

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# Burlington boys, girls win team titles at home invitational

## Sports Schedule

NEW STRAWN — Area cross country teams from Burlington, Hartford and Lebo opened their 2020 season at the Burlington Invitational Thursday, Sept. 3, at John Redmond Reservoir. The meet offered runs for both middle school and high school runners and featured athletes from 15 schools.

In the high school girls' race, Burlington sophomore Lillyan Gerow led the team with a seventh-place finish of the 5K run in 23 minutes 23 seconds. M.J. Huff was right behind her finishing ninth overall in 24:37. Two seniors, Myka Watkins and Aleesia Hernandez, finished 12th and 13th for Burlington with times of 26:36 and 26:57. E'owynn Codney completed the scoring for the team, coming in 17th in 27:36. Paige Akers was 23rd in 29:02.89 and Sierra Haddock 31st in 34:36.38. Burlington's girls, being the only team having five or more runners, won the meet with 15 team points.

Two Hartford runners and one Lebo runner also competed in the race. Hartford's Madison Miller earned a medal in 20th place with a time of 28:33.54, while teammate Kira Westhoff came in 25th in 30:32.31.

For Lebo, Anna Hasenclever finished just shy of a medal, placing 21st with a time of 28:46.16.

In the high school boys' race, Burlington's boys overcame the absence of both its No. 1 and No. 2 runners to claim the Invitational Championship. Though the team did not have any top 10 runners, Eli Crutchfield and Tucker Wright earned medals coming in 11th and 15th with times of 20:02.22 and 20:11.55, respectively. Ty Anderson just missed a medal with a 21st-place finish in 20:47.58, while Braedon Berkenmeier came in 24th in 21:23.04 and freshman Bryce Lee completed the team scoring with a 26th-place finish in 21:35.04. Senior John Howard was the sixth runner for the team coming in 32nd in 22:13.50 and Tyler Kirkby was the team's seventh runner finishing in 41st place in 23:37.86.

Other team members were Briton Garland in 49th in 25:16.21, Elliott Burns in 50th in 25:38.61, Cooper Carlson in 53rd in 26:20.16, Dakota Kirkby in 55th in 26:57.83, Decovin Plummer in 56th in 28:20.43, and Parker Parsons in 58th in 29:13.59.

Lebo also had an individual medalist, with Colin Whalen finishing in 20th place with a time of 20:43.51. Matthew Miller was not far behind him in 22nd with a time of 21:04.75. Carson Hein and Zane Edelman were 25th and 27th in 21:34.45 and 21:40.88, respectively. Scott Smith finished 31st in 22:11.94, Isaac Durst



Katie McMurray/The Republican  
Members of Burlington High School's girls' team begin the varsity girls' 5K race at the Burlington Invitational at John Redmond Reservoir Thursday, Sept. 3. Both Burlington's girls' and boys' teams won the team titles in the meet.



Katie McMurray/The Republican  
Burlington's Eli Crutchfield runs the boys' varsity 5K and was the team's first runner to finish the race.



Katie McMurray/The Republican  
Hartford's Ben Westhoff pushes toward the finish of the boys' varsity 5K race.

45th in 24:18.13, Sam Hasenclever 48th in 24:55.61 and Garrett Smith 54th in 26:50.56.

Hartford had one runner in the race, senior Ben Westhoff. He placed 51st with a time of 25:45.80.

In the team standings, Burlington earned the first-place finish with 71 points, edging Central Heights with 77 and Lyndon and Fredonia with 79 each. Lebo placed sixth with 91 points, just behind Southeast with 88.

In the middle-school races, the eighth-grade Burlington Bobcats found success as Lyra Codney won the eighth-grade girls race with a time of 14:44 for two miles. In the boy's 8th grade race Kasten Payer was an 11th-place finisher running 14:00 for 2 miles, and Mathew DeKat completed the course in 18:26, finishing 15th overall.

For Hartford, Trinity Winkle placed fourth in the girls' race, finishing in 16:27.97, while Kelley MacKenzie came in 13th in 19:18.84. The Jaguars had one runner in the boys' race, Cody Cleveland, who finished in 13:25.55 to place eighth.

Lebo's Caleb Durst won the eighth-grade boys' race, finishing in 11:43.04. The Wolves also had one runner in the girls' race, Delia Simpson, who placed eighth with a time of 18:24.99.

The Burlington seventh-grade runners also had a successful night, with Brayleigh Harden winning the one-mile girls' event in 7:29. She was followed by Jalyn Reppert medaling in third place with a time of 7:52.39 and Savannah Wilkison coming in eighth in 8:30.10. The boys saw Kobe Akers win the one-mile run in a time of 6:11. He was followed by teammates Lincoln Wright in eighth in 7:19.68 and Lo-



Katie McMurray/The Republican  
Lebo teammates Colin Whalen, left, and Mathew Miller run within feet of each other during the varsity boys' 5K.



