

# Young Larned squads take to track in 2018

By MIKE GILMORE

The Larned Indian track teams are looking to go the distance in a short time this season, once the practice schedule evens out.

Head track coach Tad Remy has some state contenders that he hopes will be joined by youthful performers by the time postseason arrives in May.

The Larned boys have no state-qualifying returnees from last season, but senior Thomas Harmon returns in distance after just missing a state berth in the 1,600m last season. At regionals last year, Harmon also placed seventh in the 800m and anchored the 4x800 to seventh place at Buhler.

Remy is also looking to sophomore Brock Skelton, whose triple-jump efforts are closing in on 42 feet.

“The boys’ field is wide open to athletes who want to be competitive,” Remy noted. “We have a lot of young athletes on the roster this year that could score us points at meets.”

Meanwhile, there are no seniors on the girls’ side. Several juniors, however could make an impact from early on, Remy noted.

Junior Katie Fischer returns to the high jump pit after clearing 5-2 for a silver medal at state last season. She is joined by sophomore Makayla Leiker, who qualified for state as a freshman alongside Fischer, and finished just shy of the state podium in ninth place.

Leiker is expected to play an expanded role this season on the oval as well, after competing in the hurdles and relays last season.

Junior Brooke Butler missed a state qualification in the 800m last year at regionals and will return to the relays. Sophomore Cierra Nord also returns to the distance races and will anchor the 4x800, Remy noted. Also returning to the 4x800 from last season are juniors Asia Murphy and Shaylee Nesby.

Rosters for the 2018



## 2018 Larned Indian track teams

Indians track squads are as follows:

### GIRLS

Juniors – Brooke Butler, Monica Clark, Kyla Collins, Katie Fischer, Breanna Harms, Asia Murphy, Shaylee Nesby, Katelynn Sanger and Tanisha Swayze.

Sophomores – Dallas

Jones, Makayla Leiker, Cierra Nord, Corrie Upson and Ruthie Webster.

Freshmen – Halle Barker, Anna Flory, Taylor Ross, Alijah Stokes.

### BOYS

Seniors – Kelton Barrett, Keelan Castro, Wesley Davis, Juan Delgado, Thomas Harmon,

Anthony McConnell, Ryan Powell and David Valadez.

Juniors – Jason Anderson, Justin Baker, Wesley Koch, Christian Martinez, Christopher Nauert, Caleb Nord, Jacob Smith, Adrian Tucker and Theron Wray.

Sophomores – Kindric Castro, Dalton Chambers,

Caleb East, Isiah Marley, William Mead, Brock Skelton, Paxton Wagner and Sebastian Whittington.

Freshmen – Samajay Alboyd, Ethan Haas, Tristen Harding, Brayden Lothman, Anthony Quintana, Jace Snyder, Andrews Tucker and Connor Upson.

## LHS linksters sport young squad in 2018

By MIKE GILMORE

Second-year Larned High School golf coach Dan Collins will be looking to fill the Indians’ top three cards with a group of youngsters in 2018.

Graduated seniors Colton Massey, Brandon Bartz and Braeden Corman led the Indians to second place at their regional at the Smoky Hills Country Club in Hays for a Class 4A state team qualification at Wamego last May.

The Indians won the Central Kansas League tournament while Massey successfully defended his individual title with a 2-over-par 74.

At state, Massey, a four-time state qualifier just missed winning the individual title when a three-way showdown for medalist erupted following a one-hour rain delay on the Wamego Country Club course.

Finishing the regulation 18 tied at 75 were Massey, four-time state qualifier Jake Becker of Augusta and junior Peyton Austin of Rose Hill. Becker won the meet on the first playoff hole, while Massey knocked down a par to win the second place playoff.

Massey’s finished marked the highest individual placing for a LHS golfer in spring competition since Kendall Wilson won top honors at Wellington in 1989.

Bartz, meanwhile, shot an 85 while Corman came in at 93 at state.

This season, sophomore Hunter Barker is the only returnee from last year’s state meet. Alex Sanger

is the team’s lone senior, while Barker is joined by sophomore classmates Calen Ayre, Jared McFadden

and Keaton Thompson.

Freshmen include Layton Crosby and Reed McNett.

## Larned track 2018

April 5	@Nickerson
April 6	@Lyons
April 10	@Ellsworth
April 17	@Kingman
April 20	@St. John
April 27	@Hillsboro
May 4	@Russell
May 10	CKL @Hillsboro
May 18	Regional TBA
May 25-26	State @Wich. State

## Larned golf 2018

April 2	@Nickerson
April 5	@Hoisington
April 17	HOME
April 23	@Cimarron
April 30	@TMP
May 3	@Ellsworth
May 8	CKL @Hesston
May 14	Regional TBA
May 21	State

## Pawnee Heights golf 2018

April 10	@St. John
April 17	@Larned
April 19	@South Central
April 24	@Kiowa County
April 27	@Ashland
May 7	SPIAA @Dodge City
May 10	@Kinsley
May 14	Regional TBA
May 21	State

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