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JCC TRACK AND FIELD



Elsa Landherr lets out a smile after anchoring the Jackson County Central girls' 4x200-meter relay team to the Section 2A title Saturday at Mankato West High School. Landherr also qualified for state in triple jump as the JCC girls and boys combined for 10 state qualifiers.

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Triathlons set for this weekend

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

A pair of triathlons will take place this weekend in and around Jackson.

The Sanford Tri for Health returns for the 13th time, with a youth version set for Friday night and adult competition Saturday.

Chelsea Honnette, race director and one of seven board members for the triathlon, said the events are made possible because of sponsors and volunteers.

"We want to thank our local business for their continued support, and the volunteers," she said. "Not only the monetary community support, but the volunteers, too. Without either of those, we would not be successful."

Support from local businesses and organizations allows for every participant to receive a swag bag filled with a shirt and several other items.

"The swag bag is pretty cool this year," Honnette said.

Races Friday, Saturday

The youth triathlon starts at 6 p.m. Friday, with various age groups going different distances.

Those ages 5 to 7 will swim 15 meters, bike one mile and run one-quarter mile. Distances for kids 8 to 10 jump to 25 meters swimming, two miles on the bike and a half-mile run.

Kids 11 to 14 will swim 50 meters, bike four miles and run one mile.

On Saturday, the adults take to the course, starting at 8 a.m.

The beginner triathlon has a 150-meter swim, nine-mile bike ride and two-mile run. The sprint triathlon includes a 300-meter swim, 12-mile bike ride and 3.1-mile run.

Adults can form relay teams for the beginner or sprint triathlon and kids in the 11-to-14-year-old race can also compete on teams.

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PERFECT 10

JCC qualifies 10 to state meet, breaks three school records and sweeps the team titles at Section 2A meet

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

As soon as the first one happened, they just kept coming.

The first state qualifier for the Jackson County Central track and field team at Saturday's Section 2A meet at Mankato West High School was a bit of a surprise and the last ticket to state was punched long after most people had left the meet.

In between were a few more pleasant surprises, a few school records, a few sure-fire qualifiers and — unfortunately — a few heartbreaks.

In all, the Huskies punched their ticket to state in 10 events, claimed a girls' team championship and tied for first place in the boys' standings.

"I'm really pleased," head coach Rafe York said. "We had three school records, which is pretty awesome. A lot of good performances; a lot of kids stepped up."

Hanson sets two records, qualifies in three events

JCC's first state qualifier was probably its most surprising.

Senior Peyton Hanson was a sure bet to make it to state in the 300-meter hurdles and a favorite to go in pole vault — which she did — but wasn't really on the radar in the 100-meter hurdles.

In fact, she barely made the finals.

She ran the prelims in 17.77 seconds to earn the eighth and final spot in the finals by two-hundredths of a second.

"Her prelims of the 100 hurdles were terrible — just awful," York said.

That wasn't much of a surprise, since Hanson didn't practice the event all week, instead focusing on her two other events.

"Yesterday she asked if she should work on 100 hurdles and I said, 'Nah,'" York said. She came out, looked terrible in the prelims and then in the finals — she's never three-stepped all the hurdles and then three-steps them all and sets the school record. She just exploded. It was awesome."

Hanson finished second in the race in a school-record time of 16.74 seconds.

"I was very shocked I got second in the 100s and got the record," Hanson said. "The 100s are a lot about stepping and I nailed every single one."

"I was shocked," York said. "She's been struggling all year and, out of the blue, she put it all together."

Hanson's trip to state in the 100 hurdles was a surprise, but her success in the 300 hurdles and pole vault wasn't.

But how she made it to state in the pole vault is a bit surprising.

Hanson had never cleared 10 feet, 4 inches in her life, but knew she needed to do so if she wanted to get to state.

"Ten-four was what we were practicing all week because there were like five girls who cleared 9 feet, 9 inches and 10 feet," York said.

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Andrew Boyum holds up three fingers — indicating his third trip to state this school year — as he crosses the finish line to win the 1,600-meter run at the Section 2A meet Saturday at Mankato West High School.

Youth fishing fun is set for this Saturday

The 26th annual Jackson County Sheriff's Office Take a Kid Fishing Day is this Saturday at Brown Park.

All kids 12 years of age and under are invited to participate. Lunch and bait will be provided free of charge, with fishing tackle also available for those who need it.

Registration for door prizes begins at 8:30 a.m. in shelter house, with fishing from 9 to 11 a.m.

Prizes will be given away after lunch.

JCC GOLF

Brinkmans both finish 22nd at section meet



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN KYLE/PIPESTONE COUNTY STAR
Sam Brinkman chips onto the green during the second day of the Section 3AA golf tournament last week. Brinkman and his twin sister, Ava, both finished 22nd.

Twins Sam and Ava represent JCC at sections

The Brinkman twins — Jackson County Central sophomores Sam and Ava — both placed 22nd at the Section 3AA golf tournament that concluded last Wednesday at Oakdale Golf Club near Buffalo Lake.

