

KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL

TRACK & FIELD

COACHING STAFF

The Coaching Staff has 129 years of experience at Kearney High School.

HEAD COACH

ROGER A. MATHIESEN

1980-2009.....30 Years

2001 National High School Coaches Association National Coach of the Year

2009 NHSACA Finalist for National Coach of the Year.....2001 NHSACA Finalist for National Coach of the Year
Omaha World Herald Coach of the Year.....Lincoln Journal Star Coach of the Year.....Grand Island Independent Coach of the Year
Nebraska Coaches Association Bennie & Dutch Coaching Award.....Kearney Hub Freedom Award.....Kansas Relays Referee
Nebraska Coaches Association Level I, II, III, IV Career Milestone Awards.....4-Time Nebr. Coaches Association Coach of the Year

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS --- 1980-2009

18 State Champions & State Runner ups.
13 State Championships.
5 State Runner ups.
National Top 25 Ranking...7 Times.
4th Longest Winning Streak in American History.
Team featured on ESPN's "Scholastic Sports America."
Team Honored by Nebraska Sports Hall of Fame.
1996 & 1997 Teams considered Two Greatest in Nebraska History.
6 Nebraska Gatorade Athlete of the Year Award winners.
15 Consecutive years with an All-Class Gold Medal Champion.
24 Consecutive years in the State Track Meet Top 10.
21 Consecutive District Championships...on going.
20 Consecutive Conference Championships (cancelled 2007) on going.
18 Undefeated Invitational Seasons.
111 Individual State Champions or State Runner ups.
182 different athletes have medaled at State Track Meet.
263 different athletes have been listed on Omaha World Herald Charts.
111 athletes went on to compete in Collegiate Track & Field (37 in NCAA Div 1).
156 points averaged per meet for the last 30 years...5 years ave. over 200 per meet.
Meet Scoring Record in every meet we attend.
Athletes have set State Records or State Meet Records in
200 M. 1600 M. 3200 M. 3200 M. Relay Pole Vault

Class A---State Meet Record: 13 State Championships.
Class A---State Meet Record: 11 Consecutive Championships 1994-2004
Class A---State Meet Record: Scoring First Day...61 Points (5 events)
Class A---State Meet Record: Scoring Record...113 Points
Class A---State Record: 93 Consecutive Meet Championships 1994-2005
Class A---State Record: 881 Consecutive Teams Defeated 1994-2005
Won our last 116 Invitationals..... 1993 to the present...17 years.
Scored over 100 points in our last 128 meets...1986 to present. 24 years.
All Time Top 10 Track Charts: 34 different athletes have been listed.

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INVITATIONAL RECORD

(1980-2009...The last 30 years)

Championships	-----	174
Runnerups	-----	16
3 rd Places	-----	7
4 th Places	-----	6
5 th Places	-----	3
6 th Places	-----	1
7 th Places	-----	1
8 th Places	-----	0
9 th Places	-----	0
10 th Places	-----	0

EVENT COACHES

STEVE LARSON (1974-2009 36 years)

- (1) 27 State Champions and State Runner ups in the Shot & Discus.
- (2) 9 State Champions in the shot and 4 State Runner ups.
- (3) 6 State Champions in the discus and 8 State Runner ups.
- (4) 6 Kansas Relays Champions in the Shot.
- (5) 34 District Champions...18 in shot and 16 in discus.
- (6) 35 Conference Champions...20 in shot and 15 in discus.
- (7) 18 out of 20 years having the Conference Champion in the shot.
- (8) In 2001 at the State Meet...KHS went 1-2-3 in the discus, all within 13" of each other.
- (9) In 1999 at the District Meet...had three throwers over 57 ½' in the shot.
- (10) 7 Different athletes broke KHS school records in the shot & discus.
- (11) 3 Athletes listed on the All-Time Top 10 Charts: Matt Daake & Chase Beideck in shot & Brad Schepers in discus.
- (12) 41 different shot & discus athletes have made the weekly Omaha World Herald State Top 10 Charts.
- (13) Since 1974, KHS throwers have scored 439 points at the State Meet...averaging over 12 pts. a year.
- (14) 25 years in a row placing in the shot...18 years in a row placing in the discus.
- (15) Throws official at KU Relays for 20 years & UNL for 24 years.

SHOT & DISCUS

Coach Craig Lathrop (1974-2009 36 years)**LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, HIGH JUMP**

- (1) 18 State Champion and State Runner ups in the Jumps.
- (2) 7 State Champions...11 State Runner ups.
- (3) 1 Kansas Relays Champion.
- (4) 24 District Champions...28 District Runner ups.
- (5) 30 Conference Champions...26 Conference Runner ups.
- (6) 121 State Qualifiers in the jumps...51 State Meet Medal winners.
- (7) 47 State Qualifiers in the triple jump...20 State Meet Medal winners.
- (8) 40 State Qualifiers in the long jump...20 State Meet Medal winners.
- (9) 34 State Qualifiers in the high jump...11 State Meet Medal winners.
- (10) 12 jumpers over 45' in the triple jump.
- (11) 13 jumpers over 22' in the long jump.
- (12) 18 jumpers over 6' 4" in the high jump.
- (13) 3 All Class Gold Medal Champions...Eric Fattig (TJ) & Nick Artz (LJ) & Brett Maher (LJ).
- (14) Andy Bonczynski reached the All-Time Top 10 Charts in the triple jump at 48' 1 1/2"
- (15) 36 different jumpers have made the weekly Omaha World Herald State Top 10 Charts.

