

Lady 'Dogs Place 3rd/Set Records in Oakley

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains girls team placed third overall at the Oakley Invitational Track Meet behind Oakley and Wallace County on April 20 as they set multiple personal records and tried new events. "We had a great track meet with some great times and finishes," said Coach Travis Smith.

KayCee Miller and Mabel Lugo each earned a first place finish. Miller set a PR of 13.15 seconds in the 100m and set a PR of 27.74 in the 200m to win the race. Lugo won the 400m run with a time of 1:03.33 and tried the 800m for the first time in high school finishing second with a 2:40.70 run.

Crossing the line in second place was Maggi Nieman in the 3200m run (14:12.58) and the 4 x 400m relay team of Gabrielle Schiltz, Kaylie Schaben, KayCee Miller, and Mabel Lugo with a season best time of 4:30.61. The girls had third place jumps from Miller in long jump at 15' 0" and from Schiltz in triple jump at 31' 4.25".

Candace Taylor has been working hard this season in the distance races and cut over two minutes off her time to place sixth in the 3200m run at 16:03.10. "This was one performance that I was the most proud of," added Smith. "Candace not only bettered her two mile time by two minutes, but chased down two girls in the final 100 to get 6th place. That is what interscholastic sports is all about!"

Jennifer Esparza placed sixth in shot put with her season best throw of 31' 3.25". The 4 x 100m relay team of Amanda Cheney, Esparza, Karri Schaben, and Noel Ritter just missed out on points but ran the best race of the season in seventh place at 1:01.9.

In the 100m dash, Cheney set a PR of 15.37 as did Karri Schaben at 15.39 while Karla Hernandez-Lopez improved her time in the 200m to 34.85. In field events, Noel Ritter improved in shot put to 27' 11" and in discus to 80' 2". Esparza also increased her discus distance to 70' 6" while Karri Schaben hit a new PR in javelin of 61' 1".

Additional results include: 200m-Taryn Fleckenstein 34.56; 400m-Nieman 1:17.26 800m-Herndandez-Lopez 3:15.82; 1600m-Taylor 7:02.33; Shot Put-Fleckenstein 22' 4.5"; Discus-Fleckenstein 58' 5"; Javelin-Esparza 57' 8", Fleckenstein 56' 3"; Long Jump-Cheney 11' 2.25"; Triple Jump-Karri Schaben 27' 2"

The girls continue to work on their skills as they prepare for the upcoming meet in Quinter on April 28.