

Bulldogs Improve at Oakley

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog track team improved many of their times and distances at the Oakley Invitational Track meet on May 23 in Oakley. The boys placed sixth overall with 35 points scored.

Senior Wade Rush set two career best distances in field events. He tied with Ashton Schiltz for fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 40' 9" beating his previous distance of 39' 5" thrown at Oakley in 2019. Schiltz, a junior, improved from 37' 5.5" at the Triplains Invitational the week before. Also improving in the shot was junior Garrett Carter with a distance of 32' 6.5" "It's always good to set a new PR," said Rush. "The goal is to continually improve throughout the season."

Rush also set a new career best distance of 155' 5" in the javelin for first place. His previous best record throw was 145' 10.5" at Hill City in 2019. Schiltz also improved his javelin throw on the season to 98' 6". His career best is 103' 7" in 2019. Junior BJ Rogers threw the javelin 66' 4.5".

Rush improved his season distance to 125' 5" in discus which was good for 2nd place. Also improving from the first meet of the season were Schiltz at 98' 6" and Carter at 92' 6". The final field event for the Bulldogs was long jump where Ethan Shea jumped 15' 10", Rojelio Loya 15' 9", and Tayten Barnett 14' 6.5".

The boys saw improvement on the track as well. Junior Ethan Weiner improved in both the 1600m run where he ran 5:12.99 for 5th place and in the 3200 running 11:12.68 for 2nd place. Roberto Loya, junior, also improved in the 1600m with a time of 5:18.37 just missing points in 7th place. Freshman Landon Meier decreased his time in the 800m to 2:33.18.

The 4 x 800m relay team of Shea, Weiner, Meier, and Roberto Loya scored a final point for the Bulldogs with a 6th place time of 9:29.14 which was an improvement from the previous week's run.

In other events, Fabian Cepeda ran the 100m in 12.95 to finish first in his heat. Barnett ran it in 13.37 seconds. Meier ran the 1600m in 5:34.59. Jovanny Infante ran the 400m for the first time this season finishing in 1:02.88 to place 7th. Barnett ran the 400m in 1:04.46.

Roberto Loya finished the 800m in 2:22.88 while Meier improved his time to 2:33.18. Cepeda, Infante, Shea, and Meier ran the 4 x400m relay for the first time this season in 4:11.44.

The Bulldogs will travel to Hill City on April 26 for the rescheduled meet.

Talk to WADE RUSH--two new PR's.