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Left, Hillcrest freshman, Isaac Birky, rounds the track corner after taking the baton from teammate, sophomore Mason Bender during the Ekstrand Relays on April 27th. Right, Highland sophomore, Hailie Hoppman, soars during the long jump event at Wayland on April 27th.

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them 6th place in Class B.

Ethan Bockelman posted one of the best finishes for Lone Tree during the Relays. Bockelman's time of 54.38 in the 400 meter dash was fast enough to give him third place in the event.

Another strong performance for Lone Tree came from Andrew Hotz. Competing in the discus event Hotz's farthest throw traveled 107-01 and this earned him third place.

Hillcrest Results

The Hillcrest girls team ended the relay with 22 points, placing them in the last spot of nine teams in the Class B rankings.

Despite the dour notion that placing in last place conveys

the Ravens still performed quite well in Wayland, with six new personal bests being set during this meet.

Hillcrest sophomore Delaney Shaw would give the Ravens its top placement of the day in the 400 meter dash. Shaw would only be beaten by one other competitor in this 14 person event, earning a runner-up placement with a time of 1:08.21.

In the same event Hillcrest sophomore Erin Bontrager would set a new PR with a time of 1:18.25, this time would also give her 10th place.

Finishing in fifth place in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:56.86 was Hillcrest freshman Claire Withrow. This time was also fast enough to now be Withrow's new PR in the 800.

Two more PR's would be set by junior Anna Torok and Bontrager. Torok's new PR of 30.59 gave her sixth place and

Bontrager's new PR of 32.41 was good enough to take ninth place.

Torok also set a new PR in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.48. This time placed her in eighth place, right behind teammate sophomore Morgyn Nafziger who placed seventh with a time of 14.23.

The Hillcrest boys team saw some new faces participate. Newcomers Mason Bender, Isaac Birky, Bryce Bailey, and already established runner Jesse Blossom would give Hillcrest enough bodies to compete in the relay events.

This team of four would race in the 4x100, the distance medley relay, and the sprint medley. They finished the 4x100 in sixth place with a time of 53.13, the distance medley relay in fifth place with a time of 4:27.58, and the sprint medley in sixth place with a time of 1:57.63.

Blossom would also race in

the 800 meter run, placing fifth with a time of 2:32.12. Hillcrest would end the meet tied for seventh place in Class B with six points.

Highland Results

Highland's girls track and field team would end the meet with 87.50 points. These points would be enough to give the Huskies a third place finish in the Class B division rankings.

The Huskies would take the gold in five events with its top performers being junior Sarah Burton, freshman Siena Stanerson, senior Jessica Kraus, Lilly Barre, Lorelei Lueck, and Mackenzie McFarland.

Burton continues to showcase her immense talent during this season's track and field meets, securing first place finishes in the 100 meter dash and the long jump. She outran everyone in the 100m with a field of 18 competitors with a

time of 13.15 and she out leaped everyone in the long jump with a field of 11 competitors with a jump of 17-07.00.

She wasn't the only Huskie to earn gold. Stanerson outraced all the competition in the 1500 meter run to take the top spot with a time of 6:07.47.

Kraus would continue that winning feeling for Highland, taking gold in the discus event. Her first place throw traveled 87-11, just beating the second pace throw of 87-05.

The Highland boys team would end the meet tied for seventh place in the Class B division after obtaining six points.

Those points for Highland came from junior Jackson Schneider who placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 20.27 and freshman Elvin Hernandez who placed fourth in the long jump with his farthest jump being spotted at 15-05.25.

Girls Class B Division Results

100m: 1, Sarah Burton, Highland, 13.15; 4, Ava Christofferson, Lone Tree, 13.57; 5, Mackenzie McFarland, Highland, 13.81; 7, Morgyn Nafziger, Hillcrest, 14.23; 8, Anna Torok, Hillcrest, 14.48; 14, Emma Slaughter, Lone Tree, 16.42.

200m: 1, Rylee Shield, Lone Tree, 27.59; 5, Katelyn Waters, Highland, 30.23; 6, Anna Torok, Hillcrest, 30.59; 9, Erin Bontrager, Hillcrest, 32.41; 13, Bella Pourry, Lone Tree, 34.40; 14, Shauna Sublette, Highland, 35.23.

4x100m RELAY: 1, Lone Tree (Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson, Riley Krueger, Rylee Shield), 52.03; 2, Highland (Lilly Barre, Sarah Burton, Katelyn Waters, Mackenzie McFarland), 53.31; 6, Hillcrest

(Morgyn Nafziger, Anna Torok, Erin Bontrager, Delaney Shaw).

