



Funk Headlines Lenox State Track



Senior Gabe Funk won the Class 1A 400 meter hurdles Friday night at the state track and field meet with a time of 53.43 and Saturday afternoon he won the 110 hurdles for the 2nd year in a row, breaking his own school record with a time of 14.20! (photo by Meg Barker)

The Lenox Tiger track team closed their season in style at the 2025 State Track and Field Meet held at Drake University. The iconic ‘Blue Oval’ lived up to its name, and the Tiger runners did not disappoint.

Individually senior Sadie Cox and freshman McKinzie Menefee both ran in the open 400 Meter Dash on Thursday evening. Sadie has competed in this event four times in four years, and McKinzie made her debut at state. Menefee finished 13th overall in class 1A with a time of 1:01.34, and Sadie came in 18th in class 1A with a time of 1:02.13! Senior Jordan Martin-England made his third appearance at the state meet overall, but his first competing individually. JJME competed in the 400 Meter Low Hurdles on Friday and finished 12th Place in 1A with an impressive time of 57.07. Jordan also competed in the 110 Meter High Hurdle prelims on Friday afternoon; J.J. set personal records in the event in six straight meets going into state, and finished 19th overall in class 1A with a time of 15.86! Senior Gabe Funk got his history making weekend started on Thursday with a podium finish. Gabe earned a silver medal finishing 2nd overall in class 1A in the

open 400 Meter Dash by running 49.33. Funk also competed on Friday individually in the 400 Meter Low Hurdles. Funk came into the State Meet with the top time in all classes and backed up the hype by finishing #1 in class 1A with a time of 53.43- Nearly a second faster than any other competitor! This was Gabe’s third podium finish of his career in the 400 Hurdles, and first championship. Additionally on Friday Funk qualified for Saturday’s finals in the 110 Meter High Hurdles with a time of 14.78. That time placed him in the fast heat with the second overall time going into the finals run on Saturday afternoon. In the final’s Gabe set a new personal record, school record, and defended his class 1A 110 Meter High Hurdles Championship by crossing the finish line first with a time of 14.20. Funk crossed the finish line and held up two fingers representing his back-to-back titles in the event! Funk finished his career on the track with 11 medals at the state meet and was named a State Champion five times making him the most decorated Lenox track athlete of all time. Congratulations!

In relay events the Tigers competed in four relays overall. The girls ran

Saturday morning in the Sprint Medley Relay and finished with a new personal best time of 1:53.81 and placed 11th overall in class 1A! The girl’s- Senior Zoey Reed, senior Bentley Petersen, senior Sadie Cox, and freshman McKinzie Menefee- time was just 2.6 seconds off the old state meet record and was just 1.2 seconds off of medaling showing just how loaded the girls Sprint Medley Relay was this year. Thursday the Tiger Shut-

tle Hurdle Relay team of senior Jordan Martin-England, junior Kolben Robinson, junior Dawson Evans, and senior Gabe Funk placed 9th overall in class 1A by winning their heat in the prelims with a time of 1:02.28 and narrowly missing qualifying for finals and medaling by .2 seconds. Also on Thursday the Tiger boys 4x800 Meter Relay hit the track. The quartet of freshman Wylie Brokaw, senior Patton Adams, senior Owen Grund-

man, and sophomore Caden Kaufman finished 16th overall in 1A with a new personal best and school record time of 8:37.44! Friday the Tiger boys competed in the fan favorite 4x400 Meter Relay. The team of junior Laramie Stoaks, senior Brody Brokaw, sophomore Caden Kaufman, and senior Jordan Martin-England just missed breaking their record set at the district qualifying meet a week ago Thursday by finishing 21st with a time of

3:33.77. Great job and thank you for dedication to your craft this season athletes! Special congratulations to the seniors: Zoey Reed, Bentley Petersen, Sadie Cox, Brody Brokaw, Owen Grundman, Patton Adams, Jordan Martin-England and last but not least Gabe Funk on truly amazing careers for the Black and Gold of Lenox. Tiger Pride!



The Lenox girls sprint medley relay team of Bentley Petersen, Zoey Reed, Sadie Cox, and Kinzie Menefee ran their fastest time of the season (1:53.81) and placed 11th at the state track and field meet Saturday morning. (photo by Meg Barker)



The 4 x 400 meter relay team of Laramie Stoaks, Caden Kaufman, Brody Brokaw, and Jordan Martin-England placed 23rd with their time of 3:33.77 Thursday night at the state track and field meet. (photo by Meg Barker)



The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Wiley Brokaw, Patton Adams, Owen Grundman, and Caden Kaufman finished 16th in the state track and field meet Thursday and broke a 46-year-old school record with their time of 8:37.44! The old record of 8:39.2 was set in 1979 by Rick Lange, Jim Boltinghouse, Bob Brokaw, and Todd Morris. (photo by Meg Barker)



The shuttle hurdle relay team of Jordan Martin-England, Kolben Robinson, Dawson Evans, and Gabe Funk just missed making the finals at the state meet Thursday afternoon, finishing 9th with a time of 1:02.28. (photo by Meg Barker)

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Southwestern Community College	
HS Ed, SWCC 28E	
Tuition	\$40,485.55
Vera Stalcup	
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Services.....	\$168.00
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Travel/FFA/Phone/	
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Sidney Schools	
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Concessions	\$416.44
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Awards	\$84.00
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Fund.....	\$21,098.86
Infomax	
Copier Lease	\$1,064.31
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Fund.....	\$1,064.31
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Nutrition Milk	
and OJ	\$3,974.04
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