Sam Brinkman shot 88 the final round after opening with a 77 during Day 1 of the tournament May 26. His 36-hole total of 165 put him in a tie for 22nd place in the boys' competition.

Brinkman made seven

pars during this second round. His first round of the tournament was highlighted by a hot finish when he was 2-under-par over his final eight holes.

Ava Brinkman shot 91 last Wednesday after carding a 98 during the first round a day earlier.

She scored 189 overall in the tournament to place 22nd.

Brinkman made four

pars during her final round and also birdied the par-5 16th hole.

Peyton Coahran of New London-Spicer shot 144 to finish as section medalist and lead his Wildcat team to the championship. NL-S pulled away from Marshall on Day 2, winning with a total of 604 to Marshall's 638.

Julian Brown of Redwood Valley shot 153 to earn medalist honors. Minnewaska Area/Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa was the girls' team champion, shooting 685 to edge Redwood Valley by a single stroke.



Ava Brinkman

BSC STANDINGS

BASEBALL

Small Schools Team	BSC	All
Windom	10-2	16-6
Redwood	8-4	17-7
Luverne	8-4	16-8
BEA	6-6	9-10
JCC	5-7	9-11
St. James	3-9	6-13
Pipestone	2-10	8-13
Big Schools Team	BSC	All
Fairmont	9-1	21-3
Marshall	7-3	13-9
New Ulm	7-3	13-10
St. Peter	3-7	7-15
Worthington	3-7	5-16
Waseca	1-9	9-10

BOYS' GOLF

East Team	BSC	All
Fairmont	1-0	1-0
BEA	0-0	2-0
JCC	0-1	4-3
New Ulm	0-0	0-0
St. Peter	0-0	1-0
Waseca	0-1	0-1
West Team	BSC	All
Windom	2-0	5-0
Pipestone	1-1	3-2
Luverne	0-0	0-0
Marshall	0-0	1-0
Redwood	0-1	0-1
Worthington	0-1	1-3

SOFTBALL

Small Schools Team	BSC	All
St. James	11-1	19-4
Luverne	10-2	20-5
Pipestone	7-4	14-9
JCC	5-6	11-12
Windom	5-7	11-11
BEA	2-8	6-13
Redwood	0-12	0-21
Big Schools Team	BSC	All
New Ulm	11-0	19-8
Marshall	6-3	16-6
St. Peter	6-5	13-11
Worthington	5-5	11-11
Fairmont	2-8	7-15
Waseca	0-9	3-16

GIRLS' GOLF

East Team	BSC	All
BEA	0-0	0-0
Fairmont	0-0	0-0
JCC	0-1	1-3
New Ulm	0-0	0-0
St. Peter	0-0	0-0
Waseca	0-0	0-0
West Team	BSC	All
Redwood	1-0	1-0
Worthington	1-0	2-0
Luverne	0-0	0-0
Marshall	0-0	1-0
Pipestone	0-1	0-1
Windom	0-1	0-2

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, June 9
T&F - State at St. Michael-Albertville
Legion baseball vs. Windom

Friday, June 10
T&F - State at St. Michael-Albertville
Tri for Health

Saturday, June 11
Tri for Health

Sunday, June 12
Bulls vs. Ruthton
Bulls vs. Fairmont

Monday, June 13
Legion baseball vs. Springfield

Tuesday, June 14
Legion baseball at Worthington

Wednesday, June 15
Frogs at Fairmont
Bulls at Adrian

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Now is the time to celebrate!

This is the time of year for celebrations. It does not matter whether it is graduation parties, weddings or just celebrating the fact you are alive and enjoying life; we celebrate in June.

Next week we have two celebrations, one national and one local: Flag Day and Summerfest. Plus, we have Father's Day on the first day of the following week. Or the last of next week depending on if you think of Sunday as the first day of the week or the last.

Personally, I wish we did more for Flag Day. Even if it is just being more conscious of what our flag stands for. At least celebrate the day by saying the pledge of allegiance.

All over social media I see posts asking who thinks the pledge of allegiance should be recited daily in schools. Our elementary schools do. Which is good; it should be recited.

But my question is, how many adults recite the pledge of allegiance daily? My generation grew up saying the pledge every day in school. But yet, I am guessing only a handful, as adults, still recite it daily on their own.

It seems to me what is good for the goose should be good for the gander.

Also, how many live the last phrase of the pledge, "With liberty and justice for all?"

Enough soap boxing.

I am looking forward to Summerfest. It amazes me how Summerfest keeps evolving into something better each year. Of course, the acme was Summerfest 2019 when Kathy and I were the grand marshals! How can we top that? Please do not answer!

My favorite Summerfest event is the Family Fun Night. But then, I love watching kids with

ear-to-ear grins as they run from game to game.

It tends to bring back fond memories of when I was a young kid running from game to game at our church bazaar. Or from ride to ride when I would be at the Renville County Fair in Bird Island with my cousins.