400m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 1:01.33; 2, Delaney Shaw, Hillcrest, 1:08.21; 6, Lindsay Werbach, Lone Tree, 1:15.09; 8, Erin Bontrager, Hillcrest, 1:18.26; 9, Grace Prybil, Highland, 1:19.85; 10, Hailey Netser, Highland, 1:21.15; 12, Lilly Mills, Lone Tree, 1:23.51.

4x200m RELAY: 1, Highland (Mackenzie McFarland, Lilly Barre, Sarah Burton, Lorelei), 1:53.10.

800m: 1, Alaina Gourley, Danville, 2:29.35; 2, Vivian Zaruba, Lone Tree, 2:41.47; 5, Claire Withrow, Hillcrest, 2:56.86; 7, Avery Pierson, Highland, 3:08.85; 8, Delanie Graap, Lone Tree, 3:08.97; 11, Halle Hazelett, Highland,

3:26.67.

1500m: 1, Siena Stanerson, Highland, 6:07.47; 2, Jazmine Nino, Lone Tree, 6:08.62; 7, Lilly Mills, Lone Tree, 7:02.80.

4x800m: 1, Danville, 11:02.17; 2, Lone Tree (Avery Lisk, Delanie Graap, Sophie Bell, Bella Pourry), 12:15.14; 4, Highland (Siena Stanerson, Laney Skelton, Hailey Nestor, Avery Pierson), 12:45.94.

800m MEDLEY RELAY: 1, Lone Tree (Sophie Bell, Rylee Shield, Vivian Zaruba, Ava Christofferson), 1:54.95; 4, Highland (Kealy Roberts, Grace Prybil, Lorelei Lueck, Katelyn Waters), 2:07.85; 5, Hillcrest (Anna Torok, Delaney Shaw, Morgyn Nafziger, Erin Bontrager), 2:08.46.

100m HURDLES: 1, Keetyn Townsley, Winfield-Mt. Union, 16.94; 2, Riley Krueger, Lone Tree, 18.18; 4, Adelynn Kleopfer,

Highland, 18.40; 6, Mackenzie Davis, Highland, 18.76; 11, Ella Buser, Lone Tree, 21.02.

1600m MEDLEY RELAY: 1, WACO, 4:50.25; 4, Lone Tree (Alyson Ford, Jazmine Nino, Cate Sexton, Sophie Bell), 5:09.36; 6, Highland (Kealy Roberts, Siena Stanerson, Hailie Hoppman, Shauna Sublette), 5:31.45.

4x100m SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1, Winfield-Mt. Union, 1:12.28; 2, Lone Tree (Cate Sexton, Avery Morarie, Lindsay Werbach, Riley Krueger), 1:18.53; 3, Highland (Halle Hazelett, Adelynn Kleopfer, Brena Hazelett, Mackenzie Davis), 1:19.67.

400m HURDLES: 1, Alexis Dietsch, Danville, 1:13.00; 4, Mackenzie Davis, Highland, 1:20.43; 6, Brena Hazelett, Highland, 1:38.89.

LONG JUMP: 1, Sarah Burton, Highland, 17-07.00; 3, Delaney Shaw, Hillcrest, 14-10.75; 4, Avery Morarie, Lone Tree, 14-06.00; 5, Anna Torok, Hillcrest, 13-07.75; 6, Cate Sexton, Lone Tree, 13-05.00; 11, Hailie Hoppman, Highland, 10-03.00.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Ema Roberts, HLV, 5-02.00; 3, Riley Krueger, Lone Tree, 4-08.00; 7, Hailey Netser, Highland, 4-04.00; 8, Kealy Roberts, Highland, 4-04.00.

SHOT PUT: 1, Josephine Moore, Sigourney, 31-00.50; 3, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree, 30-04.50; 7, Sami Branson, Lone Tree, 27-07.75; 9, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 25-07.25.

DISCUS: 1, Jessica Kraus, Highland, 87-11; 2, Alex Dautremont, Lone Tree, 87-04; 3, Hayden Yoder, Lone Tree, 80-06.

LT and MP showcase its talents at the Drake Relays

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DES MOINES

This past week the 113th Drake Relays in Des Moines took place and this multi-day event at the state capital featured hundreds of athletes who earned the right to compete at this prestigious event.

