

Heart River charges to early lead

Cougars come out of the blocks with fast start in Bowman

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This is the second in a multi-part series pertaining to spring sports like baseball, softball and track & field.

The Heart River Cougars track & field team started the 2026 season off with a bang during a strong showing at the Bowman County Invite on March 24, and head coach Colton Hill sees some positive signs with roughly nine meets left on the schedule. During that meet at Bowman County High School, the boys' varsity team finished in third place with 71 points – behind Bowman County's 86 and Hettinger County's 83 – while the girls found their way to fifth place on 67 points. Beulah, BCHS, Hettinger County and Hettinger-Scranton slightly outpaced the Cougars on the girls' side, but neither the boys nor girls team had state qualifiers amongst the results on the day.

"I feel good, because I think we've got a good group – and the biggest group we've had in a few years – so, we've got a lot to look



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forward to, there," Hill said. "We've got a big squad for boys and girls, and we have a few more boys on the team this year than we've had in the past, so we're looking forward to getting some relay teams going and I think we've got a pretty solid group of kids ready to compete."

The 4x100m relay team of Quinton Bloodsaw, Will Zarak, Peyton Buckman and Jaymison Wilke placed second with a 51.56, while the second team of Daniel Fischer, Eli Bloodsaw, Colton Steffan and Jevan Ewoniuk came close with a fourth-place 53.47. The second-place 4x100m team took the blue ribbon in the 4x200m at 1:44.33, while the #2 team also found their way to second in the same event with a 1:46.75.

For the girls, the 4x100m relay team of Lilly Bloodsaw, Presley Buckman, Jhoselyne Walkowiak and Holly Stuber also scored some points with a fifth-place 58.67, with the same lineup earning a fourth-place 2:02.79 in the 4x200m relay.

Individually, Zarak took third in the 100m dash with a 12.43 and Wilke was eighth, while on the girls' side Stuber turned in a sixth-place 14.18 in the 100. Zarak and Quinton Bloodsaw were fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 200m dash with times of 25.20 and 25.75, while Stuber and Lilly Bloodsaw were third and fourth in the 200 with marks of 29.26 and 29.8, respectively.

In the girls 400m dash, Clara Krebs wound up in second for Heart River with a 1:08.76 and Joslyn

Stuber took fifth at 1:10.04.

Gus Tessier and Daniel Fischer finished with the top-two times in the 800m run/dash with Tessier finishing in 2:19.46 and Fischer racing to a 2:30.12, while Stuber was a fourth-place finisher with a 2:54.68 in the same event on the girls' side. Tessier took fifth in the 1600m run with a 5:11.68 and Fischer was right behind him at 5:20.37.

The field events weren't nearly as kind to the Cougars on the afternoon, but Hadley Talkington took top-honors in the javelin with a 96'7" throw and Delilah Behrendsen was third in the event with an 85'3" toss. Natalia Kessel earned a fourth-place mark of 29'1" in the shot-put and Behrendsen was fifth in the discus at 84'7".

The team again headed to Bowman for the Early Bird Meet on Tuesday, March 31, but the results weren't available by press-time. Those scores will be included in the April 9

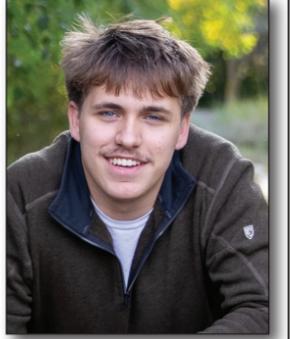
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Other upcoming meets for the Cougars will include the Bison Stampede in Hazen on April 7 and the Trinity Small Meet at the Biesiot Activities Center on April 10. The Bowman County Booster Meet is scheduled for April 14, and the Badlands Conference Meet will be back at Bowman County on April 23.

"It's going good, and the first meet or two is usually a good test to see where we're at and we can adjust from there," Hill said. "We get some times on record and start looking at where the kids need to be as we move on through the season."

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Name: George Locket

Family: Darcie, Robert & Gage

Do you have any nicknames? No

What is your favorite class? Weights

Favorite social media app? Reels

What is your favorite TV show? Breaking Bad

Who is your favorite musician? Title Fight

Favorite food? Burger and egg

Favorite midnight snack? Cereal

Least favorite school lunch? Fajitas

How do you stay informed on current events? TikTok

Least favorite chore to help with at home? Dog poop

What is your favorite holiday? Why? Halloween, because it's spooky

What are your plans after high school? 5 gap years

What do you do in your spare time? Play the game

Do you have any pet peeves? People eating with their mouth open

Who is your role model and why? My dad

If you could choose a super power, what would it be and why? Super-speed

If you could meet one person from history, who would it be? Jalen Brunson

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