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JCC BASEBALL

Jacobsen throws no-hitter in first varsity start

Jackson County Central sophomore Gavin Jacobsen made his first varsity start one to remember.

The lefty threw a no-hitter last Thursday at St. James, helping the Huskies win 6-2 to salvage a split with the Saints.

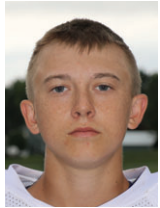
The win was the only one in four road games for the Huskies in a seven-day span. JCC lost 12-0 at Redwood Valley last Thursday, lost 6-1 in the opener against St. James and lost 6-5 in extra innings Monday at Lake Crystal-Well-

come Memorial.

The Huskies are 2-8 on the season and 1-5 in the small-school division of the Big South Conference.

Jacobsen throws no-hitter

JCC head coach Mike Wierson was hoping to get four innings out of Jacobsen in the first start of his



Gavin Jacobsen

career.

He got much more — and a much-needed win.

“We were hoping to get through four with him, if possible,” Wierson said. “That’s always kind of our goal with our starters. Everything was going really well and we were able to keep him in.”

Wierson sent a pitcher to the bullpen just once because Jacobsen’s pitch count was rising, but a three-pitch fifth inning helped.

“That should never hap-

pen,” Wierson said, “but we’ll take it. That’s one of those things where it gives us the ability to extend him.”

While Jacobsen was impressive, the game was in doubt until the sixth inning.

Alex Bretzman singled and Dalton Henning walked to start the bottom of the first inning and each scored on a two-out single by Dominic Bargfrede for a 2-0 lead.

The Saints used a walk, two stolen bases and a sac-

rifice fly to score a run in the top of the third to pull within one.

The Huskies led by just one run until a four-run sixth inning.

Bargfrede walked and scored and Nathan Reed and Braden Schuett each scored on a double by Colby Ringeisen. Ringeisen then scored on a two-out single by Bretzman for a 6-1 lead.

Those four runs allowed Jacobsen to finish off his no-hitter despite walking two batters in the seventh.

“Getting that cushion in the sixth inning made it a lot easier to send him back out there,” Wierson said.

But that didn’t mean Wierson wasn’t prepared to make a change if necessary.

“Going to the seventh inning we had somebody on call,” Wierson said. “If they had two runners on we said we’d get somebody starting to throw. By the time he got his glove and got ready, we made the last out.”

Wierson said he wasn’t

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JCC GOLF

Boys cap big week with win



Dan Eggink chips onto the green during a victory over Luverne Monday afternoon.

Farmer medals for first time in girls’ victory

The Jackson County Central boys’ golf team did well during a busy week of golf that included three 18-hole events and a nine-hole match.

The Huskies were third out of eight teams at a meet in St. Peter last Tuesday, went 8-4 in a match-play event last Thursday, placed second out of eight teams this past Friday and then beat Luverne in a dual Monday.

The JCC girls edged Luverne Monday in their only action of the last week.

Both teams are 2-1 in duals on the season and remain 1-1 in the East Division of the Big South Conference.

Huskies sweep Cardinals Jack Brinkman played steady Monday at the Jackson Golf Club, shoot-

ing a medalist round of 2-over-par 39 to lead the JCC boys to a 170-193 win over Luverne.

Brinkman made par on seven holes and bogeyed just two — both going into a steady wind — during his round.

Scott Flatebo birdied the eighth hole during his round of 43 and Dan Eggink matched that total, shooting 43 in his first varsity action of the season.

Austin Haar also made birdie on the par-5 eighth hole and his total of 45 rounded out JCC’s winning team score.

Alec Kocak and Tanner Haar each shot 47 for the Huskies.

Regan Farmer was medalist for the first time in her career as the JCC girls beat Luverne 220-223.

After opening with a bogey, Farmer made two straight pars during her medalist round of 51.

Sydney Sadusky shot 56, as did Ava Brinkman in her varsity debut. Each had one par on the day.

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Regan Farmer

JCC SOFTBALL

Johnson dominates with bat, in the circle in victory

Blaney Johnson did it all for the Jackson County Central softball team last Tuesday in a 10-5 win at Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial.