Drake Stadium's well known blue colored track, often referred to as the Blue Oval, was the host of some of the best high school track and field competition this state has to offer and not wanting to be left out of all the fun Mid-Prairie and Lone Tree both had athletes qualify to participate in the Drake Relays.

Lone Tree Results

With Lone Tree's last appearance at the Drake Relays being 10 years ago, the Lady Lions squad of sophomore Vivian Zaruba, senior Riley Krueger, freshman Ava Christofferson, and sophomore Rylee Shield arriving at the Blue Oval to compete in the 4x100 relay was already an accomplishment worthy of praise.

On April 29 the Lady Lions competed in the preliminary round of the 4x100 relay. A whopping 96 teams would be racing in this prelim round, with the races being split up into 12 heats, eight schools in each heat.

Competing in the second heat, with Zaruba starting and Shield closing, Lone Tree would finish in third out of eight schools with a final time of 53.32.

With the margin of separation in this event being less



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Lone Tree sophomore, Vivian Zaruba, starts off the 4x100m race at Drake Stadium in Des Moines on April 29th.

than a second the Lady Lions, after all 12 heats were completed, earned 74th place. Only the top eight out of this field of 96 would qualify to race in the 4x100 relay finals.

Finishing 10 spots higher overall than where they were initially seeded going into the event, the Lady Lions' time of 53.32 was its third fastest time of the season. When comparing their time against other 1A 4x100 schools who competed at the Drake Relays, Lone Tree ran better times than the number 9, 2, and 1 ranked schools.

Mid-Prairie Results

The first day of high school competition at Drake Stadium was on April 27 and it was on this day Mid-Prairie senior Cain Brown competed in the high jump.

Brown was one of 28 athletes competing in the high jump and he put on an impressive showing, finishing third place overall, clearing six foot nine inches. Brown's clearing of the 6'9" bar gave him a new personal best and it set a new school record.

With the bar beginning at

6'1" Brown would only need his first attempt to clear it. This would set a pattern for Brown, as he would clear the next three bar heights (6'3", 6'5", 6'7") also on his first try. He was the only competitor to do so.

As the bar would be set to 6'9" the competition dwindled to just eight. This would be the first time Brown would need more than one jump to clear a bar, but he was eventually able to overcome it on his third attempt.

The 6'9" bar knocked out five competitors, leaving only three. Now with the bar adjusted to reach 6'10" Brown would be unable to clear it after three attempts. Cedar Falls senior Jacob Kieler was the only one to clear the 6'10" bar and this gave him first place in the high jump.

Competing in his second event of the Drake Relays on April 28 Brown took part in the long jump event. Entering the competition as the 15 seed Brown battled against 24 other athletes.

Brown's best jump would be his first. His leap of 20-2.75 earned him 16th place. The winner of the long jump, Southeast Polk senior Abu Sama, had his best jump recorded at 23-6.25.

Also getting to compete in two events for the Golden Hawks at the Drake Relays was junior Danielle Hostetler.

She tackled her first event, the 3000m, on April 27. Hostetler's time of 10:18.66 earned her tenth place out of a field of 21 competitors. Only three athletes finished the 3000m in under 10 minutes, with the first place time of 9:28.89 belonging to Ballard senior Paityn Noe.

Her second event, the 1500m, on April 28 was a familiar one for Hostetler, having competed in the same event in last year's Drake Relays, finishing in fourth place.

Entering this year's 1500m as the 8th seed Hostetler was able to improve her placement from the previous year and secure a top three finish. In a field of 21 competitors Hostetler's time of 4:37.03 earned her third place. Coming in first was Calamus-Wheatland sophomore Noelle Steines with a time of 4:35.22.

The Golden Hawk team of Amara Jones, Tabitha Evans, Madeline Schrader, and Jovi Evans competed in the 4x200 and the 4x100 events.

They entered the 4x200 event on April 28 as the 21st seed. This Golden Hawk team finished ninth overall out of 24 teams with a time of 1:44.49. This top ten finish was secured after they took the top spot in the first heat.

The 4x100 on April 29 had a gigantic pool of competitors and in the preliminary round the Golden Hawk team of Tabitha, Jovi, Jones, and Schrader finished the race with a time of 50.62 to take 21st place. Mid-Prairie's time came from finishing in third in the ninth heat of 12.

A big winner for the Golden Hawks at the Drake Relays was sophomore Jayden Stafford.

Setting a new personal record, Stafford's time of 1:04.06 in the 400m wheelchair put him above all the competition. Stafford's first place finish in this event makes him the second Mid-Prairie Drake Relay champion in its school history.