

Nemaha Valley & Royal Valley Win Royal Valley Invite Track Meet

It was the host school Royal Valley boys team winning their team crown, while the Nemaha Valley girls team came in and won the team crown on the girls side. Nine total area schools competed at Royal Valley Invitational track meet, yesterday with many of the having top team finishes or some top individual performances.

Both teams that won first place won by wide margins, for the Royal Valley Panthers boys they scored 139.5 total points, 39.5 points better than second place, which went to Nemaha Valley won cumulated 109 total team points. Third place went to Holton with 89 points, outscoring Silver Lake for third; as Silver Lake finished fourth with 61 total points. The rest of the team finishes were as followed: 5th McLouth (58), 6th Jeff West (40.5), 7th Atchison (40), 8th Oskaloosa (11) and 9th Maur-Hill Mount Academy (10).

There was only multi-event winner on the boys side at the Royal Valley Invitational, that honor went to Royal Valley's own Nick Tuck, who swept the hurdles events, winning both the 110 (14.91) and 300-meter hurdles (41.00). Tuck had four of his teammates and the Panthers relay team, also win events on the day. In field events it was Gary Smith winning the javelin throw (151'-03"), Skyler Link leaping to victory in the long jump (20'-05") and Chris Chapman winning the high jump (5'-10"). Thomas Broxterman was the other Panther to win an event that being the 800-meter run (2:02.90), while their relay team won the 4x800-meter relay (8:39.88).

Holton Wildcats took home four first place finishers on the day, including two in field events and two in the track side. In the field it was Cameron Karn winning the triple jump (41"-09"), while his teammate Dustin Keen won the discus throw (126'-08"). On the track it was Holton's, Ryan Haefke winning the 400-meter dash (52.79) and the relay team winning the 4x400-meter relay (3:36.43).

Other winners at the Royal Valley Invitational track meet in the boys competitions were: Nemaha Valley--David Holthaus (200-meter dash -- 23.61) and Kaleb Swart (3200-meter run -- 11:04.61); Oskaloosa--Dalton Ricketts (100-meter dash -- 11.32); McLouth--Marc Walbridge (1600-meter run -- 4:46.52).

For the girls it was Nemaha Valley finished in first place as a team by a wide margin, as they amassed 142 total points; 43 points better than the second place finishing team. Second place was earned by Holton who scored 99 team points, while third place went to Jeff West as they tallied 82 points. The rest of the team finishes were as followed: 4th Silver Lake (55), 5th Royal Valley (46), 6th Atchison (37), 7th McLouth (34), 8th Maur-Hill Mount Academy (27) and 9th Oskaloosa (26).

The best individual performance of the track out of the girls and boys side went to Nemaha Valley Raider, McKayla Brezina, as she won three individual events. Brezina swept the hurdles, winning the 100 (16.01) and 300-meter hurdles (48.16), while also leaping to a win in the high jump (5'-00"). Five other individuals/relay teams won multiple events on the girls side, too.

Holton's, Connor Strader, Rachel Harman and the Wildcat relay team were three of those five to win multiple event titles. Strader took home a pair of wins on the track, winning the 400-meter dash (60.09) and 800-meter run (2:23.24). Harman paced her way to wins in the distance races of 1600 (5:45.86) and 3200-meters (12:42.09), while the Wildcat relay team won both 4x400 (4:17.50) and 4x800-meter relays (10:04.41).

It was Jeff West Tiger, Haley Seiss and Oskaloosa Bear, Jordan Miller who were the others that won multiple events. Seiss won both a track and field event, winning the 200-meter dash (27.43) and the

long jump (15'-01.25"). Miller locked up the shot put (37'-08.50") and discus throw (121'-05") crowns but tossing her way to the victories.

Other winners at the Royal Valley Invitational track meet in the girls competitions were: Nemaha Valley--Chelsy McGhee (Javelin throw -- 106'03") and Relay Team (4x100-meter relay -- 53.05); Holton--Jayna Smith (Triple Jump -- 33'-11"); Jeff West--Kendal Holloman (Pole Vault -- 8'-06").

Full Results are below:



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