I do have one not-so-fine memory of a ride at the Renville County Fair. I was probably 10 or 11, definitely preteen. As no one was waiting in line for the scrambler, the ride operator gave me an extra-long ride.

That part was good — I enjoyed the extra-long ride, even if it took a month-and-a-half to get rid of the dizzies.

However, after getting off, as I was heading to the next ride, I noticed the rest of my change — a couple of quarters — that was supposed to be in my pocket was not.

So, being as I had just left the ride, I went back and asked the operator if I could check my seat for the quarters. Apparently, the operator was not as nice as I thought he was when he gave me the extra-long ride; he did not let me check. I assumed he pocketed the change.

I also assumed he gave the extra-long ride so there would be more time for the centrifugal forces to pull those quarters out of my pocket. Those assumptions are probably false. A true assumption I had was I was out some quarters. Actually, that was a fact.

Last week, Kathy and I attended three celebrations in Colorado. The first was meeting our 11th grandchild, Samuel Augustine Condon — Jacob and Heather's fifth child. The second was attending his baptism on May 28.

Like our other 10 grandchildren, he is a cutie! And he already knows what he is sup-

posed to do: eat, sleep, cry and fill his diaper. Emphasis on the diaper filling, at least when I am holding him.

The third was attending Jacob Jr.'s first communion and confirmation on June 1. His Diocese must have faith kids will continue attending faith formation and church after being confirmed; Jacob just finished the second grade.

Knowing Jacob Jr., he will. It is fun watching Jacob turn into a fine young man. That alone is reason to celebrate.

Yes, I know; as the celebrations were more than a week ago, I should have written about them last week instead of this week.

However, as Kathy has had her identity stolen twice already, we do not want to press our luck by having our possessions stolen by announcing our absence from home while we are still absent. Absence makes our possessions wander.

Granted, our possessions have more value to us than to the thief, but still, we would rather have them in our house than in someone else's.

Just as the Jackson County Central Middle School students are on summer vacation, I am now on vacation as well. Only mine is only for a week. Until next week, help cheer on the athletes so we can celebrate their victories as they continue their tournament run. Go, Huskies!



WIDE WRITE
Stephen A. Condon



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June 4, 3:04 p.m.
The JCC girls' track and field team dominated the Section 2A meet, scoring 108.5 to win by 36.5 points.

June 4, 2:46 p.m.
Elsa Landherr and Maci Farmer both triple jumped 32'7.5" to advance to the state meet. Landherr officially finished first and Farmer second.

June 4, 12:30 p.m.
Andrew Boyum is going to the state tournament for the third time this school year after winning the 1,600-meter run at the section meet. He went to state individually in cross country and as part of the state-champion wrestling team.

June 4, 12:08 p.m.
The JCC girls' 4x200-meter relay team of Kendra Haar, Hannah Carson, Daysia Tomlin and Elsa Landherr won the section championship and is going to state.

June 1, 3:47 p.m.
Sam Brinkman shot 88 today to tie for 22nd at the Section 3AA golf tournament with a 36-hole score of 165. Ava Brinkman shot 91 today to finish 22nd in the girls' section tourney with a total score of 189.

Follow for more updates

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Name: Peyton Hanson
Grade: 11
Sport: Track and field
The week that was: Hanson broke two school records and qualified for state in three events at the Section 2A meet.
Coach's comments: "On top of the vault and 300 hurdles, Peyton ran the best 100 hurdles of her life and came away with another school record," Rafe York said.



Name: Evan Paplow
Grade: 10
Sport: Track and field
The week that was: Paplow finished third in the 1,600 and seventh in the 3,200 at the section meet.
Coach's comments: "Evan spent most of the time between his races totally out of it in the trainer's tent," Rafe York said. "He chose to run the 3,200 and finished second. Without his gritty performance, we wouldn't have won the meet."

Athletes of the week sponsored by:

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HANSON BREAKS RECORD, JCC GIRLS WIN SUB-SECTION TITLE

One year ago, June 10, 2021

Peyton Hanson set a new school record in pole vault and won the 300-meter hurdles at the sub-section meet. She also qualified for sections in her two other events, joining Elsa Landherr as a four-time section qualifier. The two helped the JCC girls win the sub-section title with 120 points, putting them one point ahead of Redwood Valley. Hanson cleared 9 feet, 7 inches to break the school record by 1 inch. She also won the 300 hurdles (50.07) and qualified for sections by finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (18.26). Hanson, Landherr, Brylee Anderson and Emma Haren made up the runner-up 4x400-meter relay team. Landherr also advanced to sections on the 4x2 team (along with Hannah Carson, Taylor Post and Maci Farmer) and by finishing fourth in the 400-meter dash (1:06.49) and fifth in triple jump (31'11.5"). Trevin Gaustad won long jump, Caleb Vancura won discus and the 4x800-meter relay team of Andrew Boyum, Evan Paplow, Clayton Cavness and Quinn Landherr won for the JCC boys.

