



The 2017 Lyons track team is, back row from left: Lance Wilder, Christian Hoffman, Oscar Jaime, Robbie Stansbury, Jack McClure, Terek Smith, Aaron Gomez, and Eduardo Arballo. Front row: Wade Foster, Alejandro Pena, Kaleb Morris, Mark Reyes, Brandon Kirk, Yo Yo Alvarez, and Tyler Edwards. Not pictured: Brandon Ortiz and Ishmael Reyes.

(photo by Vickie Folck)

Trio of seniors returns to lead Lyons track teams

By MIKE COURSON

The numbers are up and down for the Lyons High track teams this spring: up for the boys and down for the girls. With a handful of athletes with state experience, returning coach James Johnston is optimistic to have representation in Wichita in May.

Senior Samantha Trejo returns to the track for her fourth and final season. A four-time state qualifier in cross country, Trejo will be looking for a third trip back to state in the distance events. Last spring, she overcame a brutal regional field to qualify for state where she medaled in sixth. She just missed qualification in the 1600m field as the regional group included the top-three finishers at state.

Heading into last year's home regional, Trejo had the No. 6 1600 time in 3A, and the No. 5 time in the 3200m run. Trejo could move up the medals stand this year as

four of the top-five milers at state have graduated. Just two of the top runners in the 3200m run graduated.

Also returning for the Lady Lions will be senior Cassie Loesch, the reigning seventh-place finisher in the discus. Heading into regionals last spring, Loesch had the No. 7 throw (117-11) in 3A. Just two of the state throwers ahead of her

have graduated. Loesch will also look to make waves in the shot and javelin. She had 13th-best shot put throw (36-5.5) prior to the postseason last spring.

For the boys, senior Oscar Jaime returns after qualifying for state in the 1600m run last year. Jaime had the No. 14 time in 3A last year at 4:51.24, but ran seven seconds slower than that



The 2017 Lady Lion track team is, back row from left: Samantha Trejo, Cassie Loesch, and Ashlyn Troyer. Kneeling: Karime Vargas, Julianne Snyder, Anna Stansbury, Madison Dimitt, Alex Keyes, Melissa Williams, and Ramie Jo Hoffman.

(photo by Vickie Folck)

for a 15th-place finish at state.

Senior Tyler Edwards will be looking to make it back to state in the hurdle events. The bad news is just two of the top-eight high hurdlers have graduated. In the 300s, with Scott City moving to Class 4A, five of the top-seven hurdlers from state will be missing this year. Edwards qualified for state in the 300s as a sophomore.

With more numbers on the boys' side, Johnston will have the

opportunity to put more kids in more events. Even with numbers down for the Lady Lions, Johnston expects stronger performances in the springs this spring.

The Lions will have plenty of opportunities for home-track advantage with home meets on April 4, April 7, April 11, and May 2.

Lyons track 2017

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| March 30 | @Nickerson |
| April 4 | HOME |
| April 7 | HOME |
| April 11 | HOME |
| April 18 | @Goessel |
| April 20 | @Sterling |
| April 25 | @Moundridge |
| April 28 | @Hillsboro |
| May 2 | HOME |
| May 11 | CKL@Hillsboro |
| May 19 | Regional TBA |
| May 26-27 | State @Wich. State |



Lyons seniors Samantha Trejo and Oscar Jaime ran at state last year. Fellow senior Tyler Edwards will be looking for a trip back to the state track meet this spring.

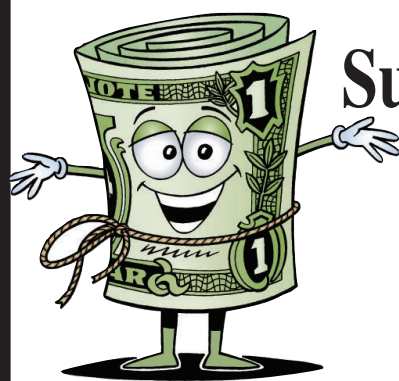
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