

## **2021-2022 RECAP**

### **Track & Field at Harrison Dillard Twilight Meet**

May 13 @ TBD

The Jayhawks traveled to Ohio this past weekend to compete in the Baldwin Wallace Twilight Classic. We saw a school record fall on the track with Zac Pray (Fruitport) in a come from behind finish in the 200m dash to win his heat and finish 11<sup>th</sup> from heat 4 with a 22.29 which breaks the previous school record of 22.45. Pray also had a season best performance in the 400m dash, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in 50.07. Running the 200m dash as well was Tyler Walker (Reeths-Puffer, 22<sup>nd</sup> in 23.37 season best) and Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer, 24<sup>th</sup> in 23.67 season best). The 4x100 team of Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer), Walker, Willis and Pray put together a 7<sup>th</sup> overall finish in 44.30. Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) and Kaden Hainer (Montague) ran the 10k under the lights and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Dobben was the lone field events competitor finishing, 7<sup>th</sup> with a season best throw of 37.12m in the Javelin.

On the women's side it was a battle between Faith Clark (Fruitport, 1:04.2) and Katie Ferris (Whitehall, 1:05.23) in the 400m dash with Clark taking control in the final 100 meters. In the field events Ferris finishing 12<sup>th</sup> in the high jump, Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) took 11<sup>th</sup> in the long jump and 12<sup>th</sup> in the triple jump and Karleigh Jeffries (Whitehall) competed in the throws with a 22<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the hammer throw and a 17<sup>th</sup> place in the discus, both season best distances.

The Jayhawks will now start to prepare of the 2022-2023 cross country and track & field season.

### **Track & Field at Al Owens Classic-GVSU**

April 23 @ 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

The Jayhawk Track & Field Teams competed at Grand Valley State University on Saturday.

Leading the way for the men's team was Zac Pray (Fruitport) who matched his season best in the 400m dash with 50.65, good for 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. Pray also competed in the 200m dash, running a 22.50. Also in the 200m dash was Tyler Walker (Reeths-Puffer) who ran a season best 23.30, Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) with a season best 23.53 and Ben Wyatt (Reeths-Puffer) with a 25.17. Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer) competed in the 100m dash and Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) and Kaden Hainer (Montague) competed in the 5K.

For the women's team, both Faith Clark (Fruitport) and Katie Ferris (Whitehall) ran PRs in the 400m dash, with a 64.07 and 66.52 respectively. Ferris also competed in the high jump, finishing with a mark of 1.42m. Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) ran 13.69 in the 100m dash and Karleigh Jeffries (Whitehall) had a season best throw of 34.75m, good for 11<sup>th</sup> place out of 40.

MCC will be in action again on Friday, 4/29 and Saturday, 4/30 at the Davenport Invitational.

### **Jayhawks compete at the Don Kleinow Memorial Invite at Siena Heights University.**

Leading the way for the Jayhawk Men's team with 2 standout performances was Zach Pray (Fruitport) who dominated the field in the 400m with a 50.70, good for first place. He also ran a new PR and a school record in the 200m of 22.45, good for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Tyler Walker (Reeths-Puffer) returned from an injury and ran the 200m in 23.65, good for 12<sup>th</sup> place. Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) competed in the 200m and also the 100m and Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer) also ran the 100m. Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) and Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa) both competed in the 1500m and Dobben had a school record throw in the javelin of 117'2" (35.71m).

The Women's Team had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish from Faith Clark (Fruitport) in the 800m and a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish from Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) in the triple jump. Katie Ferris (Whitehall) also competed in the high jump.

The Jayhawks will next see action at Grand Valley State University on Saturday, 4/23 in the Al Owens Classic.

### **Track & Field at Manchester College**

April 9 @ 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Muskegon Community College Track & Field Teams competed this weekend at the Manchester College invite.

It was the first outing for jumps and field events this season and the Jayhawks got strong performances from Katie Ferris (Whitehall) with a 5th place finish in the high jump, Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) who finished 6th in the triple jump and Karleigh Jeffries (Whitehall) with an 8th place finish in the discus. For the Men's Team, Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer) finished 20th in the Javelin.

On the track Zac Pray (Fruitport) was outstanding, finishing 2nd in the 400m and 6th in the 200m. Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa) finished 8th in the 800m, Dobben finished 13th in the 200m and Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) finished 25th in the 200m. For the women, Faith Clark (Fruitport) ran a PR in the 1500m, finishing 15th.

Next up for the Jayhawks will be the Don Kleinow Invite at Sienna Heights University on April 14th.

### **Track & Field at Spartan Invitational-Michigan State University**

April 2 @ 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Part of the Men's and Women's Track & Field roster competed at the Spartan Invite at Michigan State University.

The women's team was represented by Faith Clark (Fruitport) and Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores). Clark finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:24.29 and she also competed in the 400 meter dash, finishing 16<sup>th</sup> with a time of 1:05. Meyers also competed in the 400 meter dash and well as the 100 meter dash, finishing with a time of 1:16.59 and 14.76 respectively.

The men's team had three runners; Zach Pray (Fruitport), Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) and Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa). Pray had a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 400 meter dash in a time of 50.65 and a 12<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 200 meter dash at 22.93. Willis ran the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, finishing in 12.06 and 24.69 respectively and Mejia also competed in the 200 meter dash and finished in a time of 24.92.

