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## Lexington boys dominate Bucyrus track meet (PHOTO)

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BUCYRUS -- Lexington made itself right at home Saturday. Not only did the Minutemen win their second straight boys title and fourth in the last five years, they scored more points than any team in the 13-year history of the Elks 156 Invitational.

"We won the conference and the districts last year and we only lost three seniors to graduation, so we set the bar pretty high," first-year Lexington coach Dan Wittmer said, while admitting that his team still surpassed his expectations for the early-season, 16-team test.

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The Minutemen won 10 events and added another three sets of second-place points to out-distance runner-up River Valley 145-70. Three of the four relays went to Lexington who got second in the fourth tag-team event.

Alex Boyd and Victor Whitelock were double winners for the Minutemen. Boyd and

Antonio Pickens went one-two in the 100 and Boyd said that duo battling at the tape could become a common sight this spring.

"We've been talking about it," Boyd said. "He's (Pickens) has been telling me he's going to beat me."

Both Pickens and Boyd won in the field events, too. Pickens took the long jump with a leap of 20-01 and Boyd claimed the pole vault with the bar at 12-06.

A state qualifier in the vault as a junior, Boyd has his sights set on the awards program in June at Jesse Owens Stadium.

"I want to place at state," Boyd said. "I want to go 15, 15-6."

Whitelock won the 300-meter hurdles (41.64) and the high jump at 6-2. Other Lexington winners were the 4 x 200, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relay teams, Ryan Hershner in the 1,600 (4:41.74) and Marc Stevens in the shot put (49-0.75).

Bucyrus senior Robby Schiefer had a big day on his home track. After sitting out the track season the past two springs, Schiefer set a meet record in the 400 with a time of 51.75. He also was also second in the long jump and came from behind on the anchor lap of the 4 x 400 to push the Redmen quartet into second in that race.



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Lexington's Alex Boyd and Antonio Pickens finish 1-2 in the 100-meter dash Saturday at the Elks 156 Invitational at Bucyrus. Boyd also won the pole vault and Pickens captured the long jump as the Minutemen won their fourth Elks title in five years.

Schiefer's 400 victory was the only event won by a Crawford County boy and the second of two boys' meet records on the day. The other belonged to the Lexington 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:34.47, smashing the previous mark by more than three seconds.

In spite of a four-win performance by Mohawk's Kari Weimerskirch, the River Valley girls managed to edge Seneca East 64-63 for the girls title. Crestview was third at 55, one point ahead of Wynford.

Colonel Crawford senior Lindsey Pifher was a multiple-event winner with victories in the 1,600 (5:25.62) and the 3,200 (1:58.99).

While Pifher let others set the early pace in both races, she pulled away both times over the final couple ops.

"I ran all winter," Pifher said. "The swimming and running really paid off and I'm reaping the benefits of it."

Wynford's Yuvonne Henry came as close as she possibly could to two wins. Henry, a sophomore, won the 100 convincingly with a time of 13.18, and then just missed the sprint double when she was second in the 200 to Amanda Theis of Seneca East by a little over a 10th of a second.

Wynford senior Jenny Slone picked up the first invite win in her career in the discus with a throw of 116-03. Then she came back in the shot put with a heave of 35-05.25 to take fourth.

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