

Girls Set Personal Bests at Husky Invitational

By Judy Rogers

The Lady Bulldog track team continues to improve as the season progresses as evidenced by their performance at the Northern Valley Invitational Track Meet held in Logan on April 21. In this smaller meet, the girls were able to test their skills in some new events while others improved their results from previous meets.

Gabrielle Schiltz placed first in triple jump (31' 1.75") and Charlotte McCurdy finished fourth (23' 7.25"). Kami Miller finished in second place in long jump (14' 6.75"). Kaylie Schaben jumped her best this season at 4' 8" for third in high jump and Schiltz high jumped 4' 6" for fifth.

In the shot put, Morgan Ritter threw her season best of 28' for third while Jennifer Esparza placed fifth (25' 0.5"). Carmen Sepulveda threw the shot 21' 1". These three girls all threw discus with Ritter just missing out on points at 70' 4". Esparza threw 62' 5" and Sepulveda threw 55'. They each competed in javelin with Ritter improving to 63' 10". Sepulveda threw 57' 10" and Esparza 51' 9".

Over on the track, Kami Miller improved her season time to 16.78 for first place in the 100m hurdles. She also improved her time in the 200m hurdles to 52.88 for second place. Jessica Koerperich gave the 100m hurdles a try and placed third at 21.26. In the 100m dash, Brianna Stoll ran her best of 15.36 for 4th place as Brittany Fringer stayed on her heels for 5th at an improved time of 15.37. Morgan Ritter ran the 100m for the first time this season for sixth place at 15.93 as did McCurdy running 16.11 coming in seventh. Lena Pereda improved to 17.44 in the 100m and Sepulveda ran it for the first time at 17.7.

Kyndra Rush ran a 29.69 in the 200m for second place and improved her time in the 400m to 1:06.75 for second place. Jessica Koerperich improved her time in the 200m to 33.81 and tried the 400m finishing at 1:18.67. Pereda (36.94) and Sepulveda (41.09) also tried out the 200m while Schaben tried the 400m (1:14.43). Schiltz just missed placing in the 400m at 1:11.43.

The girls performed very well in the longer distances with Maggi Nieman placing third in the 800m with a season best run of 2:49.09 and Schaben placing fourth with her season best time of 2:55.22. Ana Bermudez posted her season best time of 6:34.20 for third in the 1600m and ran a 15:18.3 for third in the 3200m.

The relay teams added points to the girls overall total. The 4 x 800m relay team of Bermudez, Rush, Schaben, and Nieman improved their time by 40 seconds running an 11:05.5 for the first place finish. The 4 x 400m relay team of Nieman, Schiltz, Rush, and Miller also improved their time to 4:43.06 for second place. The 4 x 100m relay team of Koerperich, Fringer, Stoll, and Esparza placed third with a time of 1:02.2.

Coach Travis Smith commented that he was very pleased with all the athletes performances at this meet and had high hopes that they would continue to show similar improvements as they work toward state qualification. The girls will compete at Oakley and Quinter before returning to Logan for the Logan Invitational on May 5.