

Wildcats win three events at De Soto Invitational



Louisburg sophomore Adelyn Moore finished second in the javelin on May 2 at the De Soto Invitational.

DE SOTO – The Louisburg track and field team competed in one of its bigger meets of the season on May 2 at the De Soto Invitational.

Louisburg won three events between its two teams and had seven top three finishes at the 15-team meet at De Soto High School.

Overall, the Wildcat boys finished fourth in the team standings with 78.5 points. The girls were seventh with 62 points.

“While we didn’t have many top three finishes, we placed in the top seven in 10 different events,” Louisburg boys coach Andy Wright said. “To be able to secure fourth place in a

tough meet like this one was good to see.”

As for the girls, the Wildcats had 10 top 6 finishes and a handful of those came from junior Kendall Crossley.

Crossley won the 100-meter dash in 12.70 seconds and later took runner-up in the 200 dash in 26.68, in what was a close race at the finish.

In the 4×100 relay, Crossley, Mackenzie Rooney, Addi Mallett and Suzanna Dansel continued their successful season with a gold medal finish in 50.57 seconds.

Crossley, Rooney, Mallett and Ellie Vohs took fourth in the 4×400 relay in 4:12.57. Mallett also went on to take fourth in the 100 dash in 13.14 seconds.

Vohs scored points in a pair of distance races as she took sixth in both the 800 (2:27) and 1,600-meter (5:36) runs.

Sophomore Caroline Apple took fifth in the 300 hurdles in 51.36 seconds and also was eighth in the high jump at 4 feet, 10 inches.

Also in the field events, sophomore Adelyn Moore had one of her best days of the season in the javelin as she took runner-up with a throw of 110-5.

Junior McKenna Lohse had one of her best days of the season in the shot put as she recorded a throw of 36-8 to finish fourth overall.

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Senior Cooper Wingfield won the pole vault with clearance of 15-1. Senior teammate Jacob Brown was third with a personal-best mark of 13-6.

In the long jump, senior Gavin Lohse took third overall at 21-5.75 and senior Myles Vohs was fifth at 21-3.

The Wildcats also experienced a lot of success in the javelin as all three throwers scored points.

Junior Tasen Ellison led the charge with a toss of 154-2 and took fourth. Brayden Yoder was fifth at 144-11 and Cole Poindexter finished seventh at 140-8.

“Those guys are working hard everyday in practice,” Wright said. “I’m glad to see their dedication pay off.”

Louisburg also scored points in the shot put as senior Miles Meek was seventh at 43-7.

On the track, senior Aidan Meyer had his best performance of

the season in the 400-meter dash as he was second in a new personal record time of 50.37 seconds. Senior Emmett White was sixth in the event at 52.93 and Lohse took fifth in the 200 dash in 23.12.

In the relays, the 4×400 of Meyer, White, Myles Vohs and Colton Blue had a strong race in 3:27. The 4×100 of Vohs, Meyer, Caleb Feldkamp and Lohse took sixth in 44.62, while the 4×800 group of Ryan Barberich, Spencer Mattison, Mathias Wright and Levi Cotter finished sixth in a personal record time of 8:52.

“We need to tighten up a few things in the 4×100 relay to get back to where we were a couple of weeks ago,” coach Wright said. “However, the 4×800 and 4×400 relays continue to improve every week.”

Senior Jerynce Brings Plenty led the Wildcats in the distance races. Brings Plenty was eighth in the 1,600 run in 4:41.

Louisburg is back in action on May 9 as the Wildcats travel to the Redbud Relays in Wellsville.