (below) helped measure the softball/baseball throw in the middle of the football field.

Students run, jump throw at track meet

The sun beat down as the kids lined up on the track, waiting for the starter's gun.

With the shot, they were off, arms pumping at their sides, little legs moving as fast as they could around the high school track.

They crossed the finish line, a small white rope held at both ends by a high school student. Each student who placed in grades first through sixth was awarded a different-colored ribbon and sent on their way.

All of the students had the chance to learn what a track meet is all about Thursday afternoon during the second annual Junior Devil Track Meet.

Coach Joe Dreher said the kids got to participate in several events, including the 10-meter, 100-meter, 200-meter and 400-meter dashes. Only students in the fourth through sixth grades can participate in the 200- and 400-meter runs, he said.

Kids also got to try the standing long jump for first through third grades and the running long jump for fourth through sixth grades.

All of the girls were able to do the softball throw and all of the boys could do a baseball throw.

The kids, said Coach Dreher, got to pick how many and which events they wanted to do. The meet costs each student \$1.

Although he organizes the event, he said a lot of other coaches and teachers help him out, including the

high school track team. The older students encourage the kids and help teach them about track events and are also good role models.

Coach Dreher said they try to keep records and then announce if some are broken each year.



WITH ARMS HELD HIGH, Miki Dorshorst (above) jumped into the sand pit in the standing long jump. Kolton Paul (right), his arm swung back, prepared to throw the baseball while classmates Shane Kolar, Kade Brown, Zach May, Cody Wurm, Ryan May and John Carlisle watched.

