

2019 IOWA COED STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD MEET

Thursday, May 16

Drake Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa

Temperature reached high of 93 degrees at 3 pm with winds from west-southwest at 8 mph. This marked the warmest opening session ever since the Boys & Girls State Track meet became a coed event in 2005.

—Meet was suspended because of lightning and rain from 7:28 pm until officials postponed the meet at 8:38 p.m.

—Attendance: 13,811 (HIGHEST TOTAL EVER FOR THURSDAY OPENING SESSION, previous was 13,703 in 2016)

Boys Class 1A team scoring-thru 5 events

1. Calumus-Wheatland 13
2. Lynnville-Sully 12
3. Algona Bishop Garrigan ``
West Hancock 11
5. George-Little Rock 10
LeMars Gehlen Catholic 10
Earlham 10
Lawton-Bronson 10
9. Central Decature 9
10. Wapsie Valley, Fairbank 8
IKM-Manning 9

Boys Class 4A team scoring-thru 4 events (not including 400)

1. Ames 20
2. Cedar Falls 16
3. Ankeny 13
4. Council Bluffs Lewis Central 11.5
5. Epworth, Western Dubuque 10
Dubuque Hempstead 10
Waukee 10
8. Cedar Rapids Kennedy 8
Dowling Catholic 8
Linn-Mar 8

Girls Class 1A team scoring-thru 5 events

1. Hudson 15
2. Logan-Magnolia 10
Sigourney 10
West Bend-Mallard 10
Bedford 10
Kee, Lansing 10
Central City 10
Dunkerton 10
9. Sidney 9

Girls Class 4A team scoring-thru 5 events

1. Wake 24.3
2. Southeast Polk 22
Cedar Falls 22
4. Ottumwa 21
5. Johnston 12
6. Iowa City, Liberty 11
7. Dowling Catholic 10
Urbandale 10
9. Lewis Central 8
Linn-Mar 8

GIRLS NOTES

BULLDOGS WITH A BITE — **Ottumwa** finally can celebrate a state championship in track. The Bulldogs won their first title at the state track meet by outrunning Southeast Polk and two-time defending champion Waukee to win the Class 4A 4x800. Ottumwa finished in 9:13.85, which ranks eighth on the all-time list. Southeast Polk got second in 9:15.30 and Waukee was third in 9:23.02.

WILDER WINS IT— **Kaitlyn Wilder** has given **Dunkerton** its second state championship in track. Wilder threw 40-8 to win the Class 1A shot put, beating a field that included defending champion Abby Marr of Riceville. Marr finished fourth with a throw of 39-2 1/2. Dunkerton's only other state champion also did it in a field event, Dani Reicherts winning the 1A long jump in 2014.

GOOD DAY FOR ROBERTS —**Waterloo East** speedster **Kerris Roberts** has put herself in good position in her two specialties. Roberts ran the fastest preliminary times in the 100 and 200, turning in times of 11.88 and 24.14. The Purdue-bound runner has won two state championships in the 200 and one in the 100. She's also a three-time Drake Relays champion in the 100. The finals in both races are Saturday.

KNOCKING OFF A CHAMPION — **Hudson** sophomore **Kylee Sallee** won the Class 1A long jump title and she knocked off the defending champion to get it. Sallee went 17-11 1/2 to beat Highland's Emily Yahнке, who was second at 17-4.

NO FEHR— After finishing second as a freshman a year ago, **West Bend-Mallard's Rachel Fehr** raced to a victory in the Class 1A 400. Fehr finished in 56.92 to hold off Montezuma basketball star Shateah Wettering, who was second in 57.28. It's the first championship in an individual running event for West Bend-Mallard.

IT'S A CEDAR FALLS SWEEP — **Cedar Falls** runners swept the top two spots in the Class 4A 400. Mackenzie Michael, who won the 800 two years ago, showed she's a pretty fair 400 runner as well, winning the race in 55.64. That puts her 16th on the state's all-time. Teammate Auriona Kimbrough followed her across the finish in 56.67. That came after Kimbrough had an unexpected seventh-place finish in the high jump. She had been the defending champion in that event.

BOYS NOTES

REVIEW GIVES TITLE TO RODER —**Will Roder of Le Mars Gehlen** was awarded the victory in the Class 1A 3200 after the bell for the final lap was sounded too early. Roder sprinted to the finish at the end of the seventh lap because he thought the race was over. But there was still one lap to go and Joe Anderson of George-Little Rock was the first across the finish. After a review, officials decided the results after seven laps would stand and no times would be posted. Roder is the champion, with Anderson second and William Gillis of Central Decatur third.

SWEET PERFORMANCE BY THE CARDINALS —Earlham won consecutive state titles in the 4x800 back in 1984 and 1985. First the first time since then, they've won another, running 8:07.10 to win the Class 1A championship. Caleb Swalla anchored for the Cardinals and he got them safely to the finish ahead of IKM-Manning, which was clocked in 8:13.39.

LUCKY 13 FOR AMES — Ames has done it again in the 4x800. The Little Cyclones won their 13th title in the race -- and second in the last four years -- taking the Class 4A title in 7:51.95 with Aniey Akok on the anchor. Ean Warrick, Garang Akok and Noah Kohut-Jackson ran the first three legs.

ALONG CAME JONES— Throwers named Jones finished 1-2 in the Class 4A discus. **Logan Jones of Lewis Central** won the event with a throw of 185-10, by far the best of the day. Cedar Rapids Kennedy's Cam Jones, the Drake Relays champion, was second at 178-6.

TYSON WAS TERRIFIC —Lynnville-Sully's **Tyson VanderLinden** won the Class 1A 400 hurdles a year ago and now he has claimed a title in another event. VanderLinden closed with a strong burst in the straightaway to win the 400 in 49.66. He'll defend his hurdles title on Friday afternoon.