

Oberlin girls take third, boys sixth

Decatur County takes two gold medals at meet

The Decatur Community High girls took third place and the boys sixth at the annual Oberlin Invitational track meet last Tuesday. Smith Center won the girls meet with 106 points, followed by Hoxie, 94; Oberlin, 65; Oakley, 60; Goodland, 55; and Trego Community, 51.

Norton won the boys division with 95 points, followed by Oakley, 77; Phillipsburg, 76; Goodland, 60; Smith Center, 52; Oberlin, 50; Trego, 38; St. Francis, 34; Grinnell, 33; Atwood, 30 and Southwest, 25.

Abby Ream led the girls team with their only gold medal. She also took a silver, as did Lydia Karnopp. Egan Grafel won the gold for the boys. Brett Beinke and Teryn Grafel took seconds.

Scoring for the girls were:

- Ream, javelin, 120-feet, 1 inch, first, and pole vault, 9, second.
- Karnopp, triple jump, 31-8, second, and 100-meter dash, 13.51 seconds, fifth.
- Rena Unger, triple jump, 31-5, third.
- Whitney Beinke, 400-meter dash, 1:03.21, third.
- Christa Hardy, 100-meter dash, 17.78, fifth.
- Kelsey Dorshorst, 3,200-meter

run, 13:33.94, fifth.

- Kelsey Dorshorst, discus, 93-7, sixth.
- Kaitlyn Stapp, high jump, 4-8, sixth.
- The 4x800-meter relay team of Dorshorst, Lora Marietta, Beinke and Keely Witt, 10:54.94, third.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of Leah Marietta, Stapp, Unger and Karnopp, 52.98, third.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of Karnopp, Beinke, Lora Marietta and Sarah Murray, 4:28.74, sixth.

Scoring for the boys were:

- E. Grafel, triple jump, 41-.5, first.
- T. Grafel, 110-meter high hurdles, 14.9, and 300-meter hurdles, 41.57, second.
- Brett Beinke, long jump, 20-3, second, and 400-meter dash, 53.28, sixth.
- Lance Fortin, javelin, 156-8, and high jump, 5-8, fourth.
- Joe Mondero, 200-meter dash, 23.58, sixth.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of Brett Keck, Beinke, Fortin and T. Grafel, 3:38.18, fourth.

The team was in Hill City on Monday and will be in Oakley for the Northwest Kansas League meet starting at 3 p.m. Friday.



HELPING HER TEAM get ahead in a relay, Keely Witt sprinted with the baton during the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet last Tuesday. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Jennings takes fourth place in Logan meet

The Jennings High track team came in fourth at the Logan Track Meet last Tuesday while the only girl on the team took two medals.

Nakita Graf scored seven points, taking third in the 3,200-meter run and sixth in the 1,600-meters.

"She had been sick the week before, yet she still put forth a great effort," Coach Russ Aumiller said. "She has shown a lot of courage and discipline this season by toughing it out. She is the only girl out for track — and that says quite a bit about her character.

"I'm proud of the way she is handling the season."

"Our boys continue to remain competitive. We scored 71 points for fourth place, with the first-place team scoring 76.

"Marcus McKenna hit a qualifying time for regionals in the open 800-meter run. He and Grant Bailey, who qualified earlier at the Triplains meet, will be up against each other in this race at Hays later in the month.

"Josh Vahling continues to be consistent in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs."

Competing for the Coyotes were:

- Bailey, 800-meter run, 2:05.47, first.
- Vahling, 3,200-meter run, 5 minutes, 9.5 seconds, second; 3,200-meter run, 12:07, third; and 800-meter, 2:16.29, fourth.

