## Wildcat track has recordsetting day at Frontier League meet



Louisburg senior Cooper Wingfield clears a height during a meet earlier this season. Wingfield broke the Frontier League record in the pole vault on May 15 at Bonner Springs.

BONNER SPRINGS — It was a record-setting type of day for the Louisburg track and field team.

At the Frontier League Invitational at Bonner Springs High School on May 15, the Wildcats broke one league and one school record. To add to that, they also brought home two individual league titles.

It was a memorable showing for a Wildcat team that was dealing with the injury bug in one of their more important meets of

the season.

Louisburg senior Cooper Wingfield broke a 17-year-old league record in the pole vault after he cleared 15 feet, 7 inches to win the Frontier title. The previous record of 15-6.50 was set by Gardner-Edgerton's Isaac Mallory in 2008.

Along with Wingfield, the Wildcats also had a league runner-up in the event in senior Jacob Brown, who took second at 13-6.

"I know the team is still dealing with some injuries, but overall, I'm really proud of how the guys performed," Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. "Despite the setbacks, we saw a lot of personal bests and strong efforts across the board.

"It was especially exciting to see Cooper set that new league record. It is a testament to his hard work and talent."

Louisburg senior Cooper Wingfield is the new Frontier League record holder in the pole vault after he cleared 15-7 today at the league meet in Bonner Springs. The old record was 15-6.5 set in 2008. pic.twitter.com/iq1sdEN66C

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The second record came on the girls side as junior Kendall Crossley put together a memorable race in the 100-meter dash.

Crossley finished as the league runner-up with a new school record time of 12.34 seconds. The previous record of 12.38 was set by Emma Lohse in 2022.

She later went on to finish as the league runner-up again in the 200-meter dash with a personal best time of 26.16 seconds.

"The girls did a great job at league," Louisburg girls coach John Reece said. "We had several PR's and those that competed

represented Louisburg well.

"Kendall ran the fastest 2nd place finish 100 I have ever seen and broke the school record to boot. She had the race until the last 15 meters. It was exciting. The same type of race played out in the 200."



Kendall Crossley sprints to the finish in the 100-meter dash during a meet earlier this season. Crossley broke the school record in the 100 dash on May 15 at the league meet in Bonner Springs.

Senor Aidan Meyer captured the boys' second league title of the day. Meyer won the 400-meter dash in 49.94 seconds.

It was the second straight meet that Meyer has run under 50 seconds. Senior Colton Blue ran a personal best time of 50.37 to take third in the event and Emmett White was fourth in 52.04.

"Aidan's league title win was a highlight that reflected his

consistent effort and growth throughout the season," Wright said.

Also on the boys side, the Wildcat 4×100-meter relay of Myles Vohs, Caleb Feldkamp, Anis Ghannam and Gavin Lohse took third in 43.46 seconds.

Jerynce Brings Plenty scored points in a pair of distance races as he finished fourth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:46 and was seventh in the 800 in 2:02. Sophomore Levi Cotter was fifth in the 3,200 run in 11:01.

In the field events, the Wildcats had two point-scorers in the javelin and shot put.

Senior Brayden Yoder finished sixth in the javelin with a toss of 149-11 and junior Tasen Ellison took seventh at 149-10.

In the shot put, Michael Foote took sixth with a throw of 44-4.5 and senior Miles Meek finished seventh at 44-1.5. Junior Evan McKitrick was sixth in the high jump at 5-10.

Junior McKenna Lohse was bright spot for the girls team as she continued her improvement in the shot put. Lohse was the league runner-up with a throw of 38-5.

It was the second straight week that Lohse has recorded a throw of more than 38 feet as she has one of the top marks in Class 4A.

Also in the field events, sophomore Adelyn Moore took third in the javelin with a throw of 118-5. Fellow sophomore Breck Nielsen set a personal record in the high jump after clearing 5 feet and finished fourth.

On the track, the girls 4×800 relay took third in 10.57.

Sophomore Caroline Apple scored points in both hurdle events. Apple was fourth in the 100 hurdles in 17.34 and took fifth in the 300 in 52.40.

Freshman Taylor Tidd also scored points in the two hurdle events. Tidd took seventh in the 100 hurdles and eighth in the 300.

Louisburg will now prepare for the regional meet. The Wildcats will host the postseason event on May 22 as events begin at 2:30 p.m.

"We look to be ready for regionals and now is the time to step up and be mentally strong and physical tough and qualify for state in as many events as we can," Reece said.

Added Wright, "I expect our group to bring the same determination and teamwork we've shown all season. With continued focus and effort, I believe we can ac