

RCHS Boys' Track Team continues to improve

The RCHS boys' track and field team continues to improve in several different areas as the season progresses. The boys are currently ranked 26th in the state going into the final week for the rankings and have several individuals ranked in the top ten in the state.

Senior Eric Denney is the highest-ranked RCHS boy in the event. He is currently ranked 5th in the state in the discus competition. Junior Josh Hale is tied for 10th in the state in the 200-meter dash. Junior Andrew Hammond is tied for 8th in high jump. The 1600-meter relay team of Josh Hale, Jeremy Neely, Andrew Hammond, and Jeremiah Myers is ranked 6th in the state.

The boys' varsity team had many successful meets over the past couple of weeks. The Boyle County Thoroughbred Classic proved to be a good test for the boys' team as they faced several of the top teams from the region and state, including Boyle County, who is currently ranked second in the state. The boys finished tied for 11th overall with 11 points, a noteworthy accomplishment considering that several members of the team were unable to compete due to injury.

Those scoring for the boys included: 1600-meter run - Jeremy Neely - 5th - 5:00.76; 800-meter run - Jeremy Neely - 4th - 2:12.34; shot put - Eric Denney - 6th - 41' 3"; discus - Eric Denney - 4th - 115' 2".

The boys' team next competed in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meet at Cumberland College in Williamsburg. The team competed in the large school division against mostly Class 3A schools. RCHS had a great meet and finished 8th overall with 22 points. Highlights included Jeremy Neely's awesome performance in the 800-meter run. Jeremy broke the RCHS record in the event and placed 6th overall with an unbelievable time of 2:09.67.

Others scoring for the boys included: high jump - Andrew Hammond - 2nd - 6' 0"; shot put - Eric Denney - 3rd - 41' 1.5"; discus - Eric Denney - 3rd - 123' 4"; 3200-meter relay (Jeremy Neely, Brandon Cole, Matthew Whitaker, Andrew Nelson) - 6th - 9:36.03.

The E. G. Plummer Invitational Track and Field Meet was next on the agenda for the RCHS boys. The annual event included a stellar field of teams and individual competitors from across the state. The RCHS

boys' team competed in the small school division due to the larger enrollment of other high schools that were competing. RCHS finished 6th overall out of twelve teams with many outstanding individual performances.

The 3200-meter relay team of Jeremy Neely, Brandon Cole, Matthew Whitaker, and Bill Burdett ran a spectacular race. The team finished 4th overall with a new RCHS record time of 9:24.74, eclipsing the previous record by nearly three seconds.

Junior Josh Hale ran a great race in the 100-meter dash, even though he was still recovering from a pulled hamstring. Josh finished the race in 6th place with a time of 12.08 seconds.

In the 1600-meter run, senior Jeremy Neely continued to run well and shattered his own RCHS record in the event. Jeremy finished 4th overall with a new RCHS record time of 4:53.54, nearly four seconds better than his previous best effort. 8th grader Brandon Cole also ran his best mile ever, finishing 11th overall in 5:11.21.

In the 800-meter run, Jeremy also ran a brilliant race. He blazed his way to a 3rd place finish in the event with a stellar time of 2:11.72. 8th grader Matthew Whitaker finished 11th with a great race and a time of 2:23.99.

Josh Hale ran a great 200-meter dash late in the meet. He sprinted his way to a 4th place finish with a spectacular time of 24.76 seconds. Junior Cory Reams finished 8th overall with one of his best times of the season - 25.99.

Brandon Cole followed his mile performance with an awesome effort in the 3200-meter run. Brandon established a new RCHS record while breaking his own mark in the event with a 6th place finish and a time of 11:11.49.

In the shot put competition, senior Eric Denney threw very well and placed 5th overall with a throw of 40' 7". Senior teammate Stephen Carrera also performed well with a personal best effort of 37' 2". He placed 8th overall in the event.