Johnson struck out 13 batters in a complete-game victory and was three-for-five with four runs batted in at the plate.

“Blaney has worked hard in the offseason pitching and her hard work has paid off,” JCC head coach Shelly Hotzler said. “Her performance against LCWM was proof of the hard work.”

Johnson’s big night helped the Huskies win despite missing two starters because of the local dance recital and bumped the Huskies to 7-3 on the season.

The Huskies staked Johnson to an early lead when Mackenzie Moss singled in the top of the first inning and scored on

a two-out single by Haley Tvinnereim.

Tvinnereim walked and scored on a single by Faith Flatebo — making her varsity debut — to double the lead in the top of the fourth.

Johnson held the Knights at bay until the JCC offense really took over in the latter innings.

Aba Turner doubled and scored on a hit by Johnson in the fifth and Ella Mulder — pinch running for Johnson — scored on another Tvinnereim single to increase the Husky lead to 4-0.

Turner and Moss scored on a two-run single by Johnson in a four-run sixth inning. Mulder then scored on a double by Keylee Rossow, who soon scored on an error.

The Knights scored three runs in the bottom of the inning, but JCC answered with two in the top of the seventh when Flatebo walked and scored and Alana Freking — making her first varsity start — singled and scored.

Johnson led JCC’s 14-

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Blaney Johnson

JCC TRACK AND FIELD

Four Huskies win at home meet



Zoe Pohlman flashes a smile while clearing the last hurdle during her victory in the 100-meter hurdles at last Thursday’s track and field meet in Jackson.

Pohlman, Henderson each have big days

Zoe Pohlman and Aleigha Henderson each won events at the Huskies’ lone home meet of the season last Thursday and

each was second in a pair of events.

The Jackson County Central girls — without several athletes who because of the

local dance recital — placed third. JCC’s 30 points put the Huskies just behind MCW (33).

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Evan Insichienmay blazes down the track during the 4x200-meter relay at last Thursday’s track and field meet in Jackson. The event was one of three in which Insichienmay placed in the top three.

Ssali-Gaustad and Insichienmay earn gold

Trevin Ssali-Gaustad and Evan Insichienmay each won an event at Jackson County Central’s home track and field meet last Thursday and added at least one runner-up finish.

The JCC boys finished second in the home triangular, scoring 40 points to finish behind Fairmont (111) and ahead of Martin County West (27).

Ssali-Gaustad had one of

the best performances for the JCC boys, winning the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.05 seconds and earning a pair of runner-up finishes.

Ssali-Gaustad finished second in the 300-meter hurdles (45.93) and in triple jump with a personal-best distance of 38 feet, 11.5 inches. He capped the home meet with a personal-best distance of 18 feet,

10 inches to place third in long jump.

Insichienmay had an impressive meet, taking first place in high jump after clearing the bar at 5 feet, 6 inches.

Insichienmay also helped a pair of relay teams earn top-three finishes. The 4x200-meter relay team of Insichienmay, Gabe Wolff, Jordan Hassing and

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GT&F: Two winners

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Fairmont made it a sweep of the team titles with 124 points.

Pohlman placed in the top two in each of her three events last Thursday and Aleigha Henderson finished in the top three in each of her four events.

Pohlman won the 100-meter hurdles in 16.71 seconds and was on the runner-up 4x2 and 4x1 teams. Joining Pohlman on the 4x2 were Clair Kolander, Peyton Hanson and Maci Farmer (2:00.0) and on the 4x1 team were Taylor Post, Hailey Handevit and Henderson (54.53).

Henderson won the 100-meter dash in 13.09 seconds and added a second-place finish in triple jump (32'9") to her runner-up relay finish. The senior also finished third in long jump (15'4").

Hanson was second in all four of her events. She was runner-up in the 300-meter hurdles (53.71) and pole vault (7'), as well as in the 4x2 and 4x4 relays. Joining Hanson on the 4x4 team were Post, Handevit and Emma Singler (4:52.74).

Farmer finished fourth

in the 100 (13.53), seventh in long jump (14'2.5") and eighth in triple jump (29'11.5"). Post placed fourth in the 200 (29.44) and 11th in triple jump (25'5.5").

