

Dragons to compete at league track this Saturday

Written by Darci Tomky

Holyoke tracksters are rounding out their spring with the last stretch of the 2012 season track meets.

They competed at the Yuma/Washington County meet in Yuma last Tuesday, May 1. The following Friday they traveled to Longmont for the St. Vrain Invitational.

Holyoke boys placed eighth at the Yuma meet with 37 points. The girls' team finished in 12th with 14 points.

"We have a great group of kids who have been working hard all year long, but the competition has been pretty tough," said coach Sandra Rahe. "Every time our kids do better, it seems like everyone else in the state also improved."



Audi Peña runs a leg of the 4x800 meter relay Tuesday, May 1 at the Y/W County Area Qualifier in Yuma.

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—Enterprise photo

The top 18 in each event in 2A will compete in the state track meet May 17-19. There are no districts or regionals any more where the athletes have to get a certain placing to qualify for state. Therefore, all meets throughout the season are qualifiers because the times and distances are reported to CHSAA for ranking.

Rahe said right now five HHS tracksters are headed to state, including Alex Quintana in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles and the 400 and 800 meter races as well as the 4x800 meter boys' relay team of Ryan Parker, Matt Golden, TJ Gertner and Tito Fierro.

“Each week kids get a new personal best time/distance, but they haven’t moved up into the top 18 yet,” said Rahe. Several kids and relays are somewhere in the 20th-28th ranking range.



Gabriela Chavez Marquez puts a big effort into this discus throw last Tuesday in Yuma. —Enterprise photo

She said the meet on Friday in Longmont was a great experience for some of Holyoke’s top tracksters. They all did better on times but just not enough to get in the top 18 yet.

Saturday’s league meet in Yuma is their last chance to qualify for the state meet. Rahe said she’s hopeful they can get one of the girls’ relays in the top 18 state ranking.

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Check co.milesplit.com for current 2A rankings.

Girls' results—Yuma

3200 meter run—Becca Weaver, seventh, 17:36.67.

4x100 meter relay—Lindsay Helgoth, Cierra Prella, Audi Peña and Jacinda Krueger, sixth, :57.44.

4x100 meter throwers' relay—Shobi Burris, Meg Strauss, Louise Krog-Meyer and Ana Olivas, third, 1:05.24.



Meg Strauss competes in the 400 meter run Tuesday, May 1 in Yuma. —Enterprise photo

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4x800 meter relay—Prelle, Megan Vieselmeyer, Peña and Krueger, sixth, 11:45.77.

High jump—Helgoth, third, 4'9".

Boys' results—Yuma

400 meter dash—Tito Fierro, seventh, :58.50.

1600 meter run—Matt Golden, seventh.

3200 meter run—Ryan Parker, sixth, 12:55.79; Morgan Golden, eighth, 12:58.45.

110 meter hurdles—Nick Ortner, sixth, :21.41.

4x100 meter relay—Alex Quintana, TJ Gertner, Javy Rojo and Fierro, sixth, :49.59.

4x100 meter throwers' relay—Chris Pell, José Jaquez, Renan Barrueco and Ramiro Iniguez, third, :55.58.

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By the way, the boys' and girls' track and field teams will meet in Yuma Saturday, May 12