



KIM HENSON

Trevor Farley (front) and Jacob Schwenke were part of the Harlan County 4 x 400 relay team that finished 21st in the 2A state meet on Friday.

HC teams compete in state meet

By Abby Sherman
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After an impressive regular season, the Harlan County Black Bears had a strong ending to their track season on Friday as they competed in the Class 2A Track and Field State Championship at Lexington.

"I'm very proud of our kids and how they competed in the state meet," Harlan County coach Ryan Vitatoe said. "It's become a tradition to have the state meet in a freezing downpour, but I thought we were focused and didn't let the conditions impact us."

Maliyah Washington placed ninth in triple jump to lead the girls. Kenadee Sturgill finished 20th in the 100-meter dash. In the 400-meter dash, Lauren Lewis was 13th. Jaycee Simpson placed 20th. Lewis finished 14th in the 800-meter run.

In the 1,600-meter run, Kiera Roberts placed 17th. Gracie Roberts finished 21st.

Gracie Roberts was 20th in the 3,200-meter run. Kiera Roberts finished 22nd.

In the 4 x 100-meter relay, Sturgill, Makenna Dillman, Addi Gray and Macy Jones were 16th.

Dillman, Gray, Simpson and Sturgill placed 17th in the 4 x 200-meter relay.

Lewis, Simpson, Rileigh Duff and Preslee Hensley were 21st in the 4 x 400-meter relay.

Lewis, Preslee Hensley, Gracie Roberts and Kiera Roberts finished 10th in the 4 x 800-meter relay, setting a new school record.

Paisli Boggs was 15th in the 100-meter hurdles.

Duff placed 24th in triple jump.

Ali Hensley placed 17th in shot put. Addyson Caldwell was 20th.

In discus, Ali Hensley was 17th. Addison Day placed 21st.

To lead the boys, Hunter Hughes and Hunter Stevens teamed to place second in unified shot put.

Bryson Bryant placed fifth in high jump. Jayce Brown placed fifth in pole vault.

"I can't say enough about Bryson Bryant. To come out in his first season and finish in the top five in Class 2A is a huge accomplishment," Vitatoe said. "He's a talented kid who works hard every day, and that's the reason for his rapid improvement. He's set himself up for an excellent senior year. I have to commend the great work that coach Britt Lawson has done with the high jumpers this season."

In the 4 x 200-meter relay, Landon Cook, Ben Cochran, Ryan Day and Ashton Anderson were 23rd.

"The boys competed hard as well. Cook has been a mainstay in our programs the last four years, and I'm glad he ended his career in Lexington," Vitatoe said.

"Ryan has a bright future ahead of him and I thought Ashton and Ben were great today. (Derek) Plitt has done a good job of developing his kids this season."

Cochran, Braxton Hubbard, Trevor Farley and Jacob Schwenke finished 21st in the 4 x 400-meter relay.

In the 4 x 800-meter relay, Farley, Schwenke, Ethan Lewis and William Duncan placed 14th.

PREP TRACK



JON DICKENSON

Harlan sophomore Izack Saylor won the Class A state title in the high jump on Saturday. Saylor is the first HHS athlete to win a state championship in that event, according to Harlan track/cross country historian Will Miller.

Saylor wins state title, Daniels places second to lead Harlan

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Harlan sophomore Izack Saylor claimed a state title in high jump on Thursday as three of the Dragons traveled to Lexington to compete in the Class A Track and Field State Championship.

"Being a former jumper myself, high jump is one of the most technical events in track. Two years ago, when I took the coaching job back, I knew that Izack had the ability to be a great field event athlete," Harlan track coach Trent McKenzie said. "He has completely sold out to our staff's coaching and has shown to be a very consistent jumper in the state. I believe the next couple of years Izack will continue to grow and have multiple state championships by his name."

Saylor won the event with a jump of 6'2. He is the first state champion for Harlan since Mackenzie King in shot put and discus in 2018.

Tanner Daniels was a medalist as well, finishing second in the 1,600-meter run and fourth in the 800-meter run.

"The work ethic for Tanner Daniels is not questionable. I believe all of Harlan has seen him running downtown," McKenzie said. "He was a state runner-up in the 1,600, only finishing behind a strong D1 runner. In the 800, he finished fourth in a very

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competitive top eight." Harper Carmical placed 19th in the 1,600-meter run.

"This is the fourth consecutive year that Harper Carmical has made it to the state track meet," McKenzie said. "She will continue getting better. I look for her to make big strides next season."

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Harlan's Izack Saylor, Tanner Daniels and Harper Carmical competed in the Class A state track meet in Lexington.

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look forward to assisting whoever takes the position after me," McKenzie said.

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