

The St. John's Blujay track teams headed to Smith Center to participate in the 2018 Redmen Relays on Tuesday afternoon. For the second meet in as many weeks, the Blujays were among 13 teams with schools ranging from classes 3A to 1A.

The nine-member Lady Blujay squad finished in ninth place in the team standings with 25 points behind Beloit, Norton, Phillipsburg, Thayer (Neb.) Central, Marysville, Smith Center, Republic County and Thunder Ridge. Following the Lady Jays in the standings were Hill City, Tipton, Southern Cloud and Pike Valley.

The lone silver medal was won by Avery Gates in the pole vault.

Bronze medals were won by Bren Peters in the 400-meter run, Elle Eilert in the triple jump and Lauryn Dubbert in the javelin.

A fourth place finish was claimed by Kara Eilert in the shot put.

And sixth place finishes were claimed by Elle Eilert in the 800-meter run, the 4x800 meter relay team of Bren Peters, Amy Lutgen, Lizzy Meyer and Elle Eilert, and Kara Eilert in the discus.

The Blujay boys team placed fifth behind Beloit, Smith Center, Republic County, and Thayer (Neb.) Central. Finishing behind the Jays were Marysville, Phillipsburg, Norton, Hill City, Pike Valley, Tipton, Southern Cloud and Thunder Ridge.

Two gold medals were claimed by David Lutgen the first in the 1600-meter run (4:40.51) and the second in the 3200-meter run (10:13.97 – 31 seconds ahead of second place)

Silver medals were won by Adam Bates in the 800-meter run and the 4x800 meter relay team of David Lutgen, Caleb Eilert, Brandon Bates and Adam Bates who set a new school record with a time of 8:35.40, breaking the old mark by 13 hundredths of a second.

Bronze medals were won by Adam Bates in the 1600-meter run, Brandon Bates in the 3200-meter run, and Brady Palen in the high jump.

The lone fourth place finisher was Caleb Eilert in the 1600-meter run.

Fifth place finishers were David Lutgen in the 800-meter run and Caleb Eilert in the 3200-meter run.

The sixth-place finisher was Kail Dubbert in the 300-meter hurdles.

The next action for the Blujay track teams will be on Friday, April 13, when they host the St. John's Invitational after it was postponed last Tuesday due to weather.