

Black & Gold



ALYSSA WILLIAMS CROSSES the finish line in the 800-meter relay. She anchored one of two Lady Warrior teams in the event. Williams combined talents with Addisyn Pettry, Belle Notaro and Harley Woodard to run a time of 1 minute, 59.45 seconds. They finished fifth overall. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



LOGAN WALLACE COMPETES in the 1,600-meter run at the University of Illinois Armory. The Warrior senior finished the race in 5 minutes, 13.61 seconds, which was good for 12th place overall. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



RYLEIGH VANAUSDOLL (background) hands off to Lia Patterson in the 800-meter relay at the University High Mini-Meet on Wednesday night. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

Warriors finish tied for third at mini-meet

By Daniel L. Chamness
The Tuscola Warrior boys track team is still not at full strength as basketball season ended a mere 12 days ago. But, the opponents sure could not tell that the recent Urbana University High-hosted Mini-Meet, which was the fourth mini-meet of the year. It featured 12 events, a normal track meet features 16, and 14 teams that posted a score. Tuscola finished tied for third with 44 points. St. Joseph-Ogden also had 44 points. Urbana University High and Caitlin Salt Fork finished tied for first with 59 points.
"The basketball boys will be joining us this week," said Ryan Hornaday, Tuscola's head boys coach and athletic director. "We are not only looking forward to that, but also to the outdoor meets at the end of the month as the temperatures start warming up."
One of the former boys basketball players that was ready was Chris Boyd. The junior thrower won the shot put and he led a total of three Warriors to top 15 finishes in the outing. Boys recorded a throw of 15.84 meters. He won the outing by over three inches, as Centralia's JehChys Brown took second with a put of 15.71 meters.
Tyson Macauley (11.59 meters) and John Claxon (10.23 meters) finished ninth and 15th respectively.
Bryce Graves also finished in the top three in his event, the 400-meter dash. Graves dashed to the finish line in :55.31. He was less than 1/2 a second from the winning time posted by Bismarck-Henning-Rossville-Alvin's Murphy McCool, who finished in :54.89. As

it stands at press time, the top 12 times in each event in the three different classes get invited to the Top Times Meet, which will take place on March 25-26. Graves time in currently ninth in 1A.
Conner Lewis (long jump), Tristan Gadomski (60-meter hurdles) and Riley Nolan (3,200-meter run) and Will Foltz (pole vault) each finished fourth. Lewis finished with a leap of 5.68 meters. Gadomski finished the hurdle race in :10.47, while Nolan crossed the finish line in 11:21.26. Foltz recorded a leap of 3.25 meters. Lewis effort in the long jump is the 10th best in 1A in the state this year, while Foltz effort is the 12th best in 1A.
"I was only two inches from my best jump ever," said Lewis, whose jump translates to 19

feet, 2 inches. "I think I could get that if I improve my takeoff and extend my legs a bit and get some more height on my jumps. I am grateful to my friends and coaches, that have built this program into what it is. I am ready to make some noise this year."
"My goal for the indoor season was to run under 11:30," said Nolan, who ran the ninth fastest time in the 3,200-meter since 2010. "The next time I run the race, I want to cut another 15 seconds off and get under 11:15. I am pretty happy to exceeded my indoor goal. Outdoor, I want to get under 5:00 for the 1,600-meter run."
Mason Veach (3,200-meter run) and Ben Hornaday (60-meter dash) each took fifth. Veach ran a time of 12:09.73, while Hornaday finished in

:07.57.
Other top 15 finishes were earned by Tyson Macauley (ninth, shot put), Logan Wallace (12th, 1,600-meter run), Krish Patel (12th, long jump), Ty Thomason (13th, long jump) and John Claxon (15th, shot put).
Saturday, the boys will compete once again at the University of Illinois Armory at the

Gene Armer Invitational. It is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and will be hosted by the Urbana Tigers. In the past over 25 teams have competed at the meet.

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