- Graf, 3,200-meter run, 14:07.59, third; and 1,600-meter run, 6:23.96, sixth.
- M. McKenna, 800-meter run, 2:07.2, second, and 400-meter run, 54.18, fifth.
- Jake Kramer, high jump, 5-6, fifth, and long jump, 16-7.
- Brett McKenna, 110-meter high hurdles, 17.66, and 300-meter hurdles, 46.73, fourth.
- Brian Miller, 110-meter high hurdles, 19.58, and 300-meter hurdles, 46.81, fifth, and triple jump, 33-feet, 8.75-inches.
- Adam Wahlmeier, shot put, 33-8; javelin, 113; and 400-meter run, 59.35.
- Nick Wahlmeier, shot put, 34-6; discus, 107; and javelin, 127.
- Tyler Bolt, shot put, 34-8; javelin, 122-9; and long jump, 16-7.
- Nathan Becker, 100-meter dash, 13.64, and 3,200-meter run, 13:36.3.
- Brett Linden, discus, 72.
- The 4X800-meter relay team of Bailey (56), B. McKenna (2:25), Vahling (2:19) and M. McKenna (2:09), 9:10.76, first.
- The 4x400-meter relay team of Bailey (56), B. McKenna (58), Kramer (58) and M. McKenna (53), 3:46.18, second.
- The 4x100-meter relay team of A. Wahlmeier, N. Wahlmeier, Bolt and Linden, 50.88.

Golfer takes second at Hays

Decatur Community High golfer Matt Mondero missed first place in a playoff at the Thomas More Prep Invitational Golf Tournament last Monday in Hays.

Mondero came in second, shooting a 38 and 40 for 78. He lost the first-place title on a three-hole playoff.

Oberlin finished eighth out of 12 teams.

"Matt played very well today," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "With

any break at all, he would have won the tournament.

"The conditions were tough, especially the wind. But, it was a good day on a great golf course, which will be the site of the Class 5A state tournament.

"It played like a championship course today."

Hays High won the tournament with 335 strokes, followed by Thomas More at 342, Phillipsburg 355, Colby 359, Goodland 362,

WaKeeney 365, Norton 373, Oberlin 377, Russell 391, Scott City 393, Ellis 404 and Stockton 422.

Rounding out the Oberlin squad were:

- Jonathon Richards, 46 and 45 for 91.
- Jace Robinson, 47 and 54 for 101.
- Andy Gilliam, 53 and 54 for 107.
- Jobey Black, 52 and 56 for 108.
- Breck Simonsson, 53 and 57 for 110.

Golf team takes seventh in Colby

The Decatur Community High golf team came in seventh and its star player, Matt Mondero, third, at the Colby Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday.

Mondero shot a 40 and 40 for an 80 to take third.

"Some of our younger players are starting to play better," Coach Dick Ahlberg said. "That is a good sign

as the season draws to a close."

Colby won its own tournament with a 322, followed by Atwood at 342; Hoxie, 343; Goodland, 347; Norton, 356; Oakley, 360; Oberlin, 361; Garden City junior varsity, 363; Hays High junior varsity, 368; and Scott City, 368.

Also playing for Oberlin were:

- Jonathon Richards, 44 and 45 for 89.

- Jobey Black, 47 and 47 for 94.
- Andy Gilliam, 47 and 48 for 95.
- Jace Robinson, 51 and 45 for 96.
- Breck Simonsson, 48 and 50 for 98.

The junior varsity squad was to be in Phillipsburg on Monday and the team will go to the Northwest Kansas League Tournament starting at 3 p.m. Friday in Colby.

Mothers enjoy day at Speedway

By MIKE HUGHES

There were some new faces in the winner's circle at the Oberlin Speedway Sunday, and the first 50 mothers in the grandstand received a flower courtesy of the speedway and Prairie Petals.

Jason Friesen of Sutton, Neb., took the win in the IMCA Modified feature. Friesen, who won at Oberlin last year, returned to victory lane after taking the lead from Norton's Jim Arnold on lap 11 of the 12-lap race. After a lap-13 caution, Friesen pulled away on the restart and held on for the win. Heat race winners Nick Tubbs and Rick Schwab finished second and third, followed by Don Hagan and Marty Clark.

The IMCA Stock Car feature was close all the way, but Norton's Dan Lauer was able to win. Lauer took the lead from Brady Koch on lap 6 and was able to hold off Randy Clydesdale. Mark Zorn finished third, followed by Jason Schoenberger and Koch. Lauer and Clydesdale won the two heat races.

