

Wabaunsee High School Track & Field Results

At: State (Wichita) Date: 5-27/28-2022

Athletes of the Week:

Jumps: Lauren Schutter

Sprints: Madison Schurle

Distance: Payton Wurtz

School Records:

Payton Wurtz: 400 Dash 59.80, 1600 Run 5:19.24

Personal Record Times & Distances:

Sienna Jones: Triple Jump 34'8

Madison Schurle: 100 Hurdles 16.14

Rebekah Stuhlsatz: 1600 Run 5:48.54

Season Best Times & Distances:

Lauren Schutter: Long Jump 17'6.5

Medals:

Lauren Schutter: Long Jump 1st, Triple Jump 3rd, 200 Dash 8th

Payton Wurtz: 400 Dash 2nd, 1600 Run 2nd, 3200 Run 2nd, 800 Run 4th

Madison Schurle: 100 Hurdles 4th

Rebekah Stuhlsatz: 3200 Run 7th, 1600 Run 8th

Sienna Jones: Triple Jump 8th

Team Scores: Girls: 55 pts, 2nd place

Comments: Thank you to everyone who came to Wichita to cheer us on, your support means so much to us! We had a great couple of days of competition and put ourselves in the hunt for a State Title against perennial powerhouse Garden Plain. We had 5 girls and 11 events qualify for state while they had 9 girls and 18 events, but our girls went toe to toe with them. Our squad medaled in every one of our 11 events, an incredible feat considering only half of the entries at State bring home medals. We were still in the hunt with Garden Plain down to the last event, but came up 3 points short in the end. It was still our best ever finish at State and our program's first State Trophy for boys or girls teams.

It was a historical season for our program in many ways:

- 5 school records set this year: Lauren Schutter in Triple Jump, Payton Wurtz in 400 Dash, 800 Run, 1600 Run, 3200 Run.
- First Regional Championship for WHS Girls Track.
- 11 Girls' events qualified for State topping our previous high (10 in 2009).
- 55 points at State topping our previous high for Girls (20 pts in 2009, 2016 & 2019) as well as combined Boys & Girls (30 pts in 1983).
- 11 medals at State topping the Girls' high (4 in 2016) and combined Boys & Girls (7 in 2018).
- 2nd place at State, highest place at State and first State Trophy (Girls were 11th in 2009 & 2016, Boys were 4th in 1983).
- Lauren Schutter: 8 career medals, 3 career state gold medals, 51 career points at state passing Karsen Schultz (7 medals), and Larry Schwalm (2 gold medals, 38 points). All despite having her sophomore season canceled for Covid.

- Payton Wurtz: first WHS Track athlete with 4 medals at a State Meet.

This has been a fun group to work with, not just the 5 that went to State but the entire Boys & Girls Teams. A big thank you to our assistant coaches: Brandi Miller, Brendan Praeger, and Lyle Strait. Their dedication to our athletes has a huge impact on our program.

We'll be saying goodbye to 3 seniors: Justin Carlson, Madison Schurle, and Lauren Schutter. We will miss their leadership and dedication, but also know that they have shown the way for our future squads. We are already looking forward to next year and think our future is bright!