



Oberlin boys take ninth at state track

The Decatur Community High boys finished ninth at the Class 3A state track championships in Wichita on Saturday on one of the windiest meet days in history.

Competing in a field of 40 teams, the Red Devils were led by senior Teryn Grafel, who became a three-time state champion in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.55 seconds, scoring 10 points for Oberlin in a 6.3 mph crosswind.

Grafel challenged the state record of 14.40 set by Larry Schwalm of Alma in 1983. Grafel then snared eight points by finishing second in the 300-meter hurdles. In the last event of an illustrious career for the Red Devils, he finished eighth in the triple jump.

Senior Denton Bailey ended his Red Devils' career on a high note, taking home a fourth-place medal in the javelin with a toss of 161 feet, 8 inches to capture four points for Oberlin. That put the Red Devils' team score at 22 points.

In the 18-event competition, perennial 3A power Beloit took home first-place honors with 49 points, edging Wichita-Independent by one point. Northern Heights of Allen finished third, tying Phillipsburg with 40; Marion County was fifth at 31; Fredonia, sixth, 28; Wichita-Collegiate, seventh, 26; Riley County, eighth, 23; Oberlin, ninth, 22; and Hillsboro, 10th, 21;

Yates Center, Southeast of Salina and Holcomb tied for 11th with 18; Halstead tied with Cheney for 14th, 17; Lakin and Eskridge-Mission Valley tied for 16th, 16; Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian and Hesston, tie 18th, 14; Whitewater-Remington, Silver Lake, and Seneca-Nemaha Valley tie 20th, 12; Shawnee-Maranatha and Wichita-Trinity tie, 23rd, 9; Wellsville, Bennington, Frontenac, and Norton, 25th, 8; Easton-Pleasant Ridge, 29th, 7; Caney Valley, Ellinwood, and Sabetha, 30th, 6; Ellsworth, 35th, 4; Burlington, 36th, 3; Cherokee-Southeast, Riverton and Osage City, 37th, 2; Wabaunsee and Medicine Lodge, tie 40th, 1 point.

"That was too bad. Our boys worked hard this season and I am proud of them."

"It was nice to see Teryn and Denton go out on the top of their game. Next year, we should improve. We will miss the leadership of our seniors. I also want to thank every one who worked with me this season and all our supporters. Without them, it wouldn't have been the same."

SENIOR TERYN GRAFEL successfully defended his 110-meter hurdle title for the third year in a row, making it a "three-peat" victory at the state Class 3A championship competition

at Cessna Field on the Wichita State University campus Saturday. Grafel took second in the 300-meter hurdles.

— Herald photo by Dick Boyd

Oberlin resident wins Colorado fishing tourney

New Oberlin resident Matt Merriott, 21, won his first sanctioned professional lake trout fishing tournament May 12-14 at Taylor Park Reservoir east of Crested Butte, Colo.

Merriott captured first place when he pulled in a 38 pound, 4 ounce lake trout trolling 30 feet deep using a down rigger with a Ford fender reflector and a Colorado spinner rigged with sucker meat. The trout was 39.25 inches long.

The Colorado state record is 46 pounds, 14.6 ounces, measuring 42.6 inches, caught by Larry Corneal in 2003 at Blue Mesa Reservoir.

Merriott is on the professional fishing circuit this summer in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. A sophomore at the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley, Merriott is majoring in history and plans to become a high school basketball coach.

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