



Finally, it's back to competition during uncooperative spring

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Chase County coaches and athletes were glad to be back on the track in competition Saturday. While Monday's rescheduled Chase County meet was called off a second time due to the weather, area schools were able to squeeze in a meet Saturday at Hershey.

Head Girls Coach Al Zuege said the weather was by no means ideal, but "we've certainly had worse."

Chase County's Lady Longhorns finished second there in a field of 11 teams, after scoring three firsts and placing in 12 of the 18 events.

Coach Zuege said his team competed well and was pleased with the effort overall.

Jodi Koellner scored individual firsts in both the shot and discus. Her 36'9" in the shot also was a personal best.

Her throw was just over four inches further than teammate Valeria Cervantes, who placed second, also with a personal best of 36' 4 3/4".

Another first was turned in by the 400 meter powder puff relay team of Ally Vrbas, Koellner, MaKenna Ketter and Anna Bauerle. Hershey is one of the few meets that does give teams points in this event.

Paige Spady had another good day on the track with a pair of seconds in the 1600 and 3200.



Alyssa Moreno also scored in both distance events, running personal bests as she finished

fourth in the 1600 and fifth in the 3200.

Zuege said he is seeing better conditioning in Kristen Jussel, who finished second in the 300 meter hurdles and fourth in the highs. She also collected a sixth in the 400 and ran on the fifth place 400 meter relay team.

Other Chase County place-winners included Kaycee Bubak, fourth in triple jump; Ally Vrbas, fifth in discus; and Andrea Hogsett, tie for fifth in pole vault.

The Lady Longhorn 3200 meter relay team also took fourth at the meet.

Coach Zuege said the team is catching up on their times and marks, and are now just behind where they normally are this time of the season.

That's good, he said, as the SPVA conference meet is next on the schedule this Friday.

Team scoring at Hershey was North Platte St. Pat's 105, Chase County 86.5, Hershey 61, Sutherland 59, Mullen 49, Perkins County 42.5, Brady 37, Garden County 35, Southwest 34, Cambridge 30 and South Loup 17.

Here are Chase County's placings at the meet, as well as personal bests.

100 meter dash—1st, Jamie Smith, SP, 13.10.

200 meter dash—1st, Brooke Frederick, Her., 27.60.

400 meter dash—6th, Kristen Jussel, CC, 1:06.20. Winning time—Kenzie May, SW, 1:03.40.

800 meter run—1st, Anna O'Malley, SP, 2:36.20.

1600 meter run—2nd, Paige Spady, CC, 5:53.90; 4th, Alyssa Moreno, CC, 6:11.20. Winning time—Mandy O'Malley, SP, 5:52.60.

3200 meter run—2nd, Paige Spady, CC, 12:53.20; 5th, Alyssa Moreno, CC, 13:35.90. Wining time—Mandy O'Malley, SP, 12:43.20.

100 meter hurdles—4th, Kristen Jussel, CC, 17.30. Winning time—Joli Hopping, Suth., 16.50.

300 meter hurdles—2nd, Kristen Jussel, CC, 50.80. Winning time—Madison Tomlinson, Mul., 50.30.

400 meter relay—5th, Chase County, Morgan Fisher, Kaycee Bubak, Andrea Hogsett, Kristen Jussel, 55.40. Winning time—Sutherland, 53.50.

Powder Puff relay—1st, Chase County, Ally Vrbas, Jodi Koellner, MaKenna Ketter, Anna Bauerle, 58.80.

1600 meter relay—1st, Hershey, 4:25.10.

3200 meter relay—4th, Chase County, Mallory Coleman, Annika Swanson, Bethany Sorensen, Maddison Vaverek, CC, 12:31.30. Winning time—St. Pat's, 10:58.70.

Long jump—1st, Jordin Wasson, Cam., 15'7.75".

Shot put—1st, Jodi Koellner, CC, 36'9"; 2nd, Valeria Cervantes, CC, 36'4.75".

Discus—1st, Jodi Koellner, CC, 106'2"; 5th, Ally Vrbas, CC, 96'8".

Triple jump—4th, Kaycee Bubak, CC, 31'6.5". Winning mark—Jordin Wasson, Cam., 33'11".

High jump—1st, Josie Palmer, Brady, 5'2".

Pole vault—5th, Andrea Hogsett, CC, 7'6". Winning mark—Brooke Frederick, Her., 10'2".

Personal bests

100 meters—Ashlin Bussell, 14.60.

200 meters—Jasmine Laird, 30.90.

400 meters—Emma Bauerle, 73.60.

800 meters—Bethany Sorensen, 3:01.

1600 meters—Alyssa Moreno, 6:11.2.

3200 meters—Alyssa Moreno, 13:35.9.

100 meter hurdles—Cheyanne Kuhlmann, 21.60.

300 hurdles—Cheyanne Kuhlmann, 59.40.

Shot put—Jodi Koelner, 36'9"; Valeria Cervantes, 36'4.75".

Triple jump—Kaycee Bubak, 31'5"; Emma Bauerle, 30'5.5".

SPVA meet Friday

Things look similar this year to the 2012 SPVA conference meet for the girls' teams.

Coach Zuege said, like last year, St. Pat's—on paper—is the favorite in this Friday's SPVA meet in Hershey.

But, last year, Chase County pulled out all the stops and ended up in a tie for the SPVA championship with St. Pat's, as both tallied 138 points.

Hershey and Sutherland will also be vying for top placings this Friday, but Zuege predicts it will be another battle between the Lady Longhorns and Lady Irish.

"It never really comes out the way it's supposed to," Zuege smiled.

He said his team is again planning for an upset.

Maxwell is actually the host for this year's conference meet, but since they do not have a track, it will be held in Hershey starting at 12:30 p.m. MT

On Tuesday, April 30, Zuege expects to take four girls, maybe more, to several events at the Best of the Midwest in Sutherland.

An invitation to that meet is issued to athletes with the top eight times or marks from schools in an area west of Lexington.

Chase County times and marks won't be sent in until after Friday's SPVA meet, so who will be attending was not yet known this week.

The Lady Longhorns conclude the regular season Friday, May 3, at the Dundy County/Stratton meet.