CHRISTOFFER FINISHES EIGHTH AT STATE MEET

Five years ago, June 15, 2017

JCC junior Jessica Christoffer finished eighth in the 800-meter run at the Class A state meet. She entered seeded 13th, but advanced to the finals after breaking her own school record with a time of two minutes, 20.71 seconds in preliminaries. In the finals, Christoffer finished eighth with a time of two minutes, 23.27 seconds. Junior Molly Boyum also competed at state in the 300-meter hurdles. She started running hurdles during the season and broke the school record at the section meet before finishing 14th in prelims at state (48.6).

VONGSAVANH EIGHTH AT STATE

10 years ago, June 14, 2012

JCC junior Jason Vongsavanh finished eighth in the 400-meter dash at the Class A state track and field meet. He was in eighth after the preliminary races and then finished eighth in the finals the next day with a personal-record time of 50.86 seconds. Vongsavanh's medal-winning performance capped a season in which he finished second at the Southwest Conference meet and sub-section meets before winning the Section 3A championship.

PROM FINISHES NINTH; 4X8 TAKES SIXTH

25 years ago, June 12, 1997 — Jackson County Pilot Senior Nora Prom capped a fine prep track and field career with a ninth-place finish in the discus at the Class A state track and field meet. Prom qualified for the finals and finished ninth overall with a toss of 119'11". The boys' 4x800-meter relay team earned a medal with a sixth-place finish. The team of Dan Draine, Matt Williams, Mitch Olson and Ethan Thurmer turned in a time of 8:31.99. Also competing at state but not making the finals were Dan Draine and Dave Kanuch.

SILVER BULLETS FIFTH

25 years ago, June 12, 1997 — Lakefield Standard

Senior standout Kelli Haar capped a brilliant track career by placing in three events, leading the HLOL girls to a fifth-place finish at the Class A state track and field meet. Haar had her best state performance ever, racing to a second-place finish in the 200 meters with a time of 25.57 seconds and a fifth-place showing in the 100 (12.74). She also anchored the 4x200-meter relay team to a second-0place finish in 1:46.20. On that relay team were Janelle Madsen, Tami Tungland and Brittany Liepold. The 4x8 team of Heather Hanson, Kim Freking, Jessica Zellar and Dani Damm was fourth (9:48.49) and the 4x4 team of Liepold, Freking, Zellar and Damm took fifth (4:05.29).

COYOTE CORNER

Drent, Bang qualify for state golf meet

Sawyer Drent and Ellyson Bang both qualified for the Class A state golf meet by placing high at the Section 3A meet last week in Worthington.

Drent finished tied for fourth in the boys' section meet with a 36-hole score of 168. That helped the Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove boys finish third in the team standings.

Lakeview was the team champion (668), followed by Minneota (736), HL-O/F/WWG (742) and Adrian/Ellsworth (746).

Carter Drent finished 13th overall with 188, Neil Kuehl shot 189 and Brady Ross shot 199.

Bang placed fifth in the girls' standings with a 36-hole score of 199. She opened with 103 the first round before shooting a 96 the second day of the tournament. Madelyn Koep shot 216 to finish ninth. Marena Bang shot 238 and Kelli Renneke 249 for the Coyotes.

The HL-O/F/WWG girls also placed third in the team standings with its score of 893. Murray County Central won the team title (867) and A/E was second (883). The state tournament is June 14-15 in Becker.

White turns in top performance at sections

Faith White had the best finish for a member of the Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda track and field team at the Section 2A meet Saturday in Mankato.

White cleared 9 feet, 4 inches to place fifth in the girls' pole vault competition. She was also 12th in the 100-meter dash (13.88).

Ella Stapek placed ninth in the 3,200-meter run (13:16.82), Anna Fest was 10th in high jump (4'7"), Irish Hollahan placed 13th in triple jump (30'2.75") and Rebecca Cheadle was 14th in high jump (4'5").

The top finisher for the Coyote boys was Jaxson Tiesler, who placed eighth in the 200-meter dash (24.13).

Evan Bumgardner finished 10th in the 3,200-meter run (10:46.81), Aiden Lorenzen was 11th in pole vault (9'9"), Denver Ash finished 14th in the 100-meter dash (12.18) and Caleb Appel was 15th in the 800-meter run (2:16.8).

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BULLS BASEBALL

Olesen leads Bulls past Buttermakers

Evan Olesen pitched eight shutout innings of relief and had the game-winning hit as the Jackson Bulls beat the Hadley Buttermakers 2-1 last Wednesday in Jackson.

The win moved the Bulls to 6-3 on the season.

After Gavin Jacobsen allowed an unearned run in the top of the first inning, Olesen went the rest of the way on the mound.

He punched out seven batters and allowed just three hits as the Bulls eventually tied the game and then scored the game-winner in the bottom of the eighth.

Payton Handevitd singled and stole second base to start the second inning, then scored the tying run on an error.

Olesen and Hadley's Jacob VanDamm made quick work of their opponents' offense the next several innings until the Bulls finally broke through in the eighth.

