

Men’s Track competes at Chicagoland championship

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Last Saturday, the Men’s Outdoor Track and Field team went to the University of Chicago to compete in the Chicagoland Outdoor Championships, a large race for the team. Schools from NCAA as well as NAIA divisions raced in the area’s largest event. The beautiful weather was a pleasant change and helped some of the men run new personal records.

Freshman Tyler Haag represented the sprinters, running the 200m dash in a personal record time of 24.12 seconds. Haag also ran the 400m dash, along with freshman Colin McQuone, in 55.06 and 55.18 respectively, a personal record for McQuone.

Three Scarlet Hawks competed in the 800m race: juniors Ethan Montague and Kenny Murphy, and sophomore Phil Cano. Montague led with a personal record time of 2:01.87, followed by Murphy and Cano in 2:02.69 and 2:03.08 respectively. The trio also

ran the 1500m race, in the same order, with times of 4:12.91, 4:13.72, and 4:15.47, all just shy of their bests.

In the distance events, freshman Sam Wietlispach led teammates Jeff Somerfield and Felipe Prada in the 5K race. Wietlispach came in at 16:30.40, followed by Somerfield in 18:53.60 and Prada in 19:01.02. Senior Phil Theisen ran the 3K Steeplechase, a grueling event, in a personal record time of 10:11.12, good enough to land him in 10th place.

The men also put together a 4x800m

Relay team, made up of McQuone, Theisen, freshman Kraig Van Wieringen, and junior Brian Lyles. The group covered the 3200 meters in a time of 8:41.84 and finished 7th, scoring two points for the men’s team.

The next race for the Hawks is the Eagle Invitational on Saturday, April 14 at Benedictine University. Both men and women will be competing, and events will begin at 10 a.m. After Chicagolands, most of the team has four or five races left.

Women’s Track and Field strong competitors at championship

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The Lady Scarlet Hawks Outdoor Track and Field team competed at the Chicagoland Outdoor Championships last Friday afternoon, setting many new personal records. The large meet hosted by the University of Chicago provided tough competition, helping the Hawks to their big achievements.

Friday afternoon started off with the women’s 3K Steeplechase, an event with five

barriers per lap, one of which has a water pit after it. Senior Erin Vincent raced to an 8th place finish and a new personal and school record of 12:47.82, a long-awaited improvement.

Freshman Abby Jahn and sophomore Jordan Kelch both raced the 1500m and 800m distances, swapping the lead from the first to the second. Jahn came through the 1500m in 4:57.38, while Kelch followed in 5:13.39. In the 800m race, Kelch lead with a time of 2:37.77, while Jahn trailed in 2:38.17, both of them fatigued from the previous race.

Junior Veronica Hannink competed in both the 100m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles, setting a personal best of 17.94 seconds in the 100m, and running well with a time of 1:12.87 in the 400m. In the 5K race, freshmen Courtney Rouse and Anne Crotteau both ran to personal records, in 18:08.05 and 19:42.63 respectively.

In the last event of the night, junior Kira Vincent ran the 10K race, finishing in 39:51.96, a huge personal best. Junior Zach Gates also ran the 10K on Friday night, running a personal and school record of 33:06.78.

On the field event side, senior Jacqui Roche attempted the pole vault again, but could not quite reach the minimum height in the cool weather. Senior Emily Kraemer threw Javelin, along with junior Alex Songer, but both were just shy of the minimum distance to count.

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