RCHS girls' track team ranked fourth in state

The RCHS girls' varsity track and field team ranks fourth in the state according to the first state rankings released by the Kentucky Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

The girls were ranked behind Russell High, Louisville Mercy Academy, and Fort Campbell High School. RCHS defeated all three teams this past indoor season during the indoor state championships. They finished runner-up in the state to only powerhouse Paducah Tilghman who ranks fifth behind Rockcastle going into the outdoor season.

The RCHS girls' team was ranked between fourth and sixth during the entire 2000 track and field campaign. Going into this season, the girls' team has high expectations and figures to be one of the top teams in the state again this entire season and a possible favorite for their second straight regional championship title.

The team and individual state rankings compiled by the KTCCCA are based on actual performances from indoor and early outdoor meets. The best individual and relay performances for each team are compiled and ranked, thereby determining a team score.

Team scores then determine placement in the state rankings. Important to note is the fact that RCHS had not yet competed in eight of the eighteen track and field events as opposed to most teams who have accumulated statistics in every event due to completed outdoor meets.

Amazingly, Rockcastle's girls' team has thirteen competitors ranked in the top ten in the state in their respective events.

Eighth grader Heather Hammond leads the way with a top ten ranking in five different track and field events. Heather is tied for first place in the state in high jump, third in the 200-meter dash, sixth in long jump, sixth in the 1600-meter relay, and eighth in the 800-meter relay. Senior teammate Mindy Bullock is also tied for first in the state with Heather in high jump. Senior Cheyenne Carmack ranks second in the state in the 400-meter dash. She also ranks second in the 800-meter run, an event she recently added to her resume this spring. Cheyenne ranks sixth in the 1600-meter relay as well. Freshman Sheena Swinney is ranked sixth in the 1600-meter relay and eighth in the 800-meter relay. She has not competed in her two best events yet, the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Senior Tara Abney ranks sixth in the 1600-meter relay and eighth in the 800-meter relay. Tara has not yet competed in her two best events, the 100 and 300-meter hurdles. Senior Rachelle Hammond is ranked fifth in triple jump and also ranks ninth in long jump, despite limited opportunities this spring. Junior Clarissa Hubbard ranks fourth in shot put and has yet to compete in the discus competition. Eighth grader Cherie' Embs broke into the top ten with an eighth place ranking in triple jump. Eighth grader Casey Taylor ranks eighth in the 800-meter relay. Seventh graders Tressie Robinson, Kayla Hayes, Danielle Arnold, and Makayla Bryant rank sixth in the 3200-meter relay, the highest ever for an RCHS team.

The first meet for RCHS was the Patriot Games Invitational held at Lincoln County High School this past Friday. The RCHS girls' team hoped to defend last year's Patriot Games win, while the boys' team sought to win the meet for the first time.

The girls had to overcome the absence of five key team members due to injuries including seniors Tara Abney, Theresa Chislum, and Martina Maurer. Also unable to attend was junior Clarissa Hubbard and seventh grader Mourine Ramsey. All five girls are very valuable members of the team and account for over fifty points a meet on average.

The depth and talent of the RCHS girls' team proved to be too much for the opposition as they dominated a field of ten teams to come away with the victory and defend their Patriot Games' title. The girls' defeated runner-up Danville, ranked fifth in Class A, by an unbelievable margin of sixty-seven points. Other teams competing included Harrodsburg, Williamsburg, Lincoln County, Madison Central, Oneida Baptist, Pulaski County, Casey County and Pulaski Southwestern. Along the way, the girls established three new RCHS track and field records and improved upon their rankings in the state in many individual events.

The RCHS boys' team also had a tremendous meet and will be strong this season in many different track and field events. Once the outdoor season gets fully underway, the boys should have several competitors ranked in the top ten in the state. The boys did not compete in every event at Lincoln County due to the lack of depth; however, they remained in the top five teams up until the end of the meet. They finished ninth overall out of twelve teams. The boys' had many outstanding performances and established two new RCHS records during the course of the meet.

Complete results and pictures from the Patriot Games Invitational at Lincoln County will appear in next week's *Signal*.

The Racing Reporter

Dale Jarrett gets second consecutive win

By Gerald Hodges
The Racing Reporter

Dale Jarrett took the lead from teammate Ricky Rudd with 6 laps remaining in the 500 lap Virginia 500 for his third Winston Cup victory of 2001.

The key to Jarrett's win was tire management. Crew Chief Todd Parrott had told Jarrett to come in for fresh tires after a late race caution. Back on the track, he began to close on Rudd, who did not stop for tires.

"It was a great race all day," said Jarrett. "It was my man in the pits (Todd Parrott) that really made the right call. I know Ricky wanted to win, but I just had a lot better tires."

Rudd and his team had a brake hose problem on their No. 28 Ford Havoline early in the race that had to be repaired.

"We had to play catch up all day," said Rudd. "Because of the brake line we got out of sync on our tire stops and were a sitting duck at the end."

Jeff Burton led the most laps (202), but he had to make a stop for tires with 24 laps remaining and did not have enough time to catch the two leaders.

