

Chieftains End Season at State

The Riverdale track and field teams finished their season this past weekend at the WIAA State Championships held at UW-LaCrosse. The Chieftains qualified two events for the meet. Zach Pospichal earned a spot by finishing as the sectional champion in the pole vault, and the 4x100 relay team of Alex Fiebranz, Pospichal, Ron Giddings, and Brett Felton earned their way by finishing third at the sectional meet.

Pospichal was the first to compete with the pole vault starting Friday morning. After settling his nerves a bit, Zach looked very good clearing 11 ft. He was the first vaulter to clear a height. Unfortunately, Zach could not keep that momentum, going out at 11'6". He finished in 12th place. The 4x100 ran a strong race in the trials, finished third in their heat with a season best time of 45.27. That time is the second best in school history and qualified them in 6th place going into the finals on Saturday.

On Saturday, the 4x100 ran another strong race. They finished 7th in the finals with a time of 45.30. Unfortunately, due to a bad handoff, they were disqualified.

The track and field teams held their annual awards banquet on Sunday. Several student-athletes received recognition, including 26 letter winners. There were two awards voted on by team members. Receiving the most improved awards were Justice Corpora and Mitchell Shallwani. Cassie Bradley and Brett Felton were voted the newcomers of the year. Amanda Pedek and Zach Pospichal were named team captains, and Bradley and Pospichal were team MVP's.