

Hawk trio headlines L-S boys in 1A state qualifier

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BROOKLYN — Conner Maston, James Gruver and Corder Noun Harder will represent the Lynnville-Sully boys' track and field team in four events at the state meet this week.

The Hawks clinched four automatic bids at the Class 1A state qualifier hosted by BGM on Thursday and then added a trio of events to their schedule one day later.

"All the work, preparation and competing throughout the year gets you ready for this meet and the opportunity to advance to the state meet or see the season come to a close," L-S head boys track and field coach Darin Arkema said. "We are looking forward to competing at state to try and score a number of team points and bring home a lot of hardware."

Lynnville-Sully's big night led to 116.5 points, which was good enough for second in the district standings. Lisbon won the district title with 174 points and the Hawks edged BCLUW (113.5) by three points on a wet and rainy night.

The rest of the 13-team field featured North Mahaska (63), BGM (56), Moravia (47), Montezuma (46.5), Seymour (33), HLV (31), GMG (23.5), Melcher-Dallas (23), Meskwaki Settlement School (4) and Twin Cedars (2).

"Great overall team effort



Lynnville-Sully senior Bryce Richards, right, passes the baton to senior Conner Maston during a relay in a meet earlier this season. Maston and Richards will compete in multiple events at the state track and field meet this weekend.

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to battle, endure the weather elements and make improvements once again in a number of areas," Arkema said.

Maston and Gruver led the way for the Hawks. The senior duo went 1-2 in the 400-meter dash and were separated by just .01 seconds. Gruver also grabbed the automatic bid in the 400 hurdles and the Hawks were either first or second in four relays.

The top finisher in each event at each state qualifier secured an automatic berth into the state meet. The next best 14 performances in each

event earned at-large bids.

Maston won the 400 in 50.61 seconds and Gruver was right there with him at the line in second with a time of 50.62.

Those times were the fourth- and fifth-best qualifying marks in 1A.

"Conner and James went head-to-head again in the open 400," Arkema said. "However, early in the race, other competitors were pulling ahead or hanging close by until they got onto the home-stretch and then both Conner and James found more gears.

"Back and forth all the way to the line where we had a photo finish that determined Conner edged him out by the smallest of margins. But a tremendous race by both guys."

Gruver's winning time of 56.32 seconds in the 400 hurdles was the seventh-best qualifying time.

The other wins came in the sprint medley and 4x400 relays.

Bryce Richards, Corder Noun Harder, Gruver and Maston won the sprint medley relay in a season-best 1 minute, 34.14 seconds. That

was the second-best qualifying time.

The 4x400 relay team featured Caleb Rea, Noun Harder, Gruver and Maston and they won the race in a season-best 3:28.59. That also was the second-best qualifying time.

The final at-large bids came in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

In the 4x100, Kyle Squires, Richards, Rea and Noun Harder finished second at districts with a time of 45.36 seconds, which was the 17th-best qualifying mark.

Richards, Noun Harder, Rea and Maston took second in the 4x200 relay in a season-best 1:32.4 and that time was the sixth-best qualifying mark. The Hawks are the defending state champions in the event, too.

"The Hawks came with great a mindset, focused on the task at hand and seized the opportunity to compete against some great opponents that helped push us to a number of season and personal bests," Arkema said.

L-S finished fifth in both the 4x800 and distance medley relays. In the 4x800, Michael Spooner, Ethan Dunsbergen, Terran Gosselink and Hendrick Lowry finished the race in 9:32.11 and Gentry Walston, Isaac Ver Ploeg, Jack Bowlin and Spooner posted a time of 4:10.18 in the distance medley relay.

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L-S girls punch six state track meet tickets

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BROOKLYN — Greenlee Smock and Carsyn McFarland locked up automatic state berths on the track and Abby Squires returns to the state meet in the discus as the Lynnville-Sully girls' track and field team finished second at a Class 1A state qualifier hosted by BGM on Thursday.

The Hawks scored 103 points and edged third-place BCLUW by six points. Lisbon won the regional championship with 139 points.

