

High School track team returning strong members

Although the Vienna boys track team does not have the numbers they have had in the past, they have several strong members returning.

Justin Alexander went to state in the Shot Put last year. This year he will be throwing the Shot Put and running the 800M Relay.

Justin Helton, who was second with the Discus in the Gasconade Valley Conference last year, is returning to throw the Discus and the Shot Put.

Pieter Lipps, one of our foreign exchange students, looks to be a very strong asset in the Triple Jump, Long Jump and 800M Relay.

Coach Chuck Woody says they have a young team with a lot of potential, but they have a lot of points to make up in comparison to last year. He expects the younger athletes to step up and show what they can do.

The boys begin their season with a meet at Linn on March

22.

The high school girls track team is coming off of four straight GVC championships and hopes to remain at the top of the heap this season.

"I hate to brag on them until we beat somebody, but, so far, our practice habits have been good and we hope to have a great season," said Coach Mick Byrd.

The girls will open their season with the Linn Invitational at 3:30 p.m. on March 22.

Good things expected from Junior High track team

The junior high boys track team is expected to produce "very good things this year". The Eagles have a 17 member team this spring.

"Everyone who scored points for us last year is back and I expect the eighth graders to be very strong," says Coach Chuck Woody.

In the springs, Brett Alexander, who broke the 200M Dash record, is expected to produce well again this year in the 100M Dash, 200M Dash and

Long Jump.

Tim Weakly, who broke the 400M Dash and Hurdles record last year, has returned strong in these events and in the 100M Dash.

Damon Farrow broke the 800M Run and one mile record last year and plans to return in the shot Put, 800M and 1600M Relay.

Curt Rowden, who held the previous mile record, is returning from an injury and hopes to participate in the one

mile, 1600M Relay and High Jump.

Colby Martin and Tyler Helton are looking strong in their field events and Tim Barnhart is going to be Vienna's first participant in the junior high Pole Vault.

Eighth grader Edward Wieberg is in his first year of running and looks to be a strong asset in the relays.

There are also several seventh graders who are beginning to step up and

become strong assets to their team.

"We have the ability to win some meets, but we need a strong team effort," says Coach Woody.

The Junior High Eagles begin their season at Linn on March 20 at 3:30 p.m.

This year's junior high girls team is showing a lot of promise. They are a young team with only a few members returning.

Their 1600M Relay Team, that was undefeated last year, is not as strong but they do expect to be strong contenders in every meet they attend.

The high jump, long jump, and open 400M events are expected to be especially competitive this year.

The seventh graders lack experience, but expect to produce a decent amount of points in their meets this season.

The girls kick off their season with a meet at Linn on March 20 at 3:30 p.m.