

Howard Wood and O’Gorman track invites

By Scott Bormann

The Tanagers’ track and field team took part in some great competitions in Sioux Falls over the weekend.

The Howard Wood Dakota Relays were held once again on Friday and Saturday. Sioux Falls O’Gorman hosted another invitational on Friday for those athletes who were unable to qualify for the prestigious Howard Wood.

Nick Jensen and Maddie Lavin were the only individual competitors for the Tanagers.

“Nick had a rough Howard Wood,” said Coach Lenni Billberg, “but won the O’Gorman meet with a season best of 52’ 11” in the shot put.”

“Maddie had a great weekend,” said Billberg. “A 20 second PR (personal record) in the 3200 on Friday, and close to a best on Saturday in the mile” (at Howard Wood). She also won the 800 meter run (2:29.91) at O’Gorman by 13 seconds over Miranda Lakness of Hamlin. Katie Kost finished eighth for the Tanagers with a time of 2:50.25.

Four girls’ relay teams, and one boys’ relay team competed at Howard Wood.

“Our girls medley team qualified for State with Ashley Schulz, Sydney Peters, Rachel Finnegan, and Maddie Lavin,” said Billberg.

They finished in sixth place with a time of 4:29.70. The girls’ 4x100 team finished 11th in 53.65 seconds. Both the girls’ 4x200 and 4x 400 teams finished in 16th place with times of 1:54.86 and 4:33.75 respectively. The boys’ 1600 M sprint relay

finished in 14th place in 3:52.98.

Howard Wood could be the greatest collection of athletes we see each year, including the State meets. Many events are contested in the open format, which puts competitors from all classes in the same races. Teams from Minnesota, North Dakota and even Canada come to fight against the best.

We are also treated to many college/university competitions, including the women’s pole vault pitting national champions and runners up against each other.

Over at O’Gorman, Nick Jensen won the shot put with a distance of 52’ 11.75,” over two feet longer than Brody Grantham (50’ 8”) of Hamlin. He finished sixth in the Discus with a toss of 144’ 2,” with Tyler Currey of Madison winning with a measurement of 171’ 7.” James Butler placed third in the boys’ 800m with a time of 2:18.97, while Parson Covington came in eighth (2:24.06) and Cordell Sweeney placed 21st (2:38.74).

The boys’ 1600m Sprint Relay team of Jeremiah Johnson, Jay Munger, Jonathan Rosales and Logan Peterson finished in second behind Bridgewater-Emery with a time of 4:06.44.

Rachel Finnegan won the girls’ 400m with a time of 1:04.52, with Makenna Koble finishing eighth in 1:08.44. Ashley Schultz placed third in the girls’ 100m with a time of 13.27 seconds, with Taylor Weber (13.87) and Katie Low (15.27) placing seventh and 24th.

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DELL RAPIDS – On Cinco de Mayo, Vermillion’s golf team was led by Kyleigh Moran and Kate Brockvelt on the way to a third place finish in the first Dakota XII Conference Golf Tournament.

Sioux Falls Christian won with a score of 368, while the Tanagers’

387 was one stroke ahead of Canton.

Mary High from Dakota Valley won with a score of 83, while Moran and Brockvelt came in fourth and sixth with scores of 90 and 92, respectively.

Kayla Stammer and Audrey Miiller rounded up the Tanagers’ scoring with 101 and 104. Emily

Schmitz also finished the course in 104 strokes, while Allison Odens used 117 strokes.

The golf team will travel to Bakker Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls for the Region 2A Tournament on May 12. They finish the season by traveling to Spearfish for State on May 19-20.

McKelvey breaks meet record

By Jeremy Hoeck

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SIoux FALLS – Kyle McKelvey and Cody Snyder have always been linked together by their performances in throwing events.

A year apart, the duo set state high school records in their respective events at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays. And now, as teammates at the University of South Dakota, they have taken their exploits to a higher level.