BGM (64.5), North Mahaska (63), Montezuma (62.5), HLV (38.5), Twin Cedars (37), Tri-County (34), GMG (27), Moravia (19.5), Meskwaki Settlement School (17), Seymour

(16) and Melcher-Dallas (15) completed the 14-team field.

"It was a great night for the Hawks," L-S head girls track and field coach Kevin Johnson said. "The Hawks battled all night long. It was great competition, which is what you want in a district meet. I'm proud of the efforts the girls gave all night long."

McFarland grabbed the automatic berth in the 100-meter dash. She finished the race in 12.99 seconds, which is the fifth-best qualifying time in 1A.

Smock won the 3,000 in 11 minutes, 48.94 seconds. That was the 17th-best qualifying time. Squires' winning throw in the discus was marked at 98 feet, 9 1/2 inches, which was the 23rd-best mark.

The other three state entries were at-large berths.

Tatum Huyser posted a career-best leap of 5-1 in the high jump. She placed third at regionals but has the 11th-best qualifying height.

The Hawks will compete at state in the 4x100 and distance medley relays, too.

In the 4x100, McFarland, Morgan Hay, Morgan Jones and Huyser placed second in 52.33 seconds, which was the 16th-best qualifying time.

The distance medley relay team included McFarland, Jones, Huyser and Kate Harthoorn and they finished second in a season-best 4:32.18. That was the 23rd-best qualifying time.

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Lynnville-Sully senior Abby Squires earned a second trip to the state track and field meet in the discus. She won the state qualifying meet at BGM to punch her ticket last week.

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Lynnville-Sully junior Lucas Sieck putts during the Hawks' sectional tournament at Diamond Trail Golf Club recently. The Hawks' season ended at the district tournament on Monday.

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BGM and Lynnville-Sully did not have enough golfers for a team score.

Sieck, Carson Maston and Van Dyke all shot 43 to lead the Hawk boys. Keegan DeWitt turned in a 52 as the final counting score.

Deven Liekweg (59) and Garrett Jansen (63) had non-counting scores.

Dominic Coleman of BGM was the meet medalist with a 40 and Belle Plaine's Jeremy Reineke shot 41 as the runner-up medalist.

Belle Plaine had the top two scores in the girls' competition. Jacy Reineke and Eva Brannaman shot 50 and 51, respectively, at the top.

Renzi Ingersoll was the lone L-S female on the course and she shot a 62.

L-S boys edge HLV in SICL golf matchup
LYNNVILLE — Five Hawks finished in the top seven positions and Lynnville-Sully edged HLV during a South Iowa Cedar League

matchup at Diamond Trail Golf Course on April 24.

Sieck was the runner-up medalist, but DeWitt finished third, Van Dyke ended up fifth and Maston took sixth in the final standings.

The Hawks won the head-to-head matchup 172-177 despite HLV having the meet medalist.

Peyton Roth won medalist honors with a 38 and Sieck shot a 41 in second.

DeWitt (42), Van Dyke (career-best 44), Maston (45) and Liekweg (career-best 45) had the other counting scores. Jansen shot a non-counting and career-best 50.

Keota 152, Lynnville-Sully 180

KEOTA — The Keota Eagles held down the top five spots and three shot under 40 during a head-to-head matchup with Lynnville-Sully on April 27.

The L-S girls didn't play because Keota does not have a team.

The Hawk boys shot 180 at Lagos Acres Golf and Country Club, but Keota fired a 152 at the top.

Caden Sprouse (36) and Sawyer Stout (37) were the medalist and runner-up medalist, respectively.

Sieck and DeWitt each fired 43s to lead the Hawks, while the other two counting scores came from Van Dyke (46) and Maston (48).

Liekweg (50) and Jansen (56) turned in non-counting scores.

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The Hawk girls faced HLV on April 24 and Tri-County on April 27, but neither matchup was decided by a team score.

Both HLV and L-S had two golfers each, while Tri-County sported just one golfer.

Against HLV, Ingersoll finished third with a 63 and Hopelynn Sanders was fourth with a 74. HLV's Shaylee Cooling won meet medalist honors with a 50 and Kaylee York was second with a 58.

Ingersoll won medalist honors against Tri-County with a career-best 48. Sanders finished third with a 71. TC's Natalie Smith was second with a 65.