In the discus competition, Eric had the best day of his track career. He threw an amazing 131' 7" to capture 3rd place in the event and a bronze medal. Stephen also had an awesome performance and finished 5th overall with a personal record throw of 113'.

Junior Andrew Hammond placed 5th in the long jump competition with a personal best effort of 17' 4". He also finished 7th in the triple jump with a solid effort of 35' 4".

Tuesday, May 15 was senior night for the RCHS track team and also the annual RCHS Invitational Track and Field Meet. Twelve other teams were on hand for the last RCHS home meet of the season including Berea, Madison Southern, Somerset, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Garrard County, South Laurel, North Laurel, Williamsburg, Owsley County, Boyle County, and Wayne

County.

The RCHS boys' team had a great meet and finished in a tie for 4th overall with 43 points. Boyle County placed 1st, followed by Madison Southern and Pulaski Southwestern.

In the 3200-meter relay, the team of Jeremy Neely, Brandon Cole, Matthew Whitaker, and Bill Burdett ran a great race and finished 6th overall in 9:30.11.

Eric Denney performed well in the shot put competition, despite having to deal with an illness at the time of the meet. Eric finished 5th with a solid effort of 39' 0". In the discus competition, Eric also threw well and finished 4th with a great throw of 121". Stephen Carrera finished 6th with one of his best throws ever - 109' 6".

Jeremy Neely ran a great 1600-meter run and finished 6th overall in 4:57. Jeremy also ran the 400-meter dash for the first time this season and finished 5th overall with an excep-

tional time of 56.03.

Junior Andrew Hammond also ran a great 400-meter race and finished 3rd overall with one of his best times of the season - 55.46 seconds. Andrew also performed exceptionally well in the high jump competition and finished tied for 4th with an awesome leap of 5' 10".

Junior Josh Hale ran the best 200-meter dash of his career. He had a great start and sprinted his way to a 3rd place finish with a personal best time of 23.47 seconds.

The 1600-meter relay team of Josh Hale, Jeremy Neely, Andrew Hammond, and Jeremiah Myers nearly eclipsed the school record with an outstanding race. The team finished 3rd overall in the event with a season's best time of 3:41.9.

The boys' team is currently preparing for the Class 2A Region IV Track and Field Championships to be held at Eastern Kentucky University on Thursday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. The team has many individuals and relay teams capable of qualifying for the state championships in June.

Little League Update...

By Diamond Dave

Minor League

Thursday, May 17th

Junior City Reams finished 8th

Angels 8

2nd Game

Indians 11

Reds 5

Saturday, May 19th

Blue Jays 3

Rainouts Rescheduled

June 10th

1:30 Blue Jays vs. Angels

2nd Game

Indians 18

Dbacks 3

Friday, May 18th

Indians 9

Reds 4

2nd Game

White Sox 7

Dbacks 6

Rainouts Rescheduled

Friday, June 1st

5:30 Reds vs. Dbacks

7:30 Indians vs. White Sox

Home Run Standings

Minor League

Tony Potter, Blue Jays, 2 (1 Grand Slam)

Wildcat Cheerleading Tryouts

will be held on
Wednesday, May 30th
at 5:30 p.m. at the Mt.
Vernon City Park.
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3rd, 4th, and 5th
grades.

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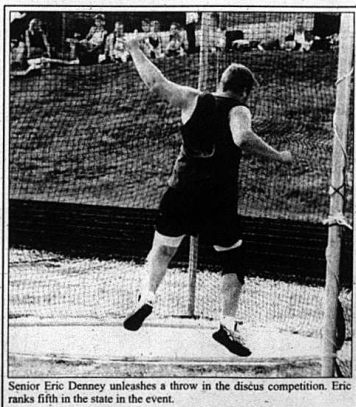
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Senior Stephen Carrera prepares to throw the shot-put.



Senior Eric Denney unleashes a throw in the discus competition. Eric ranks fifth in the state in the event.

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