The team will compete on Saturday, 4/9 when they travel to Manchester College in Manchester, IN.

### **Track at Hillsdale Tune-Up**

February 19 @ 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Men's and Women's Indoor Track Team finished their season at Hillsdale College.

The Men's Team finished with some top performances, led by Tyler Walker (Reeths-Puffer) and Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) who both made the finals in the 60 meter dash. Walker finished 6th and Willis finished 7th in the 60 and they both also ran personal bests in the 200 meter race. Zach Pray (Fruitport) won his 400 meter heat in 52.75 and was 5th in the 200, Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) ran his mile in 5:07, Kaden Hainer (Montague) ran his mile in 5:14 and Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer) ran the 200 in 25.28 and the 200 in 24.42.

The Women's Team also had personal best performances from Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) in the 400 meter and Faith Clark (Fruitport) in the 800 meter, who won her heat by over 10 seconds. Katie Ferris (Whitehall) high jumped 1.43 meters.

Both teams will now reset for the outdoor portion of their season. The outdoor schedule will be available soon.

### **Track at Tiffin University (OH)**

February 12 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Track teams competes at Tiffin University.

The Indoor Track teams travelled south to Tiffin University in Ohio for the Reggie Thomas Collegiate Classic.

The Men's team had a great showing with Ben Wyatt (Reeths-Puffer) finishing 6th in the high jump, clearing 1.91 meters (6 foot 3.25 inches). Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) ran 5:14 in the mile and Kaden Hainer (Montague) ran a 5:19 mile, both personal bests. Zach Pray (Fruitport) won his 400 meter heat in 52.16 and Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa) ran his 400 meter in 54:49. Tremain Willis (Reeths-Puffer) clocked a 25.40 in the 200 meter and 7.79 in the 60 meter and Tyler Walker (Reeths-Puffer also running 25.40 in the 200 meter and 7.84 in the 70 meter.

The Women's team got competitive performances from Faith Clark (Fruitport), who returned from an injury to finish 14th in the 400 meters at 1:06. Katie Ferris (Whitehall) high jumped 1.47 meters and Naveah Watson (Whitehall) ran a season best in the 400 with a time of 1:09.

### **Track at GRSHOF Track & Field Meet-Aquinas College**

February 4 @ TBD

Jayhawks run well at GRSHOF at Aquinas College.

The Jayhawk Track teams competed at Aquinas College in the Grand Rapids Hall of Fame Invitational.

The Men's team finished 5th overall and had a great performance from Zach Pray (Fruitport). Pray won the 400 meters with a time of 51.93. He also finished 7th in the 200 meters. Bailey Taranko (Whitehall) finished 2nd in the 400 meters in 53:77, Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa) was 4th in the 400 meters in 54:40 and also was 6th in the 800 meters in 2:14. Cole Jensen (Montague) finished 5th in the 5,000 meters in a time of 17:21.

The Women's team competed shorthanded, but still had a fine performance from Katie Ferris (Whitehall) who finished 5th in the high jump, clearing 1.5 meters and placing her 2nd on the MCC leader board. Also competing for the Jayhawks was Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) in the 60 meters and the 200 meters and Naveah Watson (Whitehall) in the 200 meters and 400 meters.

### **Track at John Flamino Classic-Aquinas College**

January 21 @ TBD

Men's Track finishes 3rd at Aquinas College meet

The Jayhawk Men's & Women's Track teams competed hard against strong teams at Aquinas College and they continue to improve each meet.

For the men, Ben Wyatt (Reeths-Puffer) had an outstanding performance, winning the high jump with a height of 1.88 meters (6'2"). Zach Pray (Fruitport) placed 8th in the 60 meters in 7.82 seconds, 4th in the 600 meters in 1:32, and was part of the 4x400 relay team that finished 3rd. Bailey Taranko (Whitehall) took 4th in the 400 meter in 53:99, 10th in the 1000 and ran the lead off leg of the 4x400 relay. Jerry Mejia (West Ottawa) placed 5th in the 600 meters in 1:34.13, 9th in the 1000 and was also part of the 4X400. Payton Dobben (Reeths-Puffer) was 6th in the 60 meters in 7.42 seconds and 4th in the 200 meters in 24.57 seconds. Adam Wolffis (Whitehall) was 7th in the 600 in 1:44.07 and 11th in the 1000 in 3:10.23 while also being part of the 4X400. Kaden Hainer (Montague) placed 8th in the 600 with 1:45.66 and 12th in the 1000 in 3:12.74.

"Ben is a very dedicated and tough competitor," said Head Coach Matt Kring. "We asked a lot of all our runners today, doing more events than normal and they all fought tough and improved on their personal best times."

The Women's Team was short handed but Katie Ferris (Whitehall) had a great night, finishing 4th in the high jump with a jump of 1.5 meters. Faith Clark (Fruitport) placed fourth in the 600 meters in 2:02.86 and 3rd in the 1000 in 3:51.09. Kaylin Meyers (Mona Shores) finished 9th in the 60 meters in 9.17 seconds and 7th in the 200 meters in 31.01 seconds.

Both teams return to action at Hillsdale College on Friday, January 28th.