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State Track and Field

Last Friday and Saturday Belt High's runners, jumpers and throwers tested their skills and conditioning at the Montana State Track and Field State Championships. Fourteen of Belt's finest earned the right to compete by qualifying through both the district and divisional levels. The two day event included both the Class C and Class A competitions at the Laurel Sports Complex on May 24th and 25th.

Both the boys and girls squads won the 8-C meet and finished second at the Northern C Divisional competitions held at Memorial Stadium in Great Falls the second and third weekends of May. At state, the girls garnered a 14th place finish out of 37 teams and the boys ended up in a tie for 17th among the 36 schools represented.

Day one was cold and rainy and the second day of competition was sunny and hot. The star of the show for Belt was Lindsey Paulson, who accounted for all the Lady Husky points. In the sprints, Paulson grabbed 2nd in the 400 meter

dash with an outstanding time of 59.26 and 6th at 200 meters, stopping the clock at 27.39. She demonstrated her versatility with a 4th place showing in the 800 meter run and another 6th place in the 300 meter hurdles. Her times in those two events were 2:27.34 and 48.66 respectively. Her 800 splits were almost identical at 73.9 and 73.5. Paulson also found time to carry the baton for the short relay team.

Adelle Meissner ran a time of 13.44 in the 100 Meter Dash, finishing in 12th place in the preliminaries, but did not reach the finals. Paulson and Meissner were joined on the 4x100 meter relay team by Morgan Cooper and Brooke Schraner. The quartet traversed their lap around the track in 54.04, good for 11th place in the prelims. In the 4x400 relay, Meissner and Schraner, along with both Lindsey and Shelby Paulson finished 7th with a run of 4:22.60

Kolby Pimperton was Belt's force in the distance races as she carried the maroon and gold flag in

both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. In the shorter of the two, Pimperton completed the race in 5:57.94, while her 3200 time was 13:20.89. She finished 14th and 12th in those two events.

In the field events, senior Morgan Cooper donned the colors for the final time in her stellar Belt athletic career. Her high jump of 4'-8" was good enough for 8th place and her triple jump of 31'-2.75" landed her in 17th position.

Freshman Raily Gliko chucked the shot 31', 18th best among the throwers.

The best showing among the Belt boys also came from an underclassman in the person of Kaimen Evans. His 400 meter time of 51.56 landed him on the podium with a 3rd place medal draped around his neck. Only two graduating seniors bested young Evans.

Another promising sprinter for the Huskies is junior Hunter Vogl, who clocked a 42.46 in the 300 meter hurdles. That time was 8th best in the field (Cont...)



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Evans wasn't the only sophomore to shine; Aidan McDaniel turned in a great race in the 800 meter run (they call it a run but it's more of a dash these days). His splits were 58.44 and 65.57. He finished 6th.

Both relay teams were also in Laurel. The 4x100 squad included: Vogl, Evans, McDaniel, and Brandon Wall. They held the number ten spot with a run of 46.79 and reached the finals. The long relay team was the same with Cole Hepfner stepping for Wall. The boys improved one spot to 9th with a mark of 3:40.93.

At the longer distances, Belt sent senior Robbie Gliko and freshman Hepfner into the fray. In the 1600 meter race Gliko edged his younger teammate by the scantest of margins. Gliko crossed the line at 5:06.18 in 18th place with Hepfner a spot behind at 5:06.30. That scenario was repeated in the 3200 meter

run with Gliko winding up 14th with a time of 11:01.14 and Hepfner two spots behind at 11:05.65.

Senior Brendan Wing was Belt's lone entry in the field events. He recorded a 18'-7.25" long jump and a triple jump measuring 40'-.25". Those jumps were good enough to finish in 20th and 14th place, respectively.

The final team standings showed the boys from Scobey emerging as the champions and the girls from Seeley Swan triumphing on their side of the ledger. Team and individual results for all varieties and levels of Montana high school athletics are available the Montana High School Association website: <https://www.mhsa.org/>

Along with the end of each athletic season comes the bitter-sweet moments of saying goodbye to the graduating seniors. Three Belt tracksters concluded their high

school careers in Laurel. They include Morgan Cooper, Robbie Gliko, and Brendan Wing. Cooper and Gliko recently were awarded athlete of the year honors for girls and boys, and Wing was a standout in both basketball and track and field. Well deserved commendations go out to these young adults and the Voice wishes them the best of luck as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

The state track and field meet capped another outstanding year of athletic accomplishments proffered by the students at Belt High School. The early days of summer begin the cycle anew as camps and tournaments for volleyball, basketball, and football are already marked on the calendar. Congratulations to all Belt's athletes who represented the school and community so well these past nine months! **By: Karl Koontz**



Editor's Note: This edition represents the final publication for the school year. This marks the tenth year of the Valley Voice, made possible by a generous donation from the late George Ryffel, a 1937 graduate of Belt High School. So until the fall, have a safe and memorable summer from everyone here at the Voice!