

GP Girls Set New School Records By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School girls track team set two new school records at the Oakley Invitational on April 23.

The first record set was in the 4 x 800m relay. The team of Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll, Rayna Taylor, and Emma Weiner set a new record with a time of 10:27.55 for first place. The previous record was 10:44.32 set in 2006 by Candee Von Lehe, Ashley Albers, Valerie Broeckelman, and Kendra Spresser.

"It was exciting to break the school record at the second meet of the year!" exclaimed Brooke Stoll. "One of our goals was to break it and we hope to continue improving our time throughout the season to end the season successfully!"

"Wow that's amazing!" said Valerie (Broeckelman) Visser. "They didn't just break the record, it sounds like they smashed it! I remember what a thrill it was to set a new record - congrats to the 4x800 team on your hard work. Best of luck to you for the remainder of the track season!"

Brooke Stoll and Ashley Stoll are both members of the current school record in both the 4 x 100m relay and the 4 x 400m relay teams. "It was exciting to break the record this early in the season," added Ashley Stoll. "I can't wait to continue to improve as the year goes on." "I'm proud to join the elite athletes from Golden Plains that hold school records," continued Rayna Taylor.

A second school record was set in the 3200m run by Emma Weiner, a freshman, with a time of 12:15.71—also taking first in the event. The previous record was 12:32.27 set by Erin Ross in 1998. Emma improved her time and the school record again at the Hill City Invitational on April 26 by running 12:06.21.

She also set a new school record of 5:40.47 in the 1600m at Hill City, breaking the record of 5:42 set by Dana Broeckelman in 2001. "Oh, man, I am so disappointed to see my name go off the board. It's hard to realize that was 20 years ago!" said Broeckelman (Carter). "I am excited to see her break it. I know how exciting it is as a high school student and the adrenaline rush that comes with breaking that record. I love to see up-and-coming kids breaking records and doing better. It's exciting to see people succeeding in all of these areas in the smaller schools."

"I've been working hard to improve my times," said Weiner. "It's exciting to hold three records this early in my high school career. I enjoy running and appreciate the opportunity to compete in something I love to do."