

Arrow girls capture seventh MHSAA state track and field championship



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By Danny C. Davis

Clinton High School is becoming a dynasty for state championship track and field teams. Clinton captured the Mississippi High School Activities Association Girls State Class 6A title for the seventh time at the state meet at Pearl. Clinton boys finished runner up state champs for the fifth time in school history.

The Lady Arrows scored 98.5 points to win the championship. Clinton's win was not close. Pearl girls finished a distance second in 6A at 77 points. The Arrow boys finished only 2.5 points shy from winning the boys Class 6A cham-

pionship title.

Longtime Arrows head track coach Jonathan Perkins was also chosen as All State Girls Coach of the Year by The Clarion Ledger.

Lady Arrow junior Olivia Womack was named to The Clarion Ledger All State First team Girls Track and Field team. She finished first in every 100 meter dash that she ran this season. She also finished second place in the 200 meters.

Perkins, a 1997 CHS graduate and former Arrows football standout, had praise for his standout teams and says things look bright for the future of the program.

"Both boys and girls had really great seasons again this year," said Perkins. "They both worked so hard all year long, and we are so proud of our teams."

"The boys were so close. They fell short by 2.5 points, but they are going to be good next year. We only had three seniors on the team that are graduating, so the majority of the squad is back next year to give them another chance at winning boys Class 6A."

"The girls just continued to do what they do every year. They showed up. They showed out and are already working on getting ready for next year. We are graduating seven senior girls, but we have a real good group of eighth and

ninth grade girls coming up."

"We had three eighth graders make it to the podium at the state meet this year. Two of the of the girls placed third in state and the other eighth grader was on the third place 4 x 800 yards relay that broke a Clinton High state record."

"Good things are coming to our boys and girls track and field programs," concluded the state championship head coach. "We are trying to stay focused right now, while also giving the boys and girls some rest this summer, but once school starts back up, we're going to get back at in August. We are proud of our success this year, but looking forward to the future."

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