Marquette's B.J. Dauer stopped Cory Struckhoff's winning streak. Dauer took the lead on the opening lap of the 12-lap race after starting sixth in the 10-car field. Struckhoff followed Dauer through traffic to second place. Les Janousek, Bret Hagan and Justin Wagner rounded out the top five. Heat race winners were Dauer and Struckhoff.

Jeremy Zorn won his third feature in as many nights in the Bomber class. Zorn's win topped off a long day for the Russell driver. After graduating from Salina Vo-Tech

earlier in the day, Zorn rushed home to get the race car and head for Oberlin. Jeromy Wagner finished second in the main event, followed by Caleb Peters.

Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton took the lead from Russell's Joe and Jim Carter on lap 8 of the 12-lap Cruiser feature to score their second win of the season at Oberlin. Carter and Carter held on for second, followed by Rhona Annon and Josh Wonderly. Oberlin's Rick Touslee and Jeremy Jensen won the first heat, while Eagleburger and Eagleburger won heat two.

Larry Pollmann of McCook picked up his second win of the season in the Classic Modified division. Early leader Karl Wickizer, who won the first heat, finished second, followed by Loren Pollmann. A.C. Warner won the other heat race.

Racing returns to Oberlin Speedway Sunday, May 23, with the regular five classes in action. The green flag waves at 6 p.m.

RESULTS

Bombers — Heat 1: 1. Jeremy Zorn, 2. Paul Tally, 3. Jeromy Wagner, 4. Caleb Peters.
Feature: 1. Zorn, 2. Wagner, 3. Peters, 4. Tally (DNF).

IMCA Hobby Stocks — Heat 1: 1. B.J. Dauer, 2. Jason Koch, 3. Justin Wagner, 4. Ricky Gitchel.
Heat 2: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Dave Meitl, 3. Bret Hagan.
Feature: 1. Dauer, 2. Struckhoff, 3. Les Janousek, 4. Hagan, 5. Wagner, 6. Gitchel, 7. Meitl, 8. Koch, 9. Treva Patterson, 10. John Annon (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars — Heat 1: 1. Dan Lauer, 2. Brady Koch, 3. Kelly

Ford, 4. Jay Hackmeister.
Heat 2: 1. Randy Clydesdale, 2. Jason Rogers, 3. Jason Davis, 4. Larry Snodgrass.
Feature: 1. Lauer, 2. Clydesdale, 3. Mark Zorn, 4. Jason Schoenberger, 5. Koch, 6. Davis, 7. Ford, 8. Snodgrass, 9. Bob Chalupa (DNF), 10. Hackmeister (DNF), 11. Rogers (DNF), 12. Bruce Eskew (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds — Heat 1: 1. Nick Tubbs, 2. Marty Clark, 3. Doug Shearer, 4. Jim Arnold.
Heat 2: 1. Rick Schwab, 2. Jason Friesen, 3. Don Hagan, 4. Milo Lippelmann.
Feature: 1. Friesen, 2. Tubbs, 3. Schwab, 4. Hagan, 5. Clark, 6. Lippelmann, 7. Arnold, 8. Lane Linthacum, 9. Shearer, 10. Brice Riley (DNF).

Cruises — Heat 1: 1. Jeremy Jensen/Rick Touslee, 2. Rhona Annon/Josh Wonderly, 3. Jeff Doty/Mike Doty, 4. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas.
Heat 2: 1. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 2. Kirk Persinger/Justin Graham, 3. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 4. Troy Wentz/Mark Bailey.
Feature: 1. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 2. Carter/Carter, 3. Annon/Wonderly, 4. Doty/Doty, 5. Persinger/Graham, 6. Thomas/Thomas, 7. Jensen/Touslee, 8. Wentz/Bailey, 9. Jim Ellis/Michael Hockemeier (DNF).

Classic Modifieds — Heat 1: 1. A.C. Warner, 2. Duke Ebert, 3. Brandon Anderson, 4. Loren Pollmann.
Heat 2: 1. Karl Wickizer, 2. Larry Pollmann, 3. Dave Werner.
Feature: 1. Larry Pollman, 2. Wickizer, 3. Loren Pollmann, 4. Ebert, 5. Werner, 6. Warner, 7. Anderson (DNF).

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