

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Matt Holtry, Athletic Director
CC: R. Sauer, Superintendent
Date: 6/3/2015
Re: Athletic Director Report June, 2015

Homedale Board of Trustees,

Track- State Competition was May 15th and 16th at Middleton High School (In the Rain!). We ended up with 16 kids qualifying for state in 21 events. Some of the highlights included Riley Portwood placed 3rd in the two mile and broke a school record, Richard Symms placed 2nd in discus as well as Eva his sister placing 7th. Track had strong numbers all season and the staff did an outstanding job with the team in preparing them and bringing them along to their full potential all year!

Tennis- State Competition May 15th and 16th at Vallivue High School. Homedale Boys placed 6th at the State Tennis Tournament 1 point behind Emmett. The Homedale girls placed 8th in the state. The Trojans boys were led by Kincade Kincheloe who lost only one game in route to the semi-finals. Kincheloe placed fourth losing to defending state champion Tanner Kramer of Parma. The boys doubles team, Andrew Randall and Orion Cardenas also scored for Homedale. Hattie Mertz made it to the semi-finals. Mertz made it to the top six in the state before being eliminated by Olivia Ott of the Community School who went on to take third place for the third straight year. The mixed doubles team of Delaney Phariss and Alec Egurrola contributed to the boys' and girls' score for Homedale. Homedale had a successful tournament with Andrew Randall matching the boys' doubles finish of last year's state tournament with new partner Orion Cardenas. All of the other three returning state tournament qualifiers improved on their finishes of last year.

Golf- State Championships were in Twin Lakes Village, Rathdrum, ID. The team finished 7th at the state tournament. This is the 3rd year in a row for the boys golf team to qualify for the state tournament.

Baseball- The Varsity Baseball team entered into the District tournament as the #3 seed. They won their first round game but would fall to Emmett and then Weiser in the loser out game. This season was a great success though with one best season records in recent history and the first win against Fruitland (This year's state champs) in a very long time.

Softball- The Varsity Softball team not only won the District Championship in clutch form but followed it up with a remarkable state tournament where they would have to come back around after losing a game to Emmett to beat them twice to clinch their second state championship in 3 years and also their 5th straight state championship appearance. It was an amazing tournament and so exciting to see the support that traveled up north.

Projects-

- Football Scoreboard is here. Steel beams had to be put up to support the new boards.
- Baseball Construction of Phase 1 is nearly complete and looking great.

Transition-

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the school board and administration that has allowed me to serve the Homedale School District the past several years as the High School Athletic Director. I feel like we have been able to make some great strides in each of our athletic programs the past three years as well as in the facilities here in the district. I would also like to thank the members of the booster club who have been instrumental in the raising of much needed funds to support all of our sports here in Homedale from the middle school through the high school which will be a benefit to all student/athletes that will attend our schools. I feel that the athletic department is on the right track and I feel confident that it will stay on that track with the guidance of the incoming AD's. With the support of the School Board and Superintendent I feel that Homedale is able to offer an athletic experience that is superior to our surrounding area schools and that is something we can all be very proud of.

I am looking forward to my continued work with athletics as we move forward into next year and in the transition into my new role. I am excited about the future of the Homedale School District as a whole and my focus as it always has been is to make this place the best it can be. There is a lot of excitement around this direction we are headed and I just feel blessed to be able to be a part of it. Thank you.