

1. Jump those hurdles! Devin Rhodes, 11, jumped hurdles and jumped high. Rhodes also competed in the high jump. 2. Hitting the mark. Ryan Billman, 10, flew over the hurdles in seconds. Hard work and practice paid off when Billman finished.



3. Run together! Mark Myers, 11, and Grant Philips, 12, run together in a race. By running together the boys were able to help each other. 5. Finish strong! Joe Bloom, 10, ran towards the finish in the 6400 relay. After reaching the finish, Bloom passed on the baton to his teammate.



4. Over and above the bar. Zack Tawney, 10, pole vaulted over the bar with a beautiful finish. Tawney cleared the necessary height.

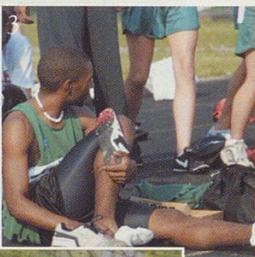
6. Caught in the eye of the camera! Matt Hitchcock, 12, ran by the camera as he prepared to finish the race. Hitchcock ran the last leg of the 6400 relay.



1. And he's off! Rashad Rasheed, 11, sprinted to the long jump pit. Broken records came from the high jump pit. On May 8, Rhodes won the high jump event with a height of six feet and five inches. Besides placing first in the meet, Rhodes out jumped the old school record. 2. Defeated obstacles! Ryan Sayre, 11, reached new heights in his competition in pole vault. Sayre was given three tries to get across the bar without bumping the bar.



3. Are you ready for the race! Vernon Burchett, 12, put on his spikes and began to stretch. Necessary equipment for the race included water, spikes, uniform, and a focused mind.



4. Throw it out of sight! Ryan Eades, 12, throws the discus. The point of discus was to throw the discus furthest away from other discus landings.

During the season, the boys became closer and closer in team bonding.

"Team bonding is just as important as any other type of training. The support from teammates to do well in a race can motivate a runner to run more than anything else," said Mark Myers, 11.

Ways of team bonding from these boys ranged from eating food to dying hair together. The long distance runners, and throwers ate together before big meets.

"My favorite meet was Lakota East because they had great food at the concession stand," said Ryan Eades, 12.

Wining a track meet is a whole team effort and many throwers, hurdlers, and jumpers contributed to the finishing of the team. The boys worked hard everyday after school and ran sprints, strides and practiced their event. All the hardwork paid off when the boys finished fifth at the GMC.

The finish was due to the awesome performances by all the team members. The 3200 meter relay team blew the competition in the dust with a first place finish. Tepe, Neumann, Vernon Burchett, 12, and Morin, took thirteen seconds off their personal record. Rhodes cleared more height then anyone else in the high jump, and won first place. Andy Mueller, 12, threw to a second place finish in shot put.

As state competition approached the boys prepared for qualifying. Rhodes qualified in high jump and Neumann ran his way into the distance events.

Through out the season, the boys junior varsity team competed and became unstoppable at several meets. At the Oak Hills Meet, Jules Rosen, 10, ran first place in the mile race. The junior varsity runners are the future of the varsity track team and with the experience earned from this season, the boys track team will become unstoppable in the future.

