



THE ARCOLA EIGHTH GRADE boys track team, coached by Steven Franco, won the Arcola Invitational Saturday at Thomas-Bradford Field. Pictured are: Eduardo Garcia, Josiah Hout, AJ..Stevens, Brody Philips, Carson Jewell, Remi Roberts-McGeehon, Christian Rocha and Franco. Not pictured are Tony De la Garza, Oliver Diaz, Brian Sanchez and Angel Garcia Tovar. Submitted photo.

Arcola eighth grade boys win invite

By Mike Monahan

On a day that saw hail and sleet and the real feel temperatures in the 30's the Arcola eighth boys track team won its own invite Saturday beating 10 other teams in convincing fashion, scoring 94 points. Second place went to Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond with 57.

The seventh grade boys placed third in a very close run for the team title as Villa Grove was first with 65 points, while Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond was second with 64 points. The top seven teams were within at least 24 points of Villa Grove.

The Arcola girls' seventh grade team was second with 45 points in the meet won by Cerro Gordo/Bement with 102 points, while the eighth grade girls were also second with 50 points in the meet won by Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond with 122 points.

8th grade boys

The eighth grade won seven of the 13 events, had two second place finishes and a third.

Remi Roberts-McGeehon and Brody Phillips won two individual events and were on two first place relay teams in

the 4x100 and 4x400. He won the 200 with a time of 25.99, which was 1.14 seconds faster than the second place finisher. He won the long jump going 18-4 on a windy day, which was 1-2 1/2 better than the second place finisher. He teamed up with A. J. Stevens, Carson Jewell and Brody Phillips to win both relays with times of 51.29 and 4:15.87 respectively. The 4x100 won by 1.20 seconds and the 4x400 won by a whopping 10.41 seconds.

Phillips won the 100 in 12.29, a season -best and .27 better than the second place finisher. He also won the high jump with a season best 5-8.

Jewell also won the 800 in a time of 2:31.79 and was second in the 400 with a season-best time of 1:02.18.

Stevens was also third in the 1,600 with a time of 5:51.75.

The only event Arcola didn't place in was the shot put.

7th grade boys

Brandon Sanchez continues to win the 100 and 200. He won the 100 with a time of 13.31 seconds, which was .75 better than the second place finisher. The 200 time was 1.33 better than second place with a time of 28.37. Sanchez

was also on the winning 4x100 team which also included Jordan Gingrich, Jahel Galaviz and Ronnie Vega. Their time was 57.32. Sangez was on the third place 4x400 relay that had a time of 5:03.73 and also included the same three as the 4x100.

Vega also placed in the long jump going 14-1 1/2, good for second place.

8th grade girls

No Arcola eighth grader won an event, but Aymara Leal was second in the high jump at 4-0 and Jaiden Miller was the runner-up in the long jump at 14-2 1/4.

Emmalee Reel placed in four events, third in the long jump at 13-0 and in the 100 hurdles with a time of 19.23 as well as part of the third place 4x100 that finished in 58.50 and part of the third place 4x400 that had a time of 5:17.68. Other members of the 4x100 were Olivia Gisinger, Leal and Jaiden Miller, while the other members in the 4x400 were Gisinger, Tenley Thomas and Leal.

7th grade girls

The lone winner was Tenley Thomas, a sixth grader,

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