Coach Roger A. Mathiesen (1980-2009 30 years)**MIDDLE DISTANCE: 800 M., 1600 M., 3200 M.**

- (1) 37 State Champions and State Runner ups in the middle distance Events.
- (2) 23 State Champions and 14 State Runner ups in the middle distance Events.
- (3) 3200 M. Relay --- State Champions in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004.
- (4) 8 Kansas Relays Regional Champions.
- (5) 5 Gatorade Athletes of the Year who were middle distance Runners.
- (6) 113 different middle distance runners have made weekly Omaha World Herald State Top 10 Charts.
- (7) 34 different middle distance runners have led the weekly Omaha World Herald State Top 10 Charts.
- (8) 19 different middle distance runners have made the Nebraska All-Time Top 10 Charts.
- (9) 95 medal winners at the State Track Meet...174 State Qualifiers in the middle distance events.
- (10) State Record set in 1600 M. Run...Brandon Jessop 4:13 (1997) & Colby Wissel 4:10 (2004).
- (11) State Record set in the 3200 M. Run...Colby Wissel 8:55 (2004).
- (12) State Record set in the 3200 M. Relay...Carlson, Witter, Jessop, Sanchez 7:45 (1997).
- (13) 1996 at the State Meet won all four Middle Distance Events...800 M./1600 M./3200 M./3200 M. Relay.
- (14) 2002 at the State Meet...KHS went 1-2-3 in the 3200 M. Run. 1-2-4 at the State Meet in 2001.
- (15) 48 middle distance runners have competed in Collegiate Track & Field...14 in NCAA Division 1.
- (16) Medaled in every invitational 3200 M. Run for 30 years.
- (17) Medaled in every invitational, but one, 1600 M. Run for 30 years.
- (18) 800 M.--- 44 Runners under 2:00 105 Runners under 2:05
- (19) 1600 M.--- 30 Runners under 4:30 111 Runners under 5:00
- (20) 3200 M.--- 32 Runners under 10:00 83 Runners under 11:00

Coach Bob Talbitzer (1993-2009 17 years)**POLE VAULT**

- (1) 5 State Champion pole vaulters...2 State Runner ups.
- (2) 2 Kansas Relays Champion vaulters...2 KU Relays Runner ups.
- (3) 8 District Champion pole vaulters.
- (4) 7 Greater Nebraska Conference Champions
- (5) 33 State qualifiers in the pole vault.
- (6) 21 State medal winners in the pole vault.
- (7) 7 Kansas Relays medal winners in the pole vault.
- (8) He has averaged placing over 2 vaulters in every meet for the past 17 years.
- (9) Vaulter Tom Richmond set the Class A State Record at 15' 7" in 1994.
- (10) Vaulter Scott Nachtigal set the All Class State Record at 16' 1" in 1995.
- (11) Vaulter Brett Maher set the Class A & the Class A State Track Meet Record at 16' 2" in 2008.
- (12) 3 vaulters presently on the Nebraska All-Time Top 10 Charts...Brett Maher, Nate Polacek, & Scott Nachtigal.
- (13) 5 vaulters who have Pole Vaulted over 15'...B Maher, S Nachtigal, N Polacek, T Richmond, & Phil Brandt.
- (14) 14 vaulters who have cleared 14' and higher in the pole vault.
- (15) Vaulters hold meet records at UNK Indoor, KHS Indoor, KHS Invit, Om Central Inv, Om North Inv, Gr Neb Conf, District, State.

Coach Brandon Cool (2003-2009 7 years)**Coach Steve Cherry** (2007-2009 3 years)**SPRINTS & HURDLES**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) 2 State Champions ...3 State Runner ups. (2) 11 Conference Champions in the sprints (3) 5 Conference Champions in the hurdles. (4) 30 State Qualifiers in the sprinting events. (5) 21 State Qualifiers in the hurdling events. (6) 19 State Meet medal winners in the sprinting events. (7) 10 State Meet medal winners in the hurdling events. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (8) 5 sprinters under 11.0 in 100 M. & 6 sprinters under 23.0 in the 200 M. (9) 3 hurdlers under 15.5 in 110 HH & 7 hurdlers under 42.0 in the 300 IH (10) 6 sprint relay teams under 43.0 in the 400 M. Relay. (11) 6 mile relay teams under 3:29 in the 1600 M. Relay. (12) 14-400 M. sprinters under 51.6 (13) 2008 sprinters Molina & Mead finished 2-3 in 100 M. Dash. (14) Nebraska All-Time Top 10 Charts: 2008 400 M. Relay...42.14 (15) School Records: 400 M. Relay, 1600 M. Relay |
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