Andy Wolf was hit by a pitch with one out, then moved up a base on a wild pitch. After a walk to Shad Wacker, Olesen delivered a double to the right-center gap to plate Wolf for what proved to be the game-winning run.

The Buttermakers threatened in the top of the ninth, using a walk and single to start a potential rally, but the runners were both stranded in scoring position as Olesen worked

out of the jam.

That was the only trouble Olesen ever got into as he dominated Hadley. Olesen pitched a 1-2-3 inning four times and didn't allow a runner to get into scoring position until the ninth.

Olesen was also the offensive star, picking up two of Jackson's hits and driving in the winner.

Up next

The Bulls played Fox Lake last night (Wednesday) and host Ruthton and Fairmont in a split doubleheader Sunday. Jackson then plays at Adrian Wednesday.

Jackson's game this past Sunday against Lakefield was postponed until June 26. The Bulls will play Mt. Lake at 2 p.m. that day and Lakefield at 5.

Bulls baseball

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	AB	R	H	RBI
Bahr, SS	4	0	1	0
Wolf, 2B	2	1	0	0
Wacker, CF	3	0	0	0
Handevitd, LF	4	1	1	0
Olesen, 3B	4	0	2	1
Gumto, 1B	4	0	0	0
BJacobsen, DH	3	0	1	0
Pohlman, C	2	0	0	0
Monson, PH	0	0	0	0
Bretzman, RF	2	0	0	0
Michelson, PH1	0	0	0	0
Bulls	29	2	5	1

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
GJacobsen	1	1	1	0	0	3
Olesen (1-1)	8	3	0	0	2	7
Bulls	9	4	1	0	2	10

FROGS BASEBALL

Frogs have one game suspended at midnight, another one postponed

Lakefield and Jackson will make up game June 26

The Lakefield Frogs had a game end at midnight last week and another postponed.

Lakefield and Mt. Lake played last Wednesday in St. James — until it got too late. The game was scheduled to start at 8:30, after the conclusion of a junior Legion game. That game went extra innings, forcing the Frogs and Lakers to start even later.

Mt. Lake led the game 6-5 when it was suspended in the bottom of the eighth inning because of a St. James city ordinance preventing games from being played after midnight.

The game will be finished at a later date.

The Frogs were then scheduled to play at Jackson Sunday and the two teams tried everything they could to get the game in.

It was originally bumped up two hours so it would start at noon. Then it was moved from Jackson to Lakefield, which had been free of rain Sunday morning.

Then the rain hit Lakefield and the game was postponed.

The game will now be made up June 26 as the second game of a split doubleheader for both teams.

Lakefield will play at Windom at 2 p.m. that day, then head south to Jackson for a 5 p.m. tilt with the Bulls.

Jackson will host Mt. Lake at 2 p.m. before awaiting their game with the Frogs.

And so it begins...

One of the things I looked forward to most when my wife and I had kids was getting to play sports with them.

It didn't really matter the sport.

I wanted to take them golfing, shoot hoops in the driveway, play catch — pretty much anything the kids wanted to do.

So when our oldest, Cora, started playing

sports, it was a pretty exciting time.

Then Hallie joined in.

And now Ella has started her ball career with her first T-Ball game last week.

And so it begins.

Last Wednesday, all three girls had games on the same night.

I coached Hallie's soft toss team at the Riverside Elementary fields, doing my best to lob strikes for

the kids to hit.

Midway through that game, Shelly took Cora up to the softball field to get ready for her game. Shelly came back to watch the end of Hallie's game, then went to watch the start of Cora's game.

As soon as I was done coaching Hallie's team and putting the equipment away, we both went to watch Cora play.

During Cora's game,

Shelly took Ella to her T-Ball debut, where Shelly helped as a coach.

After the first of Cora's two games, I drove a couple blocks to watch Ella play. As she was finishing up, I went back to the softball field to catch the end of Cora's game.

Follow all that?

It was hectic. It was hard to remember who had to be where and when.

It was a little bit stressful.

But it was pretty darn fun seeing them all play.

During this graduation season, Shelly and I have been reminded numerous times to enjoy these days because the kids will soon be done with school and off to college.

Nights like last Wednesday really hammered that point home.

And nights like last Wednesday will be tough to forget.



The Condon girls — Ella (from left), Hallie and Cora — have enjoyed their first few weeks of summer ball — almost as much as their dad has.



FROM WAY DOWNTOWN Dan Condon

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Pitchers dominate in season-opening wins

A trio of pitchers have dominated the first two games of the season for the Jackson American Legion Post 130 baseball team.

Logan Butzon and Trace Michelson combined to shut out Wabasso in the season opener last Thursday, then Cameron Scholten pitched a three-hit shutout against Heron Lake Monday.

The local nine is 2-0 to open the season.

Scholten dominates

Scholten struck out 13 batters and allowed just three hits in a 5-0 complete-game win at Heron Lake.

