

Black & Gold

Girls win Tuscola track and field invitational

By Daniel L. Chamness
 If the spring of 2022 is remembered for anything at Tuscola as far as track and field, it will be remembered for wins, both individual and team, return to a normal season at a normal time, and dealing with inclement weather.

While baseball and softball have been adversely effected, track seems to be soldiering on. The Tuscola girl's track team put another plaque in the trophy case at Tuscola High School, winning the Tuscola Invitational by 35 points. The Lady Warriors won five individual titles and one relay title en route to scoring 103 points. Catlin-based Salt Fork finished second with 68 points. A total of 13 teams posted a team score.

Alyssa Williams won three individual events and was the leadoff leg of the 800-meter relay.

Williams joined forces with Mia Hausmann, who was a member of the relay last year with Williams, Jillian Alexander and Lia Patterson to finish the race in 1 minute, 48.42 seconds. They won by almost three seconds as

Sullivan took second with a 1:51.31.

"I was blessed to be a member of this relay," said Alexander. "Having a chance to run with this amazing group of girls, that have done so well, is almost indescribable. I feel like we are building up our confidence as a team and individually as the season progresses."

Williams would win the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes as well as the long jump. In the 100-meter, she would finish in :12.33. The Lady Warrior senior would run the second to last event, the 200-meter dash, winning in :25.66. She would triumph over Patterson, a Lady Warrior freshman, by only 15/100ths of a second. Patterson finished in :25.81.

She won the long jump with a leap of 5.31 meters.

Patterson would account for the other two individual titles. She would win both hurdle races. In the 100-meter hurdles, she finished with a time of :15.20. In the 300-meter hurdles, she would break the tape at :45.14.

Rylie Vanausdoll and the 400-

meter relay team achieved third place finishes. Vanausdoll, another freshman, finished the 800-meter run in 2:41.36. The 400-meter relay finished in :53.59 and was comprised of Hausmann, Alexander, Addiysn Pettry and Harley Woodard.

"I was happy with the place, but I thought my time could have been a little bit better," said Vanausdoll. "It earned our team some points and that is what we needed to do on Friday night. We have a ton of potential and think we will get much better. Everyone on this team has a desire to work hard and get better. We have a team that not every school has at this point and time."

Natalie Hasting finished in the top six in both throwing events. In the discus, the sophomore thrower recorded a toss of 28.65 meters. She recorded a throw of 8.65 meters, which was good for sixth place.

Adrina Simmons took fifth in the 800-meter run, finishing in 2:45.25. Olivia Wallace (discus), Vanausdoll (high jump), Woodard (high jump), Alexander (100-meter dash), Belle Notaro

(pole vault) and the Lady Warrior 1,600-meter relay each finished fifth in their events.

Vanausdoll and Woodard each leapt 1.37 meters in the high jump. Wallace threw 28.28

meters in the discus. Notaro finished with a leap of 2.13 meters in the pole vault. Alexander crossed the finish line in :13.55 in the 100-meter dash. The 1,600-meter relay was com-

prised of Notaro, Wallace, Hausmann and Lauren Woods. They finished in 4:40.33.

Woods was also sixth in the 3,200-meter run, finishing in 16:45.43.



ALYSSA WILLIAMS (far right) races to the 200-meter title at the Tuscola Invitational. Trying to catch the senior is her freshman teammate Lia Patterson (background). Patterson finished second overall. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

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