## Louisburg boys win 3 regional titles, qualifies for state in 7 events



Louisburg senior Aidan Meyer celebrates at the finish line after winning the 4×400-meter relay on May 22 at the Class 4A regional meet in Louisburg.

The Louisburg boys track and field team might not have qualified for state in as many events as it has in the past, but the Wildcats have several who will contend for state medals.

Louisburg qualified for state in seven events following the Class 4A regional meet on May 22 at Louisburg High School. In those seven events, three were regional champions.

Nine Wildcat athletes will make the trip to Class 4A state

meet in Wichita on May 30-31.

"The team showed great resilience and determination competing in a very tough regional," Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. "They came out strong, gave their best effort, and demonstrated significant growth throughout the season. It was exciting to be home for our regional and the fan base was amazing."

Louisburg seniors Aidan Meyer and Myles Vohs had a big day for the Wildcats as each qualified for state in three events, while Meyer won two regional titles.

Meyer cruised to a gold medal finish in the 400-meter dash in 49.89 seconds. Senior teammate Colton Blue also qualified for state in the event as he finished fourth in 51.03 seconds.

"Aidan began to showcase his exceptional speed at the end of last season and has firmly established himself as one of the top 400-meter sprinters in Class 4A," Wright said. "He has recorded multiple sub-50-second times this season, showing both consistency and peak performance. Having experience with the state meet atmosphere, I am confident he will continue to excel and make a strong impact this weekend."

Meyer ended the meet with another regional title, this time with help of Vohs, Blue and senior Emmett White. The Wildcat quartet won the  $4\times400$ -meter relay in 3 minutes and 24.15 seconds.

Louisburg currently has the second fastest time in Class 4A this season as it heads into the state meet.

"The 4×400 relay team continues to take immense pride in their performance and shows consistent improvement every week," Wright said. "State-level competition will undoubtedly be challenging, but if they keep progressing at this rate, they have a real chance to be contenders for a podium finish."



Louisburg senior Gavin Lohse finished second in the 200-meter dash during the Class 4A regional meet in Louisburg.

The Wildcats also qualified a second relay for state as the 4×100 team of Meyer, Vohs, Gavin Lohse and Caleb Feldkamp took second in 43.50 seconds.

Lohse also went on to qualify in the 200-meter dash as he finished runner-up in 22.63 seconds. It was just the third time this season that the Louisburg senior had competed in the event.

"Gavin faced a tough field but ran a strong race," Wright said. "His performances in the 200 will continue to improve and compete well at the state level."

Louisburg senior Jerynce Brings Plenty ran strong in the 1,600-meter run and took second overall with a time 4:38.61 to qualify for state.

Vohs punched his ticket for state in his third event — the

long jump. The Louisburg senior put together a career-best performance as he set a new personal record with a mark of 21 feet, 8.75 inches.



Louisburg senior Myles Vohs recorded a personal best in the long jump on May 22 at the Class 4A regional in Louisburg.

He finished fourth in the event, but the Louisburg regional was one of the toughest in the long jump and Vohs sits with the fifth best mark going into the state meet.

"Myles' PR in the long jump was outstanding, particularly given the level of competition," Wright said. "The fact that the top seven from our regional qualified for state speaks volumes about how challenging it was to advance. Myles is peaking at the right time, and I'm excited to see how he performs at the state meet this week."

The Wildcats also thrived in the pole vault as they qualified two for state — both who are defending state medalists.



Louisburg senior Jacob Brown clears a height in the pole vault at the Class 4A regional meet in Louisburg. Brown finished runner-up at 14 feet.

Senior Cooper Wingfield, the defending state champion, won the regional title after he cleared 14-6. Senior Jacob Brown also punched his ticket as the regional runner-up at 14 feet.

"They are very excited and motivated to return to state," Wright said. "Their dedication and hard work throughout the season have paid off, and they're eager to compete at a high level once again. The opportunity to be back to back state champion is going to be difficult, but Cooper is up to the challenge."

The Class 4A state meet will begin at 1:15 pm on May 30 at Wichita State University. The meet will continue through May 31.