

Lady Bulldogs Claim Top Spots in Logan By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School claimed numerous first place finishes at the Logan Invitational on May 8 earning them the runner-up spot as a team in both the junior high (grades 7-8) division and the sixth grade division out of the nine teams competing.

In the junior high division, seventh grader KayCee Miller claimed the gold medal in nearly every one of her events. She placed first in the 100m dash (13.80), in long jump with a season best jump of 15' 2.5", and as a member of the 4 x 200m relay team (2:04.46) along with teammates Paris Bailey, Mabel Lugo, and Kaylie Schaben. Miller finished second in the 200m run at 28.19 seconds-just .35 seconds behind the first place finisher from Northern Valley.

Also claiming gold medals for the junior high girls was seventh grader Noel Ritter. Ritter placed first in shot put with a personal best throw of 30' 11.5" and in discus with another personal record of 78' 10".

Additional points for the junior high team came from Paris Bailey finishing sixth in the 400m run (1:17.17) and third in long jump with a season best jump of 12' 9", Kaylie Schaben (2:48.59-3rd) and Maggi Nieman (2:52.60-6th) two personal records in the 800m run, and Sierra Finlay in the 200m hurdles (36.91-4th). Schaben also placed third in the high jump at 4' 4" and Jennifer Esparza placed fifth in discus with a 64' 9" throw. The medley relay rounded out the junior high scoring with a second place finish at 2:14.11 with Bailey, Nieman, Finlay, and Schaben running.

Many of the girls improved their times and distances and experience in their events while others tried new events for the first time. These events are listed below with improved times marked*.

100m-Haley Miller 18.76, Tayler Lobato 19.41*; 200m Jennifer Esparza 34.74, H. Miller 41.0*; 400m-Amanda Cheney 1:30.64, H. Miller 1:33.25; 1600m-Nieman 7:09.80; 100m hurdles-Finlay 20.37, Cheney 23.56, Charlotte McCurdy 23.9; 200m hurdles-Cheney 43.43; 4 x 100m relay-Esparza, Lobato, McCurdy, Ritter 1:08.97; shot put-Esparza 28' 3.5", Lobato 23' 6", discus-Lobato 57' 1", long jump-H. Miller 7' 11", triple jump-Cheney-21' 8.5", McCurdy 21' 1".

The Lady Bulldogs will finish their season at the WKLL meet in Goodland on May 16.