

Bulldogs Place Third in Hoxie By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School boys track team opened their season at the Hoxie Invitational in Hoxie on April 5. The team worked together to earn 73 points placing third overall at the meet with points awarded through 8th place.

This was senior Landon Meier's first competition of the year as he was sidelined with a knee injury for both football and basketball season. He performed well placing first in the 800m with a time of 2:16.48. He also placed sixth in the 1600m run at 5:30.21 and finished third in the 4 x 400m relay with a time of 4:00.67 run along with Josh Rath, Carlos Garcia, and Dylan Wark. The 4 x 800m relay team of Meier, Diego Perez, Owen Patmon, and Dylan Wark placed third with a 9:21.44 run.

"I was optimistic about getting to return to sports after my injury," said Meier, "and I was not disappointed. I was glad to be back on the track. I wanted to do better in the 1600m, which motivated me in the 800m. My goal this season is to break 4:50 in the mile and qualify for a return trip to state."

Josh Rath also placed first in triple jump with a career best 39'7" jump, which is nearly 2 feet further than his best jump last season, and second in Long Jump with another career best jump of 18' 9.25". He added another point placing 8th in the 200m dash with a 27.54 run. "It felt really good to get career best jumps to start the season. I wanted to beat my sister Breanna's triple jump record and I did. We hope to keep increasing our times and distances throughout the season. I hope to break 40 feet in triple jump at the next meet."

Dylan Wark placed 2nd in the 110m hurdles (18.65), and fifth in the 800m run (2:23.59). Diego Perez placed 6th in Triple Jump at 36' 3.5" and Tanner Black placed 7th at 34' 8". The 4 x 400m relay team of Tanner Black, Wyatt Amlong, Carlos Garcia, and Abe Taylor placed 5th with a 51.96 run.

Ezekiel Weiner earned additional points by placing fifth in the 3200m run at 12:11.11 and 7th in the 1600m run at 5:34.36, and Wyatt Amlong placed 7th in Discus with a 103' 2" throw.

Results of additional events include:

100m: Tanner Black, 13.04, Carlos Garcia 13.88, Wyatt Amlong 14.02, Miguel Garcia 14.72. Discus: M. Garcia 98' 4", Abe Taylor 91' 3". Javelin: Taylor 121' 10", M. Garcia 99' 2". Shot Put: Amlong 35' 4.5", Taylor 34' 2.5", M. Garcia 33' 1". Long Jump: Black 15' 7". 1600m: Owen Patmon 5:55.24. 800m: Zeke Weiner 2:37.72, Patmon 2:38.15. 200m: C. Garcia 28.73, Diego Perez 38.33.

The boys will be back on the track on April 10 at the Triplains Invitational in Colby.