

Wingfield, Lohse medal to lead Wildcats at KU Relays



Louisburg senior Cooper Wingfield broke his own school record in the pole vault on April 18 at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence. Wingfield medaled sixth overall.

LAWRENCE – Cooper Wingfield and Gavin Lohse have had their fair share of success at the state track and field level.

Wingfield is a returning state champion in the pole vault, while Lohse captured a state medal in the long jump a year ago.

The two Louisburg seniors recently competed against some of the best – not just from Kansas – but from Missouri, Oklahoma and other surrounding states at the 2025 Kansas Relays in Lawrence and both left with some hardware.

Wingfield medaled sixth in the pole vault, while Lohse earned

a seventh-place medal in the long jump during the meet held on April 18-19.

In the pole vault, Wingfield broke his own school record after he cleared 15 feet and 7.75 inches. Lohse recorded a jump of 21-8.75 in the long jump to earn a spot among the area's best.

"KU provided an opportunity to compete against a group of elite high school athletes," Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. "Cooper performed well, improving his personal record and had great attempts at 16-1.75. It's only a matter of time before Cooper clears 16 feet.

"Given the weather conditions, Gavin did what he needed to reach the finals in the long jump. Although his jumps were not his best, they were sufficient to place him in the top 7. Medaling at KU is challenging, so having two individual medals last weekend is remarkable."



Louisburg senior Gavin Lohse medaled seventh in the long jump on April 19 at the Kansas Relays in Lawrence.

The Wildcat boys also participated in four different relays.

Myles Vohs, Aidan Meyer, Emmett White and Colton Blue helped the 4×400-meter relay to a 31st place finish out of 76 with a time of 3 minutes and 29 seconds. Vohs, Meyer, Caleb Feldkamp and Lohse were 45th out of 83 in the 4×100 relay in 43.56 seconds.

Louisburg also participated in the Distance Medley Relay as Blue



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"The relays competed well and had the chance to experience a full track of races," Wright said. "We improved our time in the 4×100, and the 4×400 was a valuable experience, allowing us to learn how to maneuver around traffic. We also ran the Distance Medley and Sprint Medley relays, which provided a great opportunity to compete alongside other talented athletes."

Louisburg also took a pair of relays on the girls side, along with Adelyn Moore, who threw the javelin.

The Wildcats' 4×100 relay of Mackenzie Rooney, Kendall Crossley, Addi Mallett and Suzanna Dansel ran a season best time of 50.32 seconds to take 36th overall and earned a spot in the Sunflower Showdown finals.

Mallett, Rooney, Crossley and Ellie Vohs also ran strong in the 4×400 relay as they took 44th in 4:16.

Moore, who is a returning state qualifier in the javelin, recorded a toss of 101-8 to take 23rd.

"The girls did a great job at Kansas Relays," Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. "The 4×1 posted their best time of the season and the 4×4 was only a second off of their best time. Adelyn threw well and all gained experience in a large competitive meet."