

For Immediate Release

The Wildcats are at it again! The Wakulla Middle School Wildcats made the short trip over to Wakulla High School to participate in the Wakulla County Middle School Championship where they dominated each event. This event was a showcase between RMS and WMS in the first annual county meet and in a phenomenal show of athletic abilities, the Wakulla Middle Wildcats came out as the Wakulla Count Champions.

Coach Samantha Isaacs says, "Each meet I say I could not be prouder, and then they show me that I can be. We've challenged these athletes to break records and expectations. They're meeting us there. Each day at practice we remind them to be pushing themselves and their peers. If you aren't out here to give us all the effort you have, you're only letting yourself down. While track and field is a team sport, it's very much individual effort and on meet days, you can see exactly how much effort that they're putting forth. I'm amazed and in awe and I absolutely cannot wait to see what they show us in the next few weeks."

In the 100m individual run was Andrew Nelson in 1<sup>st</sup>, Wreynard Heath in 5<sup>th</sup>, Arianna Manning in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Makiya Cash in 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Makaylis Davis in 5<sup>th</sup>.

In the 200m individual Brett McMillan took 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wreynard Heath in 4<sup>th</sup>, Derek Davis with 5<sup>th</sup>. Rachaelei Porter in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brooklynn Green in 3<sup>rd</sup> for the girls.

The 400m run brought 1<sup>st</sup> place to Brett McMillan, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dax Dichio, 4<sup>th</sup> to Aaron Pitts, 5<sup>th</sup> to Colby Carranza and for our girls, London Waymon with 1<sup>st</sup>, Rachaelei Porter with 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Brooklynn Green with 3<sup>rd</sup> and Arianna Manning in 5<sup>th</sup>.

For the 800m run, Colby Carranza ran away with 1<sup>st</sup> place, Aaron Anderson in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eli Wright in 3<sup>rd</sup>, JP Dissmore in 4<sup>th</sup>, and Eli Wright in 5<sup>th</sup>. Hadley Brown took 2<sup>nd</sup>, Holli Peddie with 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aliviah Whaley in 4<sup>th</sup> and Emily Matson in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Pfeifer took 1<sup>st</sup> in the boys 1600m run, with Cole Randolph in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oliver Barnes in 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by JP Dissmore in 5<sup>th</sup>. Hadley Brown took 2<sup>nd</sup> and Aliviah Whaley in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A sweep through the 2mi was Aaron Anderson in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cole Randolph in 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bryson Sanders in 4<sup>th</sup>, Korbin Grant in 5<sup>th</sup> and Penelope Brazier in 2<sup>nd</sup> for girls.

200m hurdles was a clean sweep for both boys and girls! Andrew Nelson placed 1<sup>st</sup>, Jordan Barnes 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dax Dichio 4<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Pitts 5<sup>th</sup>, Alexis Green 1<sup>st</sup>, Makaylis Davis 2<sup>nd</sup>, Amariyah Donaldson 4<sup>th</sup>, and Brooklynn Green 5<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Nelson 1<sup>st</sup> in the boys Long Jump followed by Brett McMillan in 4<sup>th</sup> and Jordan Barnes in 5<sup>th</sup>. Makiya Cash walking away with 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump, Amariyah Donaldson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Makaylis Davis 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Arianna Manning 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ember Odom with 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Triple Jump, Amariyah Donaldson in 2<sup>nd</sup>, and London Waymon in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Andrew Nelson in 1<sup>st</sup>, David Whittaker in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dax Dichio in 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jordan Barnes in 4<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Pitts in 5<sup>th</sup> for boys' triple jump.

Triston Burnsed with 1<sup>st</sup> in discus and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Shotput. Hunter Peddie 2<sup>nd</sup> in Discus and 5<sup>th</sup> in Shotput. Hayden Peddie in 3<sup>rd</sup> in Discus, Danger Painter in 4<sup>th</sup> and Corbin Ferreira in 5<sup>th</sup>. Hannah Hall in 1<sup>st</sup> place Discus, 5<sup>th</sup> place shotput. Rose Mitchell with 3<sup>rd</sup> in discus. Heaven Taylor took 4<sup>th</sup> in Discus and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Shotput. Derek Davis and Alexis Green took 1<sup>st</sup> place in Shotput.

Our amazing Wildcats didn't stop there, though! A special round of applause goes to the following students:

Colby Carranza qualifying jump for State in the Long Jump.

Dax Dichio and David Whittaker qualifying jumps for State in the Triple Jump.

Andrew Nelson has qualified for State in the High Jump, Long Jump, and Triple Jump. Andrew has set the new school record for WMS in the Boy's High Jump as well, at 5'4".

The boys 4x100m Relay Team – Andrew Nelson, Jordan Barnes, Brett McMillan, and Derek Davis- have set a new school record with a time of 48.64seconds and also qualifies for State.

The girls 4x100 Relay Team – Alexis Green, Makiya Cash, Makaylis Davis, and Arianna Manning – have set a new school record with a time of 56.54sec.

Coach Thomas Ferguson finishes with saying, "Am I proud of them? Yes. Are they proud of themselves? Absolutely. And that's what matters the most. These guys are being rewarded for years of work. They practice and they play, and they condition themselves. They challenge themselves and they rise above. The win is for their self-confidence. They know they can do this, so they will keep on."

\*The Wildcats will race again on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at FSUS.