Finishing order: 1. Dale Jarrett, 2. Ricky Rudd, 3. Jeff Burton, 4. Bobby Hamilton, 5. Sterling Marlin, 6. Matt Kenseth, 7. Tony Stewart, 8. Bobby Labonte, 9. Jimmy Spencer, 10. Jerry Nadeau, 41. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 12. Jeff Gordon, 13. Rusty Wallace, 14. Bill Elliott, 15. Stacy Compton, 16. Joe Nemechek, 17. Andy Houston, 18. Kevin LePage, 19. Steve Park, 20. Johnny Benson, 21. Elliott Sadler, 22. Ward Burton, 23. Terry Labonte, 24. Michael Waltrip, 25. Ken Schrader, 26. Casey Atwood, 27. Ron Hornaday, 28. Ricky Craven, 29. Dave Blaney, 30. Jeremy Mayfield, 31. Mike Wallace, 32. Mike Skinner, 33. Kurt Busch, 34. Kevin Harvick, 35. John Andretti, 36. Brett Bodine, 37. Kenny Wallace, 38. Buckshot Jones, 39. Mark Martin, 40. Robert Pressley, 41. Rick Mast, 42. Kyle Petty, 43. Todd Bodine.

Top-10 points leaders after 8 of 36 events: 1. Jarrett 1236, 2. J. Gordon 1113, 3. Benson, Marlin 1049, 5. Park 1042, 6. R. Wallace 1008, 7. Hamilton 995, 8. Rudd 970, 9. Elliott 943, 10. Sadler 924.

Scott Riggs bounces back to win truck race

Scott Riggs was able to bounce back from trouble early in Saturday's Advance Auto Parts 250 at Martinsville Speedway to record his first career NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series victory.

A pit-stop collision 86 laps into Saturday's race knocked Riggs out of the top 20. But the Durham, NC driver remained calm and worked his way into the lead on lap 143, a lead he never relinquished.

Riggs said he "just tried to remain calm" after the pit-road skirmish on lap 86 damaged the front end of his Dodge.

"I didn't know how many trucks were on the lead lap then, and I didn't know how good my truck was," said Riggs, who picked up $35,560 for the win and retained his lead in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series points standings.

Rookie Travis Kvapil finished second to match his career-best finish while Terry Cook was third. Pole-sitter Joe Ruttman wound up fourth while Randy Tolsma was fifth.

Finishing order: 1. Scott Riggs, 2. Travis Kvapil, 3. Terry Cook, 4. Joe Ruttman, 5. Randy Tolsma, 6. Matt Crafton, 7. Rick Crawford, 8. Bryan Reffner, 9. Ricky Hendrick, 10. Nathan Haseleu, 11. Carlos Contreras, 12. Rick Carelli, 13. Jason White, 14. Ronnie Hornaday, 15. Bobby Hamilton, 16. Billy Bigley, 17. Larry Gunselman, 18. Chuck Hossfeld, 19. Dennis Setzer, 20. Jack Sprague, 21. Jason Thom, 22. Ted Musgrave, 23. Nathan Buttke, 24. Lance Hooper, 25. Jimmy Hensley, 26. Coy Gibbs, 27. Lance Norick, 28. Jason Small, 29. Ken Schrader, 30. Michael Dokken, 31. Jon Wood, 32. Richard Landreth, 33. Bobby Dolter, 34. Ricky Sanders, 35. Ryan McGlynn, 36. Morgan Shepherd

Top-10 points leaders after 4 of 24 events: 1, Riggs 675. 2, Ruttman 648. 3, Hendrick 610. 4, Cook 600. 5, Tolsma 599. 6, Sprague 575. 7, Musgrave 569. 8, Kvapil 563. 9, Crawford 543. 10, Gibbs 485.

Joey Clayton wins South Boston

Georgia's Joey Clanton continued his dominance of the 400-mile South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, leading all 300 laps of the event and collecting his second win of the season and third career race, capturing the Textilease-Medique 300 presented at Hardee's.

Clanton's race win came from the pole position, which he earned on Friday afternoon after being the fastest car all day during practice.

Clanton is the first driver since 1996 to lead a race from wire-to-wire, when Gary St. Amant led all 300 laps at Columbus Motor Speedway.

The unofficial final results from Saturday's $189,660 American Speed Association's ACDelco Series Textilease Medique 300 at South Boston Speedway.

1) Joey Clanton, Chevrolet, 2) (5) Kevin Cywinski; 3) Mike Garvey, 4) Gary St. Amant, 5) Scott Fraser, 6) Danny Edwards, 7) Billy Parker, 8) Mike Miller, 9) Butch Miller, 10) Glenn Allen Jr., 11) Mike Eddy, 12) Mike Cope, 13) Scott Hansen, 14) Tim Jedrzejek, 15) Chris Wimmer, 16) Tristan Dupuis, 17) Johnny Sauter, 18) Matt Sielsky, 19) Dennis Lampman, 20) Greg Stewart, 21) Ricky Bryant, 22) Tim Taylor, 23) Nick Woodward, 24) Robbie Pyle, 25) Russ Tuttle26) John Silverthorne, 27) Craig Smith, 28) Davin Scites, 29) Doug Stevens Jr., 30) Johnny Spaw, 31) Pat Kelly, 32) Greg Williams.

Fanfare

Next week we will answer several fan questions regarding tires and pit strategy employed by Winston Cup and Busch teams.

Weekend Racing: April 14-15 is Easter Weekend. This is a traditional off week for Winston Cup drivers. The Busch Series will be the only active series this weekend.

Nashville Superspeedway Track Facts: Location: Lebanon, TN; Size: 1.333 miles; Degree of banking in

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