

Running start for Cougar track

Heart River track and field rolling through 2026 season

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While uncooperative weather has been the biggest impediment to all Southwest North Dakota track and field teams this year, the Heart River Cougars are continuing to improve their times and marks, with just three meets remaining on the schedule before the varsity regionals at Beach High School on May 12.

At the April 10 Trinity Small Meet—which featured 15 teams—Heart River's boys finished in the middle of the standings, tied for seventh with Glen Ullin-Hebron at 33 points, while the girls finished 12th. Trinity earned the win on the boys' side with 116 points, and Dawson County took top honors for the girls with 109 points.

Senior sprinter Shane Stroh was just off the mark for state qualification, posting an 11.65 for fifth place in the 100m dash before heading to the Minot Rodeo later that day. Junior Carter Corneil and Will Zarak tied at 12.13 to finish in the top 20. Holly Stuber was the top Cougar finisher in the girls' 100m dash at 14.24 and also earned a 12th-place finish in the 200m dash at 28.68. Corneil, meanwhile, brought home points for the Cougars with an eighth-place finish of 24.51 in the same event, with Rush Olson taking 10th at 24.68.

Peyton Buckman was the top Heart River runner in the 400m with a time of 1:05.97, while Joslyn Stuber placed 11th at 1:08.6 and Clara Krebs followed closely at 1:09.07. Gus Tessier posted a strong 800m time of 2:14.91 in windy conditions for

fifth place, and Daniel Fischer finished in the top 10 at 2:21.27. Joslyn Stuber also earned a fifth-place ribbon in the same event with a time of 2:44.59.

The 4x100m relay team of Olson, Zarak, Quinton Bloodsaw, and Corneil took sixth in 47.85 seconds, while Lilly Bloodsaw, Hadley Talkington, Presley Buckman, and Holly Stuber placed ninth with a time of 56.15. The same boys' lineup posted a 1:37.78 in the 4x200m relay to finish second, while the girls' team—unchanged—earned third in the same event with a time of 1:57.75.

In the field events, Peyton Whittkop was the top Cougar shot putter with a throw of 28'7.5", while Natalia Kessel earned seventh-place points with a mark of 29'9.25". Whittkop also recorded a discus throw of 86'. Rowan Young threw the javelin 92'6" for the boys, and Delilah Behrendsen took eighth in the discus with a mark of 83'6". Talkington and Behrendsen also earned points in the javelin, placing fourth (96'6") and seventh (87'5"), respectively.

Tessier narrowly missed the top eight in the long jump with a leap of 18'7". Clara Krebs tied for eighth in the high jump at 4'4", while Presley Buckman was the top girls' long jump finisher with a jump of 13'8".

The Cougars were back in action at Bowman County on Tuesday, April 14, for their Booster Meet, but results were not available at press time. The Billings County Pioneer will publish those results in its April 23 issue.

The team will



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return to action on April 23 in Bowman County for the Badlands Conference Meet and, five days later, will compete again at BAC in Dickinson for Trinity's Booster Meet.

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