

# Black & Gold

## Lady Warriors dominate ALAH invite

By Daniel L. Chamness

It was another example of pure dominance.

The Lady Warriors would leave the Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond Invitational with five individual titles and two relay titles. Tuscola finished with 131 points to win the team title. They were 36 points ahead of the second place team, Cerro Gordo-Bement. They scored 95 points.

"We have very high expectations for ourselves this year as we should," said Drew Sterkel, the Tuscola girl's coach. "We want to be great. In order to be great, we need to set the bar high. We set a goal to win the meet and we achieved that."

Alyssa Williams, not only left with three of those individual medals, but an individual meet record as well. Her time in the 200-meter dash, 26.18 seconds, was the fastest time ever recorded in that race at the meet.

She would also be close to setting the record in the 100-meter dash, missing by only 6/100ths of a second. Williams dashed to the finish line in :12.66. She would also win the long jump with a leap of 5.15 meters.

Williams would also run the leadoff leg of the 800-meter relay, which won in 1:50.66. They were victorious by over 14 seconds as Arcola took second with 2:04.79. In the relay with the senior were junior Mia Hausmann as well as freshmen Kenna Clodfelder and Lia Patterson.

"The coaches are still trying to get some pieces of the relays worked out," said Hausmann. "But, some of them are getting into a rhythm. In practices, we are pushing ourselves to be better, faster and more knowledgeable about what we need to do to have continued success and get better as a team."

Patterson would earn two individual medals, winning both hurdle races. In the 100-meter hurdles, the freshman finished in :15.55. She finished the 300-meter hurdles in :45.27.

Clodfelder would get an individual second place in the triple jump and also earn two championship relay medals. In addition to being part of the 400-meter relay, the freshman, not to mention Hausmann would join forces with Rylie Vanausdoll, another freshman, and Adrina Simmons to win the 1,600-meter relay. Like the 800-meter relay, the 1,600-meter relay won by a significant margin. The Lady Warriors posted a time of 4:27.87. Cerro Gordo-Bement finished second in 4:42.59.

In the triple jump, Clodfelder finished with a leap of 9.41 meters. Hausmann, Jillian Alexander, Harley Woodard and Addisyn Pettry would grab second in the 400-meter relay, running a :55.54.

In eight of the events, four on the track and four in the field, the Lady Warriors grabbed two spots in the top 10.

In the field events, Natalie



WITH A LOOK OF DETERMINATION, Alyssa Williams (center) dashes toward the finish line in the 100-meter dash on Saturday at ALAH. Not only did the senior win that event, but she also won the long jump and the 200-meter dash, setting a new meet record. She was also a part of the Tuscola 800-meter relay, which won. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

Hasting would lead the way in the shot put and discus. The sophomore thrower would grab second in the shot put (9.53 meters) and third in the discus (30.45 meters). In the shot put, Taylor Gordon took fifth with an effort of 8.73 meters. Olivia Wallace was sev-

enth in the discus with a throw of 26.82 meters.

Woodard took seventh in the long jump (4.06 meters) and ninth in the high jump (1.27 meters).

Hausmann and Lauren Woods each finished third in their individual events. Haus-

mann ran a time of 1:08.75 in the 400-meter dash, while Woods finished the 3,200-meter run in 17:27.95.

Petry took fourth in both the 300-meter hurdles (:56.36) and the 100-meter hurdles (:19.69). Alexander was the fourth place finisher in the

100-meter (:13.86).

Vanausdoll ran a 2:47.19 in the 800-meter run, which was good for sixth, while Woodard finished ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:13.28. The 3,200-meter relay also took fourth, running 13:58.11.

## Tuscola Warriors take third at ALAH

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While the Lady Warriors used lots of gold earn the team title at the ALAH Invite, the boys used a little bit of silver and a ton of bronze to earn a third place among the 13 teams.

In the 17 total events, the Warriors claimed second or third in eight of them. The Warriors would finished with 79 team points, losing only to the host school, who won with 112 points and conference foe St. Teresa, who had 101 points.

"The ALAH Knights are loaded and was not surprised they scored that many points," said Ryan Hornaday, Tuscola's head coach. "We were short a couple of guys on Saturday and there was not a pole vault at the meet. We lost out on some points in the pole vault for sure."

Chris Boyd finished second in both the shot put and the discus. The junior finished with an effort of 15.86 in the shot put and 47.67 meters in the discus.

"I was hoping to throw a little further in the shot put," said Boyd. "I am inching closer and closer to my personal best in the discus, which is what I want to do. I am a little further from my best throw in the shot put. I have already thrown 54 feet, 11.5 inches in the shot put. I would like to get beyond 55-0. Right now, I am throwing under 53-0. It is not where I want to be."

He was the only individual runner-up finisher. The 800-meter relay and the 1,600-meter relay both took second. Ben Hornaday and Logan Wallace were on both relays. In the 800-meter relay, the pair joined forces with Boston Broady and Krish Patel to finish in 1:39.06 on the unusually chilly Saturday in April. Bryce Graves and Will Foltz were the teammates in the 1,600-meter

relay, finishing in 3:42.38.

Graves, Patel and Jackson Barrett would finish third individually. Graves dashed to the finish line of the 400-meter dash in :54.75, while Patel recorded a leap of 11.71 meters in the long jump. Barrett ran 10:20.16 in the 3,200-meter run. Later in the meet, Barrett took sixth in the 1,600-meter run, crossing the finish line in 4:53.20.

"I really do not have much of a distance base built up right now," said Barrett. "I was shocked with the time in the 3,200-meter run. I did not think I was capable of running that well in that race. I am not a big fan of the winter weather or treadmills."

Wallace and Foltz would also be two parts of the 3,200-meter relay, which took third in 9:32.81. Riley Nolan and Thomas Brown ran the third and fourth legs of that relay.

Haven Hatfield was fourth in the shot put (11.33 meters) and fifth in the discus (38.30

meters). Josiah Hortin also doubled up individually, taking fourth in the 1,600-meter run (4:51.62) and fifth in the 3,200-meter run (10:31.18).

"By the end of the year, I want to be able to run the qualifying time in both the 3,200-meter run and the 1,600-meter run," said Hortin. "I ran my best times in each of the events, but wanted to do a little better in the 3,200-meter. I ran a great mile run on tired legs."

Tristan Godonski was fourth in the 110-meter hurdles (:18.82) and sixth in the triple jump (10.46 meters).

The 400-meter relay team of Ben Hornaday, Graves, Patel and Broady finished in :47.38, which was good for fourth.

The Hornaday brothers also scored points in two sprint races. Ben Hornaday grabbed sixth in the 100-meter dash, finishing in :11.94, while David Hornaday took ninth in the 300-meter hurdles. He ran a time of :51.09. Brown took 10th in the 400-meter dash,

running 1:02.11.

"Ben did a great job leading off three of the relays," said Hornaday. "Logan ran some great relay legs as well. I was also really pleased with the Bryce in the 400-meter. He was in the fast heat with two really talented runners. Krish continued to show maturity and a willingness to compete for the good of the team."

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