



The Riverside 4x200 team of (l. to r.) Veronica Andrusyshyn, Elly Henderson, Carly Henderson, and Lydia Erickson celebrate being the only Class 1A to qualify to run at the Drake Relays this past weekend.

Two Lady Dawg Teams Compete At Drake Relays

Two Riverside Girls' Track teams qualified and competed at the 2023 Drake Relays last week.

The Lady Bulldogs were the only Class 1A team from across Iowa to qualify to compete.

The honor allowed the Riverside girls to run against all bigger schools in Iowa

which included 2A, 3A and 4A classes.

Competition in the track and field events were held on Friday and Saturday at Drake Stadium.

Riverside's 4x200 team competed on Friday afternoon and finished in 14th place with a time of 1:45.59.

Runners on the 4x200 team were Veronica Andrusyshyn (senior), Elly Henderson (sophomore), Carly Henderson (junior) and Lydia Erickson (junior).

The field of runners for the 4x200 was primarily Class 3A and Class 4A school athletes...making Riverside's finish an outstanding

accomplishment...14th out of a slate of 24 teams.

Riverside's last appearance at Drake Stadium was just last year when the 4x200 team was the State runner-up in Class 1A with the same team, with the exception of graduating senior Izzy Bluml's spot being filled this year by Carly

Henderson.

The times for each of the 4x200 team included 25.04, 26.75, 27.01, and 26.80.

In the 4x100 competition on Saturday the Riverside team finished in 54th place out of a slate of 96 teams...384 athletes total!

The Riverside team fin-

ished with a time of 51.72.

That team included runners Veronica Andrusyshyn, Emma Gordon (junior), Elly Henderson, and Lydia Erickson.

Eight teams advanced after the prelims so the 15th place finish was based on prelim times.



Veronica Andrusyshyn led off the first leg of the 4x200 on Friday.



Carly Henderson hands off to Elly Henderson on the second and third leg.



Lydia Erickson anchored the final leg of the 4x200 at the Drake Relays.