The soon-to-be senior also did it with his bat, picking up two hits at the plate.

Jackson struck quickly as Damien Phaly and Logan Butzon started the game with singles. Phaly stole second base

after his hit and scored on Butzon's knock. Butzon then scored on a sacrifice fly by Bryson Powers for an early 2-0 lead.

Keenan Ambrose walked and scored on a double by Gabriel Wolff in the bottom of the second and Wolff later came around on a groundout by Phaly to give Post 130 a 4-0 lead.

The game stayed that way until Ambrose scored on a Phaly single in the sixth for the 5-0 final.

Scholten struck out the side in the second and fourth innings and had at least one strikeout every inning. He only allowed a first-inning single, third-inning double and fifth-inning single to go with just one walk.

Phaly, Butzon and Scholten each had two hits for Jackson.

Wolff and Ambrose both had a hit and walk and reached on an error. Ben Spaeth also had a hit for the locals.

Pitchers dominate opener

Butzon threw four no-hit innings and Trace Michelson followed with three shutout frames to help Post 130 open its season with a 3-0 win over Wabasso last Thursday.

Butzon struck out five batters in his four innings, with the rest of the outs coming from a defense that was pretty solid all night.

Butzon started a 1-6-3 inning-ending double play in the first and the only other runner to reach during his time on the mound came on

a fourth-inning error.

Michelson struck out four batters in three innings, allowing just two hits and a walk during that time.

The Jackson offense staked the hurlers to an early lead as the first two batters scored in the bottom of the first.

Phaly singled and stole second base before Butzon ripped a single to score the season's first run. Butzon later scored for an early 2-0 lead.

Scholten scored in the sixth inning for the game's final run.

Michelson had two hits for Post 130 and Butzon had a hit and a walk.

Up next

Post 130 hosts Windom tonight (Thursday) and Springfield Monday before playing at Worthington Tuesday.



Cameron Scholten



Logan Butzon

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Online registration closed at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, but those who would still like to compete

can come prior to their event and register in person.

Those interested in volunteering can do so only at tri-forhealth.com.

Honnette said registrations have been coming in more frequently as the event gets closer.

"It's picking up every day," she said.

Teams can raise money

A new relay will take place this year, with teams able to raise funds for a local organization.

Kids in grades seven through 12 can form a relay team, with the top three teams earning a donation from the Tri for Health to whatever organization they're representing.

"This year we're doing a new relay team competition targeted at kids in grades seven through 12," Honnette said. "They can

compete for an organization, sports team, band, FFA, Jars of Clay — any local organization."

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Chelsea Honnette

The distances will be the same as the adult beginner course, so participants will swim 150 meters, bike nine miles and run two miles.

"It's a longer course, but we're really trying to target and get those kids in grades seven through 12 involved," Honnette said.

New event this summer

A new event is scheduled for later this summer.

An obstacle course featuring eight to 12 obstacles will take place July 30 at the Jackson County Fair.

Honnette said the event will take place near the Jackson Motorplex and race director Jeff Johnson will have more details as it gets closer.

"It's another event for kids to take part in this summer," Honnette said. "It's something new and different that the Tri for Health is bringing."



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HEADED TO NATIONALS

Josie Dvorak (from left), Sadie Hotzler and Jessica Dvorak are headed to nationals after finishing in the top four at the Minnesota Junior High School Rodeo finals in Fergus Falls earlier this month. Hotzler is the state champion in barrels and reserve champion in barrels and will also compete in breakaway at nationals. Josie Dvorak qualified in barrels, poles and breakaway and Jessica Dvorak made it in barrels, poles and goat tying. The national competition is June 19-25 in Perry, Ga.



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON
Clockwise from above: The girls' 4x200-meter relay team of Kendra Haar (from left), Hannah Carson, Daysia Tomlin and Elsa Landherr is all smiles after winning the Section 2A title. Quinn Landherr clears the bar en route to a runner-up finish in pole vault. Maci Farmer soars to a second-place finish in triple jump. Caleb Vancura releases the discus during a record-breaking performance in the event. Peyton Hanson clears the final hurdle with the lead during her win in the 300-meter hurdles — one of three events in which she qualified for state.



T&F: Ten state qualifiers, three school records, two team titles

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so my dad was like, 'You have to clear 10-4,'" Hanson said.

In practice, Hanson has never cleared higher than 9 feet, 9 inches. Her meet record — and school record — was 10 feet going into sections.

So when she cleared 10 feet, 4 inches to clinch a spot at state, the feeling was pretty good.

"I was shocked," she said. "You can see the bar falling with you and I didn't see it. I was like, 'Oh my gosh; finally. I think it was a lot of adrenaline.'"

Hanson won the 300-meter hurdles in 48.59 seconds, finally breaking through with a trip to state after finishing third at sections two straight years.

"I've been trying to get to state in the 300s the last couple years," she said, adding that disappointment led to determination this year.

