



### ALAH 7th Grade Boys - JHOC Champions!!

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond seventh grade boys track and field team won the 42nd annual Jr. High Okaw Conference meet at Tuscola on Tuesday, May 2. Seventh grade boys remaining for the team picture afterward are: from left to right: Ashton Crumrin, Coach Don McCarthy, Dustin Snyder, Colton Snyder, Jase Kingery, Beau Green, Alex Olivero, Bentley Hutson, Donovan Vanausdoll, and Assistant Coach Mike Haste.

## Knights 7th Grade Boys, 8th Grade Girls Are JHOC Champions 7th Grade Girls Earn Runner Up Plaque; 8th Grade Boys Finish Third

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The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond jr. high track and field teams traveled to Tuscola on May 2 for the annual Jr. High Okaw Conference meet. The very windy day provided some good times and some challenges during the meet.

The girls teams brought home two plaques from the

meet with the eighth grade squad taking the conference championship with 108 points while the seventh grade took second behind Cerro Gordo Bement.

For the eighth grade Morgan Casteel continued her winning ways in the distance races earning conference championships in the 800 meters (2:42.41) and the 1600 meters (6:00.92). Another consistent

winner, Cassidy Rohacs was the conference champion in the 100 meter hurdles (17.16 PR). Rohacs also ran the anchor leg on the winning 4 X 400 meter relay (5:02.43). The other runners on that relay were Reece Oye, Riley Strode and Embrey Reardon.

The seventh grade girls had two conference championship relays, the 4 X 200 meter (2:07.69) of Norma Mendoza, Macelyn Boddy, Laila Sanchez, and Zoey Mendoza and the 4 X 400 meter relay (5:07.86) of Sophia Johnson, Norma Mendoza, Ella Oye and Gwen Herring.

For the boys the seventh grade, after finishing second to Villa Grove in two invitationals this year by one and two points, finally bested the Blue Devils by taking the team title with 103 points to VG's 91! Beau Green was a double conference champ in the 800 meters (2:33.79 PR) and the 1600 meters (5:32.14 PR). Bentley Hutson also earned a championship in the 400 meters (1:03.42). The Knights placed in the top six in all but one of the thirteen events that all added up to winning the team title.

The eighth grade boys were third in their division behind Tuscola and Arcola. Preston Gingerich was the eighth grade JHOC champion in the 1600 meters (5:19.16).

The JH Knights season is winding down and they will seek state qualification at the Class 3A IESA Sectional track and field meet on Saturday, May 13 at Newton. First place finishers and those meeting state qualifying standards at that meet move on to the IESA

Class 3A State Track and Field meet held in East Peoria on May 19 and 20.

#### 7th Grade ALAH Girls Team and Individual Results Jr. High Okaw Conference May 2, 2023

**Team Results:** 1. Cerro Gordo Bement 138; 2. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 74; 3. Okav Valley 70; 4. Arcola 55; 5. Tuscola 30; 6. Oakland Lake Crest 26

**Shot Put:** Emily Keagle 20' 7.5", fifth

**Discus:** Emily Keagle 62' 7", second

**High Jump:** Zoey Mendoza 3' 10", third; Macelyn Boddy 3' 10", fifth

**Long Jump:** None

**100 M Hurdles:** None

**100M:** Macelyn Boddy 14.63, third; Katharine Palma 15.98

**200M:** Zoey Mendoza 30.69; second; Laila Sanchez 32.35

**400M:** Briana Clayton 1:18.04, fifth; Layla Beck 1:21.62

**800M:** Gwen Herring 3:06.06, third; Ella Oye 3:08.80, fourth

**1600M:** Ella Oye 6:36.89, third; Gwen Herring 6:41.11, fourth

**400M Relay:** None

**800M Relay:** Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond

2:07.69, first (Norma Mendoza, Macelyn Boddy, Laila Sanchez, Zoey Mendoza)

**1600M Relay:** Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 5:07.86, first (Sophia Johnson, Norma Mendoza, Ella Oye, Gwen Herring)

#### 8th Grade ALAH Girls Team and Individual Results Jr. High Okaw Conference May 2, 2023

**Team Results:** 1. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 108; 2. Okav Valley 82; 3. Arcola 53; 4. Villa Grove & Cerro Gordo Bement 45; 6. Tuscola 38; 7. Oakland Lake Crest 31

**Shot Put:** Ashby Coblentz  
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Norma Mendoza hands the baton to Ella Oye in the 4 X 400 meter relay at the Jr. High Okaw Conference meet last week. These two along with Sophia Johnson and Gwen Herring ran a 5:02.40 to earn a conference championship in the event.



In the seventh grade boys 800 meter run at the JHOC meet on May 2, Beau Green comes to the finish in first place with a PR time of 2:33.79. He also won the 1600 meters with another PR of 5:32.14. The seventh grade boys were the JHOC team champions!



### JH Knights 7th Grade Girls - JHOC Runners Up!

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond seventh grade track and field team earned the second place plaque at the 42nd annual Jr. High Okaw Conference track and field meet last week. Girls remaining for the picture with Coach Bryton Ragon were: Emily Keagle, Macelyn Boddy, and Ella Oye.



### Knights 8th Grade Girls Capture JHOC Team Championship!!

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond eighth grade girls track and field team won their division of the Jr. High Okaw Conference meet held at Tuscola on Tuesday, May 2. They scored 108 points for their victory. Athletes remaining for the picture after the meet were: Riley Strode, Embrey Reardon, Kate Wiley, Morgan Casteel, Ella Oye and Coach Bryton Ragon.