

Bulldogs Place Fourth in St. Francis By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog track team placed fourth at the St. Francis Invitational on April 23 with 64 points scored. Nearly every event entered resulted in either improved times or points scored.

In high jump, Jacob Ritter placed first with a 5' 10" jump for his first jump of the season. This was a full four inches higher than his best jump last year. "It feels good to get a better outcome than last year," said Ritter. "I've grown taller and gotten stronger. It feels good to be able to jump with the taller guys." Ritter also placed second in long jump at 20' 2.5".

In the 100m dash, Wade Rush improved his time to 13.85 while Jacob Ritter just missed out on points in 7th place with a 12.32 run and Austin Patmon ran a 12.47.

Dylan Spresser set a PR in the 200m dash of 26.17. Patmon ran it in 25.57 and Josh Spresser finished at 27.79. Jovanny Infante improved to 1:00.19 in the 400m run. Josh Spresser finished in 1:03.49 and Alex Gonzalez ran a 1:06.16.

Fabian Cepeda decreased his time in the 800m run to 2:43.77 and Joseph Yanez-Perez cut 20 second to improve to 5:34.72 in the 1600m run. Roberto Loya scored in third place of the 1600m with a time of 5:14.81. Loya also placed third in the 3200m run (12:02.82) while Yanez-Perez placed sixth (12:44.07).

Harley Weese placed third in the 300m hurdles with a season best 46.06. He was also on the fourth place 4 x 100m relay team along with Patmon, Dylan Spresser, and Jacob Ritter with a time of 47.84. The 4 x 400m relay team of Patmon, N. Ritter, Loya, and Weese ran a 4:05.94 for fifth.

Nolan Ritter placed second in shot put (41' 4") while Wade Rush threw 37' 2" and Tanner Trussel threw a PR of 34' 10". Rush placed third in discus at 118' 9". Nolan Ritter threw 96' 3" and Trussel threw 72' 2". Rush placed second in javelin at 134' 0" as Trussel set a PR of 95' 7".

Harley Weese finished out the points with a sixth place finish in long jump of 17' 8" as Josh Spresser set a long jump PR of 14' 10". Gonzalez jumped 35' 0" in triple jump for 7th place while Infante set a PR of 34' 1" and Cepeda set a PR of 30' 6.25". The Bulldogs will continue to improve as they compete in Quinter on April 26.