Landherr qualifies for state in two events

Juniors Elsa Landherr and Maci Farmer also used some motivation to advance to state. Theirs, though, came from earlier in the day Saturday.

The two didn't have their best showing in an event early in the meet, but then finished first and second in triple jump to both advance to state.

Landherr was seeded first in the 400-meter dash, but finished third (1:01.92) to narrowly miss a trip to state.

Instead of getting down, she used the disappointment as motivation when she went to triple jump.

"I got done and I was extremely angry," she said. "I honestly think it did fuel me to force myself to make it in triple."

Farmer finished 12th in long jump (13'10.25") before qualifying in triple jump.

"Maci didn't have a great day in long jump, so for her to come back and re-

ally perform in the triple is really nice for her," York said.

He said that's the sign of a strong-minded athlete.

"The tough athletes can do it," York said. "They can look at one disappointment and say, 'I'm not going to let myself down again.'"

Landherr and Farmer both went 32 feet, 7.5 inches in triple jump to have the best distance of the meet. Both qualified for state, but Landherr was awarded first place because her second-best jump beat Farmer's.

Farmer, who had her state-qualifying jump on her final jump, said she knew the jump was pretty good.

"It definitely felt a lot better than the other jumps," she said. "I was sixth coming into finals, so I kind of knew what I needed to get and pushed myself."

York said the two have really come on strong the second half of the season.

"That was awesome because up until the true team meet we looked at it as, 'They're going to score every meet,' then Elsa won the section at true team sections and we started going from there," he said.

Landherr also anchored the 4x200-meter relay team to a section title. The foursome of Daysia Tomlin, Kendra Haar, Hannah Carson and Landherr dominated the race, finishing in one minute, 50.69 seconds to win by more than two seconds.

Landherr said she didn't know the margin was so big as she neared the finish line.

"It was very surreal," she said. "As I was running, in my head I was like, 'They're right behind me; they're right behind me,' and crossing the finish line and not seeing anyone next to you is the best feeling in the world."

Landherr said the smile on her face as she crossed

the finish line was because of her teammates.

"I was just thinking about my teammates," she said. "That was honestly the biggest strive for me was my teammates."

Boyum going to state — yet again

Senior Andrew Boyum is going to state in two events. But the number he's most proud of is three.

When Boyum crossed the finish line first in the 1,600-meter run, he held up three fingers — one for each trip to state he's made this school year.

Boyum qualified for state individually in cross country and as part of the state-champion wrestling team before making it in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

"That was one of my goals this year," Boyum said. "I knew I had a chance all year to make it in all three seasons."

Boyum was the lone champion for the JCC boys with his win in the mile that came in a personal-record time of four minutes, 31.51 seconds.

He also placed second in the 3,200 despite not feeling quite as good as normal.

"I started at the line and didn't have as much energy as usual because we didn't have much time," he said. "At first, I was like, 'I don't know if I can do this.' My mom — my coach — said, 'You've got to do this because if you don't do it you'll be disqualified for both events.'"

So Boyum came up with a new strategy in the two-mile race: stay back, then make a move.

"I started off a little slower to conserve my energy," Boyum said. "A lot of kids started off really fast. I kind of picked them off. With about three laps to go, I was like, 'All right, I've got a chance.' I had my wrestlers guts at the end; I just grinded it out and

made it."

"He didn't run his usual strategy of leading from start to finish, but it worked out for him," York said. "His last half mile was really strong."

Boyum said he wasn't ever too concerned during the race, even if he wasn't near the front the first half.

"I stayed calm," he said. "I was just like, 'Keep running your hardest and everything will sort itself out.'"

Boyum finished second in the race with a time of 10 minutes, 10.04 seconds.

"I'm just glad I grinded it out to make it in the two mile," he said. "Making it in the one mile is awesome. The two mile is more like icing on the cake."

Vancura sets record, Landherr sets PR

Junior Caleb Vancura entered last year's section meet — JCC was in Section 3A last season — as the favorite to win the discus and shot put but missed the meet to go to a wrestling tournament.

This season, he had his sights set on making it to state in both in JCC's new section.

He was in good position most of the shot put competition until Windom's Alex Altman hit a big throw late and put Vancura in third place with a personal-best distance of 48 feet, 9 inches.

Vancura — like Landherr and Farmer — rebounded later in the meet, finishing second in discus.

Vancura broke his own school record in the event on his second-to-last attempt, which flew 154 feet, 11 inches.

Long after the running events ended and most of the fans had left the meet, freshman Quinn Landherr earned a trip to state by finishing second in pole vault.

Landherr was one of a few boys in the mix for a spot and clinched his way to state by clearing a

personal-record 11 feet, 9 inches to place second.

Seven finish third

Third place is the toughest finishing spot at the section meet, York said, because it means you just missed a spot at state.

"I hate the third-place finish," he said. "We had a few of them today and they're kind of heartbreaking, especially the kids who come in with the goal of getting in and have a real chance. Hopefully they learn from it and use it for motivation moving forward."

