8 Area Schools Compete in Varsity Nemaha Valley Invite Track Meet

Eight area schools competed on the varsity side of the Nemaha Valley Invitational track meet, yesterday either in the girls or boys events or both. Sabetha, Nemaha Valley and Marysville enjoyed the best team finishes of the day of the local schools competing. The Bluejays of Sabetha saw their girls track squad win first place as a team and their boys team take home third overall. The Raiders of Nemaha Valley took fourth as a boys team and second with the girls team. While the Bulldogs of Marysville took second in the boys and fourth with their girls team. Five individuals from the area schools also enjoyed nice days on the track and in the field with multiple event wins.

For the girls Sabetha only won the team crown by less than a point, cumulating 102 total points of the course of the track meet with Nemaha Valley right on their tail, finishing second with 101.3 points. The team points fell drastatically after that but it was a close fight for third place with Riverside and Marysville. Riverside ultimately took third with 72 points, as Marysville notched 70.3 points good for fourth. The rest of the team finishes came out like this: 5th Washington County (65.3), 6th B&B (62), 7th Bern (55), 8th Rock Creek (22) and 9th Flint Hills Christian (5).

Although Sabetha won the team title of the event they only walked away with two first place finishes on the day as Kayla Renyer won the discus throw and Brianna Gruber won the 3200-meter run. Nemaha Valley and Riverside, who finished second and third, respectively both finished with more first place finishers than Sabetha. For the Raiders it they took home four event crowns winning the 4x800-meter relay, 100-meter hurdles, 100-meter dash and 1600-meter run. It was McKayla Brezina winning the 100-meter hurdles, while Julie Kohake raced her way to victory in the 100-meter dash and their teammate Ashley Rottinghaus won the 1600-meter run. The Riverside Cyclones three event wins came by one individual that being Connor Schultz. Schultz leapped her way to wins in the long and triple jumps, while also winning the 800-meter run.

Marysville, also snatched up multiple first places, winning four events two at the hands of their relay team and the other two by Blair Russell. The Bulldogs of Marysville won both the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay, while Russell dashed to wins in the 200 and 400-meter dashes. Bern and B&B each grabbed two event wins, by two different individuals for each school. Bern's, Shelby Hundley won the 300-meter hurdles and Claire Meyer won the pole vault. For B&B it was Haley Strathman winning the high jump and Luara Sudbeck grabbing victory in the shot put.

Rock Creek boys track squad came away with first place but it was a tight finish only grabbing that first place finish by two points, scoring 88 points. Marysville took second scoring 86 team points. Third, fourth and fifth place were all close scoring too, with all top five spots separated by only 15 points. Sabetha took third with 79 points, with Nemaha Valley right on their tail with 78 points good for fourth and Washington County came in fifth with 73. The rest of the team finishes came out like this: 6th Royal Valley (54), 7th Riverside (49), 8th B&B (25) and 9th Bern (11).

Of the local schools it was Sabetha winning the most first places with four, as the Bluejays relay team accounted for two of them locking up wins in the 4x100 and 4x800-meter relays. The other two first place finishes came at the hands of Trenton Cox and Trevin Edelman who won the 3200-meter run and discus throw, respectively. Marysville came away with three event crowns, taking the other relay title in the 4x400-meter relay while also winning the 200-meter dash and javelin throw. Brady Moore sprinted to the win the 200-meter dash and Garrett Kort threw his way to the win in the javelin throw.

Nemaha Valley, Royal Valley and Washington County all took home two event wins. For the

Raiders it was Andrew Todd winning the shot put while his teammate Isaac McWilliams won the 1600-meter run. On the Royal Valley Panthers end it was Nick Tuck sweeping the hurdles events, winning the 110 and 300-meter hurdles. Tigers of Washington County pounced on the events of the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run with Korey Welch and Tyler Kongs, winning those events, respectively.

B&B and Riverside also each saw one event winner at the Nemaha Valley Invitational. For the Falcons it was Cody Heiman winning the high jump, while the Cylclones Dylan Poirier won the pole vault.

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