So, it was only appropriate that McKelvey, a Beresford native, followed Snyder of Lake Andes by setting a new Relays record on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

McKelvey – who already owned the high school record – set the college record in the men’s shot put at 58-feet-8.5 on Saturday. A day earlier, Snyder did the same thing in the discus.

“We were actually talking about it earlier. If you’re in the college division and you’re not from the area, you probably think this is a tidily winks little track meet,” McKelvey said.

“If you’re from around here, it doesn’t matter how small the college division is, it’s still the best meet.”

Considering the Coyotes compete at the Mt. Sac Relays, the Summit League Championships and the NCAA West Preliminaries, that’s a bold statement.

But for good reason, McKelvey said.

“It’s not as big, but it’s the best,” he said.

McKelvey defeated North Dakota State standout Alex Renner (a Watertown native) for the shot put title. The two have long competed against each other, dating back to their high schools and now in the Summit League.

“When you’ve got NDSU and SDSU here, that’s about all you need for a really competitive meet,” McKelvey said.

Yankton High School senior J.J. Hejna found out all about that competition, and likewise from a familiar face.

Hejna took second place behind David Mulbah of Sioux Falls Roosevelt in a sudden death ‘jump-off’ in the boys’ high jump on Saturday.

Both jumpers – who have locked horns more than once – cleared 6-feet-6 earlier in the event, but each missed all three attempts at 6-8. To break the tie, Hejna and Mulbah attempted 6-7 and then 6-6. Both missed at 6-7, but Mulbah cleared 6-6 and Hejna missed.

“You don’t always see a battle like that in high jump,” Hejna said later.

“But it was a lot of fun to do that in front of a bunch of people.”

At a smaller meet, Hejna and Mulbah would have tied for the lead. But at Howard Wood (and at state), those ties are broken.

“I felt like I had a bad jump at 6-6, but had some good ones at 6-7 and 6-8,”

Hejna said. “But that’s the way it goes sometimes.”

Hejna owns a season best of 6-7, but said he is gunning for 6-8.25 which would be a school record.

Freeman saw its boys’ 800-meter relay squad do one better. Junior Brennan Schmidt anchored the Flyers’ to a new meet-record time of 1:33.78.

The quartet has actually run a faster time this season, but has been able to overcome some small injuries to the athletes, according to junior anchor Brennan Schmidt.

“The fact that no team has run faster in what, 89 years, is definitely something to be proud of,” Schmidt said.

“When you can do it with three of your best friends, it’s awesome.”

Joseph Weier started the relay, and was followed by Grant Preheim and Cole Paulson before Schmidt took the reins.

Freeman narrowly edged region rival Parker, which was second at 1:34.25.

“It’s a confidence booster winning up here,” Schmidt said, “but we know we’ll have our hands full with Parker at state, too.”

Schmidt later anchored the Flyers to a 1600-meter relay title, in a time of 3:36.72.

Irene-Wakonda junior Lauren Sokolowski knows what it takes to overcome competitors at the state meet, set for May 30-31.

Sokolowski won the girls’ 100-meter hurdles in 14.78

on Saturday, besting a field that included Class AA and A runners from South Dakota – as well as a Jamestown, ND, standout

“It gives me a lot of new competition,” Sokolowski said. “It makes you better.”

Luckily for her, it seems as though Sokolowski steps up on the bigger stages.

“It’s very nerve-wracking, but I love running at meets like this,” she said.

Sokolowski, a 2-time state hurdles champion, has crossed the 14-second barrier this season for the first time.

“It’s gotten better,” she said, adding that her next goal is 14.3-to-14.5.

In other action for Yankton, the Gazelles finished seventh in the sprint medley relay and seventh in the 400 relay.

Annie Kruse took 10th place in the 1600-meter run. For the Bucks, they took eighth in the sprint medley and ninth in the 400 relay.

Ryan Olson finished eighth in the 400-meter dash, Lee Rose took 12 in the long jump, while Hejna finished 13th. And Brice Cowman was 12th in the 1600-meter run.

The Bon Homme boys won the Class A 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:30.87, with the quartet of Zach Sutura, Brendan Bares, Chase Kortan and Scott Van Winkle.

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