Katie McMurray/The Republican  
Anna Hasenclever competes as Lebo's only runner in the varsity girls' 5K.

gan Ferrara finishing 11th in 7:27.48.

The Burlington coaching staff, led by co-head coaches Bart Kuhlmann and Julie Dawson, said they were very happy with the results of the races.

"To win three of the four middle school races and team

winning both high school races was rewarding," Kuhlmann said. "We know we need to greatly improve, but that was a good start."

"We only have seven BHS girl runners, but they are tough," Dawson added. "Our boys really grew up today and built some confidence in their abilities."

Lebo had four runners in the seventh-grade races, while Hartford had three. Lebo's Chloe Whalen came in second in the girls' run with a time of 7:47.86, while teammates Cira Plummer and Kylie Barr came in ninth and 14th in 8:36.66 and 10:17.04, respectively. In the boys' race, Sawyer Hasenclever earned a ninth-place finish with a time of 7:21.14.

For Hartford, Emma Westhoff came in 12th in 9:10.82 in the girls' race. Boy runners Jackson Hes and Landon Schultz finished in 8:14.99 and 9:28.84 to place 15th and 18th, respectively.

Burlington's high school teams will compete at Hesston Thursday, Sept. 10, with races beginning at 3:30 p.m. Hartford and Lebo high school and junior high runners will next compete in the Lyndon Invitational at Melvern Lake 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Due to the Emporia Middle School being cancelled, the Burlington's middle school runners will not compete again until Thursday, Sept. 17, when they travel to Wellsville for races beginning at 4 p.m.

September 10

**High school cross country**  
Burlington at Hesston, 3:30 p.m.  
Hartford, Lebo in Lyndon Invitational at Melvern Lake, 4 p.m.

**Middle school cross country**  
Hartford, Lebo in Lyndon Invitational at Melvern Lake, 4 p.m.

**High school football**  
Burlington C Team at Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.

**Middle school football**  
Burlington at Wellsville, 4 p.m.  
Hartford at Madison, 6:30 p.m.  
Lebo-Waverly at Burlingame, 6:30 p.m.  
SCC vs Lyndon, 6 p.m.

**Middle school volleyball**  
Hartford at Madison, 5 p.m.  
Lebo, Waverly at Burlingame, 5 p.m.

September 11

**High school football**  
Burlington vs. Santa Fe Trail, 7 p.m.

Hartford at Madison, 7 p.m.  
Lebo vs. Chase County, 7 p.m.  
SCC at Melvern-MdCV, 7 p.m.  
Waverly vs. Burlingame, 7 p.m.

September 12

**High school cross country**  
Lebo at Wamego Invitational, 9 a.m.

**Middle school cross country**  
Burlington at Emporia, 8 a.m.

**High school volleyball**  
Burlington at Iola, 8:30 a.m.

Burlington C Team at La Cygne-Prairie View, 8 a.m.  
Hartford at Flinthills Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Lebo at Lyndon Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

SCC JV at Marmaton Valley, 8:30 a.m.  
**Middle school volleyball**  
Burlington in BMS Invitational, 9 a.m.

September 14

**High school football**  
Burlington JV at Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail, 4:30 p.m.

**Middle school volleyball**  
Burlington at Wellsville, 4 p.m.

September 15

**High school volleyball**  
Burlington at Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.  
Burlington JV at Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.

Burlington C Team at Wellsville, 4:30 p.m.  
Hartford vs. Lebo, Olathe-Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.

SCC, MdCV at Burlingame, 5 p.m.  
Waverly, Madison at Olpe, 5 p.m.

September 17

**High school cross country**  
Burlington at Wellsville, 4 p.m.  
Hartford in Karr Classic at The Orchard, 4 p.m.

**Middle school cross country**  
Burlington at Wellsville, 4 p.m.  
Hartford in Karr Classic at The Orchard, 4 p.m.

**High school football**  
Burlington C Team at Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail, 4:30 p.m.

**Middle school football**  
Burlington at La Cygne-Prairie View, 4 p.m.

Hartford vs. MdCV, 6:30 p.m.  
Lebo-Waverly at Olpe, 6:30 p.m.  
SCC vs. Burlingame, 6 p.m.

**Middle school volleyball**  
Hartford vs. MdCV, 5 p.m.  
Lebo, Waverly at Olpe, 5 p.m.  
SCC vs. Burlingame, 5 p.m.

September 18

**High school football**  
Burlington vs. Osawatomie, 7 p.m.

Hartford at Burlingame, 7 p.m.  
SCC vs. Madison, 7 p.m.  
Waverly vs. Lebo, 7 p.m.

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