

Floyd Central, North Harrison score well in Floyd's boys' track invite

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Several athletes from both Floyd Central and North Harrison finished in the top three spots of their events at Friday's Floyd Central Track Invitational, and the high finishes helped the two schools to high team finishes as well.

Jeffersonville won the meet with 133 points, and Trinity was second with 112 points. In third was host Floyd Central (77), with North Harrison (63) in fourth place. The remainder of the schools was: 5. New Albany 51, 6. Corydon 30, 7. Jennings County 19, 8. Borden 11.

Logan Eberle (FC) came in first in the 400 meter dash, with a time of 50.74. His team mate Ryan Lowery won the 300 low hurdles with a time of 40.58, and also placed first in the 110 high hurdles (14.95).

The North Harrison athletes had four first place finishes. Alan Austin won the discus throw (150'4"), Jared Richards was the tops in the high jump (6'2"), and Tyler Byrne was the winner in the 3200 run (9:56), as well as winning the 1600 run (4:26).

In addition to the first place finish in the discus, Austin gained second place in the shot put (49'6 3/4").

Sam Mires was second in the 1660 run (4:34) for Floyd Central, and Byrne was second in the 3200 relay (8:22) for North Harrison.

A few third place finishes helped both Floyd Central in the team standings too.

The Highlanders' 1600 relay squad was in second place (3:39) and Nick Spencer was in the runner up spot in the 400 dash (51.44). Sam Mires was second in the 800 run (2:05).

Floyd Central coach Lane Oxley was fairly happy with the results, but thought his team could do better on some things.

"Overall, I'm pleased with part of our team; I think we've got some room for improvement. I was disappointed in the shot and discus. We were shut out of both throws."

Looking down the road to the latter part of the season, Oxley said he thought there were plenty of threats in the Hoosier Hills Conference Meet (HHC) as well as the sectional.

In the HHC, he said he would pick Jeffersonville, Seymour, and Columbus East as the favorites for the conference crown at the moment.

"Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks, we can close that gap and make something happen," Oxley said.

Oxley was also looking at North Harrison as a threat in the upcoming sectional.

"They're very impressive," Oxley said of the Cougars. "They have a hurdler, high jumper, a thrower. They're definitely a threat. They've got some good athletes in all areas."

"We've got our work cut out for us. We've got to get it together. We've got a few weeks left."

North Harrison coach Joe Kellum was looking at Floyd Central in turn, and considers them a threat in the sectional.

"Floyd's always tough. You never look past Floyd Central. Beating them in any meet is a pretty big accomplishment. I'm always (proud) when something like that can happen," Kellum said.

Kellum said his team didn't do very well at the Tell City Invitational the previous Saturday, and was glad to see them coming around.

At this stage of the season, Kellum said he tells his runners to just do their best.

"That's what I've tried to stress against them, you compete against yourself." Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!