Kolander placed fifth in the 400 (1:07.85) and Singler finished sixth in the 300 hurdles (57.67).

Handevit cleared 4 feet, 4 inches to place eighth in high jump.

Riley Poelaert finished eighth in shot put (25'0.5") and 12th in discus (58'11") to lead the Huskies in each throwing event.

Heather Willemssen was 13th in the 800 (3:17), 14th in shot put (15'4.5") and 17th in discus (35'8"). Singler finished 13th in discus (53'11") and Alyssa Caddy was 15th in shot put (13'9.5") and 18th in discus (34'4").

Up next

The Huskies were at Redwood Falls for a meet Tuesday and compete in the Sentinel Relays Friday in Fairmont. JCC then competes in the section true team meet next Tuesday.



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Above: Peyton Hanson competes during a runner-up finish in pole vault at last Thursday's track and field meet in Jackson. Right: Hailey Handevit clears the bar during the high-jump competition. Below: Aleigha Henderson gets off to a quick start during a victory in the 100-meter dash.



BT&F: Finish second

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Matthew Stubbe placed second (1:37.21) and the 4x100-meter relay team of Elijah Meium-Bratrud, Gabe Phillips, Insichienmay and Reese Adkins finished third (50.18).

Hassing added a couple individual runner-up finishes and a third-place performance to his second-place relay. He was second in the 200-meter dash (24.2) and long jump (personal-best 19'8") and third in high jump (5'2").

Stubbe was third in his first ever 400-meter dash (59.49) and matched that placing in triple jump (38'10").

Meium-Bratrud placed third in the 100-meter dash (11.59) and was joined by Caleb Soleta, Clayton Cavness and Ridge VanWesten on the fourth-place 4x400-

meter relay team (4:06.34).

Cavness finished third in the 1,600-meter run (5:19) and the 4x800-meter relay team of Jon Hall, Nick Stammer, Matt Mohning and Mason Bobb also finished third (10:34).

Wolff turned in fourth-place finishes in the 400 (59.53) and 200 (24.95) and Damien Menssen finished fourth in pole vault (9').

Soleta finished fifth in the 200 (26.25) and sixth in triple jump (32'9.5") and Phillips placed fifth in the 400 (1:00.78) and sixth in the 200 (26.76).

Reese Adkins finished sixth in the 100 (12.87) and long jump (16'3") and eighth in pole vault (7'6").

Simon Pell placed sixth in the 1,600 (5:25) and pole vault (8'6") and Hall was ninth in the 1,600 (6:03).

Bobb finished sixth in the 3,200 (12:18) and Mohning was seventh (12:35).

Daniel VanWesten placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles (52.35) and Ridge VanWesten finished seventh in the 100 (13.09).

Lee Drahota had the best finish for a JCC thrower, placing sixth in shot put (33'10.5"). He was also 10th in discus (82'10").

Zach Rasmussen finished seventh in shot put (33'3") and ninth in discus



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Trevin Ssali-Gaustad leads the pack to the finish line during a win in the 110-meter high hurdles at last Thursday's track and field meet in Jackson. Ssali-Gaustad also placed second in the 300-meter hurdles and triple jump and was second in long jump.

York pleased with help at home meet

Hosting a home meet is an excellent way for community members to see track and field athletes for maybe the only time all season, but it can also be a challenge. Because of all the volunteers who pitched in last week from announcing to timing to raking and everything in between, the meet went off without a hitch. Jackson County Central head coach Rafe York said that's in large part due to everyone's help.

"We appreciate all the help we received from teachers, parents and kids to make this meet happen," he said. "Track meets require so many workers and it's always a concern that we won't have enough, but the JCC community really came through."

(83'3"); Joaquin Almodovar placed eighth in shot put (33'2.25") and 12th in discus (74'8"); and Riley Endreson finished 16th in

shot put (19'3") and 18th in discus (44'7").

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Matthew Mohning carries the baton during the 4x800-meter relay at last Thursday's home meet.

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Elijah Meium-Bratrud gets off to a fast start in the 100-meter dash at last Thursday's home track and field meet.