

# PCM boys end golf season at districts

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CARROLL — The PCM boys' golf team's season ended on Monday at a Class 2A district golf qualifier.

The Mustangs came into the tournament with one of the top adjusted averages in the field, but a tough day at Carroll Country Club eliminated PCM from state-tournament contention.

Host Carroll Kuemper ran away from the rest of the competition on its home course.

The Knights shot 299 as the district champion and Van Meter (331) and Des Moines Christian (337) also advanced to the 2A state tournament.

The top two teams in each district advance unless the host school finishes in the top two in which then a third team moves on.

Individually, the top two finishers not on a qualifying

team also advance to state.

PCM (345) and South Central Calhoun (345) had the same team score in fourth and fifth, respectively. Treynor (347) was two strokes back in sixth.

Carroll Kuemper's Maverick Schwabe was the meet medalist with a 72 and Van Meter's Caden Norris shot a 73 as the runner-up medalist.

The two individual state qualifiers not on a qualifying state tournament team were South Central Calhoun's Austin Hanks and Ridge View's Gavin Vohs, who turned in a 77 and a 76, respectively.

PCM was led by Easton Van Veen's 83. Grant Van Veen and Charlie Ford both turned in 87s and Jeffrey McDanel and Tate Tange-man carded 88s as the final counting score. Nick Farver turned in a non-counting 90.



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PCM senior Grant Van Veen chips onto the green during his round at Carroll Country Club at the Class 2A district tournament on Monday. Van Veen shot 87 as one of the Mustangs' counting scores.

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PCM sophomore Addison Steenhoek runs in a relay during a Class 2A state qualifying meet at Central Decatur last week.



# PCM's Gallaher punches return ticket to state meet

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LEON — Rylee Gallaher's career-best throw in the shot put sent the Mustang senior back to the state track and field meet.

She will be joined by a foursome of freshmen in the shuttle hurdle relay as the PCM girls' track and field team placed sixth at the Class 2A state qualifying meet hosted by Central Decatur on Thursday.

Gallagher grabbed the team's lone win, and PCM was third in two events. The Mustangs scored 58 points in sixth.

Davis County won the regional championship with 114 points. Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont (108) was the runner-up, while Pella Christian (94), Clarinda (88) and Albia (62) finalized the top five.

The rest of the 12-team field featured Shenandoah (57), Interstate 35 (55), Central Decatur (41), Chariton (26), Red Oak (23) and Centerville (13).

The top two finishers in each event at each 2A state qualifying site advance to state. The next eight best performances from around the state clinch at-large bids.

Gallaher's winning throw in the shot put was marked at 37 feet, 3 3/4 inches. That was the 11th-best qualifying toss in 2A. She placed 17th in

the event at last year's state meet.

The shuttle hurdle relay team finished third.

The team of Tori Lindsay, Jorja Teeter, Lillian Humpal and Morgan Karr clinched an at-large state berth with a season-best time of 1 minute, 8.76 seconds. It was the 13th-best qualifying time.

The Mustangs have qualified for the state meet in the shuttle hurdle relay the past several years. Last year's all-senior team placed 10th.

The other third-place finish came in the 4x800-meter relay. The foursome of Abi Teeter, Paiten Rumbaugh, Addison Steenhoek and Tiffani Koonce posted a season-best time of 10:34.82.

The 4x400 relay team of Sophia Steenhoek, Rumbaugh, Lindsay and Koonce finished fifth in 4:29.79.

Abi Teeter was fourth in the 1,500 with a time of 5:29.71 and Lindsay took fourth in the 400 hurdles in 1:12.03.

Ayla Barrett's career-best leap of 5-0 was fifth in the high jump. That mark was the final cut-off for an at-large state bid, but Barrett lost out in a tiebreaker scenario.

Lexi Fagg (14-8 1/4) also was fifth in the long jump and Makayla True (season-best 12:49.27) finished fifth in the 3,000. Koonce was sixth in the 400 with a time of 1:04.56.

# PCM boys lock down state bids in handful of events

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LEON — The PCM boys' track and field team thrived in sprint relays and hurdles all season long.

And that success continued during a Class 2A state qualifying meet hosted by Central Decatur on Thursday.

The Mustangs secured four entries into the state track and field meet after posting four top-three finishes and scoring 70.5 team points.

PCM finished fourth in the 12-team field. Clarinda won the district championship with 125 points, while Pella Christian (95) was second and Davis County (72) edged the Mustangs. Interstate 35 (70) was a half-point behind PCM in fifth.

The rest of the field featured Central Decatur (57), Shenandoah (56), Red Oak (52), Chariton (51.5), Albia (49), Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont (34) and Centerville (9).

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The next eight best performances from around the state clinch at-large bids.

PCM's lone win came in the shuttle hurdle relay, but the Mustangs clinched automatic state bids in both the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays.

Gavin Van Gorp grabbed an at-large state berth in the 110 high hurdles and also anchored the shuttle hurdle relay to a win.

The foursome of Gavin Fenton, Griffin Olson, Adrien Robbins and Van Gorp posted a winning time of 1 minute, 2.19 seconds, which was the sixth-fastest qualifying time.

The Mustangs are back at state in the shuttle hurdle relay for the third straight season.

Fenton was part of all three teams and Fenton and Olson helped the

Mustangs place 22nd last season.

Van Gorp took fourth in the 110 high hurdles, but his time of 16.21 seconds was good enough to secure the 21st-best qualifying time.

Fenton, Gabe Hobbs, Olson and Evan Jones teamed up to finish second in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

The foursome posted a state-qualifying and season-best time of 44.26 seconds in the 4x100 relay. That was the 18th-best qualifying time.

In the 4x200, the group finished in a season-best 1:32.64, which was the 14th-best qualifying time.

Olson and Fenton helped the Mustangs place 12th in the 4x100 relay last spring, while Hobbs and Fenton were part of the team's 15th-place finish in last year's state 4x200 relay team.

The 4x800 relay team of Carson Hansen, Riley Graber, Joe Shaver and Coby DeRaad placed third in a season-best 8:53.49.

Van Gorp finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 3 1/2 inches. The final at-large distance was 20-6 3/4.

Mickey Mackewich also placed fourth in the 400 with a season-best time of 54.78 seconds.

The 4x400 relay team of Jacob Wendt, Caden Bouwkamp, Mackewich and Aydan Camu finished fifth in 3:45.31.

The sprint medley and distance medley relay teams both placed sixth. In the sprint medley, the foursome of Fenton, Olson, Jones and Robbins posted a season-best time of 1:38.5. The distance medley relay team of Wendt, August Stock, Robbins and Bouwkamp finished in a season-best 3:53.27.

Mark Bussan placed sixth in the shot put with a toss of 42-10 3/4 and Chase Wagaman was sixth in the high jump with a leap of 5-6.



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PCM freshman Evan Jones, left, takes the baton from junior Griffin Olson during a relay at the Class 2A state qualifying meet at Central Decatur last week. The Mustang duo will team up in multiple relays at the state meet.