Along with Elsa Landherr in the 400 and Vancura in shot put, finishing third were Rylie Cother in high jump (4'11") and Payten Benda in the 100-meter hurdles (17.03) for the girls and Evan Paplow in the 1,600-meter run (4:33.32) for the boys.

The boys' 4x200-meter relay team of Gabriel Wolff, Ridge VanWesten, Quinn Landherr and Alex Koster also finished third (1:34.49), as did the girls' 4x100-meter relay team of Tomlin, Haar, Benda and Carson (53.44).

Wolff finished fourth in the 200-meter dash (23.81) and fifth in the 100-meter dash (11.59). Also finishing in the top five for the boys were VanWesten in the 300-meter hurdles (fourth in 41.96) and Evan Insichienmay in high jump (fifth with 5'9").

Finishing fourth for the JCC girls were Tomlin in the 100 (13.57), Elsa Landherr in the 200 (27.9), Olivia Anderson in the 1,600 (5:41.05) and Benda in high jump (4'9"). Carson placed fifth in the 200 (28.58).

Several others compete

JCC had a huge contingent of participants at the section meet.

Also competing for the girls were Anderson in the 3,200 (sixth; 12:46.98); Cother in long jump (sixth; 14'8"); Elese Paplow in the

3,200 (eighth; 12:56.11) and 1,600 (ninth; 6:01.11); Erica Hanson in pole vault (ninth; 8'4"); and Payton Coquyt (16"; 26'4").

Also competing for the boys were Evan Paplow in the 3,200 (seventh; 10:30.04); Insichienmay in triple jump (eighth; 38"); Quinn Landherr in the 400 (ninth; 54.26); Reese Adkins in pole vault (ninth; 10'3"); Kie Anderson in the 1,600 (10"; 4:55.76); Alex Koster in the 200 (11"; 24.82) and long jump (13"; 17'10.75") and VanWesten in the 110-meter hurdles (12"; 18.13).

Two team titles

The JCC girls dominated the team standings, scoring 108.5 points to finish well ahead of Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial/Nicollet's 72. Rounding out the top five were Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (45), Sibley East (33) and Blue Earth Area and Minnesota Valley Lutheran, which tied with 32 points.

The JCC boys tied for first place with Sibley East, with both teams scoring 73 points. LCWM/N was third (69.5), St. James Area was fourth (60) and Maple River fifth (59.5).

York said he doesn't remember the last time a JCC team won the section, let alone both.

"It's all about individuals at this point, but I did check the team scores quite a bit," he said. "Getting the big plaque is kind of cool."

While the important thing at sections is getting individuals to state, team scoring pretty much goes hand-in-hand with that goal.

"If you've got the big dogs, you're going to score a lot of points," York said.

Up next

The Huskies' 10 qualifiers will compete in the state meet today (Thursday) and Friday (see preview below).

State meet is today and Friday at St. Michael-Albertville

The Jackson County Central track and field team will be well represented at the Class A state track and field meet today (Thursday) and tomorrow at St. Michael-Albertville High School.

The Huskies have 10 entrants in the meet, which is the most since Rafe York has been the team's head coach.

"We'll be in more events than I've ever taken up," he said, adding he thinks the success of the last few years can help the sport grow even more. "I hope we can springboard forward a little bit more and become the dominant team in the section."

The state meet features some preliminary races and finals today, with Friday being all finals.

Two JCC boys will compete in finals today: Andrew Boyum in the 3,200-meter run and Quinn Landherr in pole vault. Boyum is seeded eighth in his race and Landherr enters seeded 15th.

Peyton Hanson will run preliminary races in the 100-

and 300-meter hurdles today and is seeded 11th in both. Also running in a prelim today is the girls' 4x200-meter relay team of Daysia Tomlin, Kendra Haar, Hannah Carson and Elsa Landherr, which is seeded 13th.

The top two finishers in each of the two prelim races, plus the next five times, all move on to make nine entrants in the finals.

Finals for those preliminary races take place Friday, as do the finals for the 1,600-meter run. Boyum is in that race and enters seeded ninth.

Also competing in finals in field events Friday are Hanson in pole vault (seeded fourth), Caleb Vancura in discus (seeded third) and Elsa Landherr (15th) and Maci Farmer (16th) in triple jump.

Action starts at 4 p.m. both days.

For updates from state, follow @PilotSports on Twitter and go to jacksoncountypilot.com or lakefield-standard.com after each day to see results.

York is named section girls' coach of the year

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Jackson County Central track and field coach Rafe York has been named the Section 2A girls' coach of the year, as voted on by fellow section coaches.

York said the award is nice to get, but it shouldn't be just his.

"It's cool to be recognized, but it's more of a program and team

thing than it is a me thing," he said.

The award shows everyone in the program did his or her job well, York said.

"It means the assistants and kids did what they needed to do," he said. "The girls congratulated me and I said, 'It's all you.' All the assistants congratulated me. I coach the sprinters and the hurdlers and make sure we have a bus. They take care of everything else."