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Judge, Davis nab team track titles

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PROVO — Records fell hard and fast on Saturday as Utah's prep track teams prepared for the championship portion of the season.

Numerous meet records and state season-bests were set at the BYU Invitational, as Judge Memorial outlasted Davis and Bingham for the boys team title. And on the girls side, Davis trounced the field, posting 87 points to defeat second-place Spanish Fork.

"This is a meet we wanted to win," said Davis girls coach Corbin Talley. "It does give us a lot of confidence going into state."

In the final tuneup before region championship meets next week, the Darts gave what they hope to be a preview of things to come.

"We're seeing the best competition in the state here," Talley said. "And the good thing about today is that almost everyone ran the events that they're going to do at state. It's almost like preparation for the state meet."

Davis picked up the victory by gathering points all over the track. In the day's first event, freshman Candace Eddy ran a blistering pace in the 3,200 meters, finishing in 10:58.53, just ahead of Bingham's Kim Quinn and Jordan's Erin Fuller. A short time later, Dart senior Ashlee Cannon picked up another victory in the 100m hurdles. Cannon later came in second in the 300m hurdle event, and Eddy picked up points with a third-place finish in the 800m run.

Davis also established a new meet record in the 4x100m, racing to a 47.85-second finish. Spanish Fork was led by the dependable Stewart sisters, with sophomore Nachele posting a meet record in the 400m, running 54.78 to best the record she set last year.

Bingham's medley relay team of Chelsea Baker, Chaylee Hill, Jessica Nielsen and Kim Quinn broke away from the field to post a 4:08.93, the top time in the state this season. Other individual winners included: Orem's Mindi Robins in the 300 hurdles; Boulder City's Katie Palmer in the 800 and 1600m; Ogden's Katelyn Jensen in the long jump; Granger's Maria Halton in the 100 and 200m; and Mountain View's Brittany Harvey in the javelin.



Juan Diego's Ian Jansen celebrates after clearing 14 feet, 8 inches to set a new personal best during the BYU high school track invitational Saturday in Provo.

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On the boys side, Judge Memorial prevailed behind the arm of Colin Boevers. The talented Bulldog took home the title in the discus and the shot put. Judge's Lewis Walker triumphed in the long jump, and Alex Price took home the title in the long jump.

Davis battled to the end, gaining points from Jared Ward's

victory in the 3200. The Darts also scored well in the field events, with Spencer and Bryce Hall in the discus and shot put, and Stephen Peirce in the pole vault.

Bingham hung tight with three second-place finishes by Zach Cook in the 110 and 300 hurdles, and the long jump. The Miners also placed second in the medley relay.

Timpanogos continued its domination of the relay events, picking up the win in the medley and the 4x400. Mountain Crest's Justin Hedin set a meet record with a 1:52.97 in the 800, just missing out on the 4A state record by 0.42 seconds. Hedin also captured the 400m win.

Other individual winners were: Mountain View's Adam McDonald in the 1600; Hurricane's Cody Olsen in the javelin; Skyline's Chase Pendley in the 200m; Juan Diego's Ian Jansen in the pole vault; and Cottonwood's Mikey Payne in the 100m dash. Alta scored victories with Dan Seethaler in the 300m hurdles and in the 4x100m relay.

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