

Track & Field Head to Emporia for MIAA Outdoor Championships

By FHSU Sports Information

The Fort Hays State track and field teams enter postseason competition this weekend (May 2-4) with the 2025 MIAA Outdoor Championships, hosted by the Hornets of Emporia State in Emporia, Kan.

The MIAA Outdoor Championships kick off Friday at 1:30 p.m. with the start of the decathlon and heptathlon. Saturday resumes at 10 a.m. with multis and field events at noon, followed by track prelims and distance finals starting at 4:30 p.m. Sunday's action begins at 11:15 a.m. in the field and 1:30 p.m. on the track with all event finals.

Live video is scheduled to be available on the MIAA Network for the full weekend. Live results will also be available online.



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In this week's USTFCCCA Outdoor National Rankings, the Fort Hays State men's team is ranked No. 40, while the women sit at No. 56. Regionally, the men hold the No. 11 spot in the Central Region, with the women close behind at No. 16. Within the MIAA standings, the Fort Hays State men and women hold steady at

eighth.

The men's 100m squad are 11th while the 200m team ranks in the top ten at 8th. The 400m group holds steady at 30th while the pole vault squad stands out on the national stage, jumping a spot to sixth in event rankings for NCAA DII. The women's pole vault group ranks 13th nationally, while the 5000m squad sits at No. 38.

The Tiger men's track and field team has secured nine national qualifying marks so far this outdoor season. Toby Wahlmeier had a huge meet at the Alex Francis Classic, notching a pair of provisionals and ranks 15th in the 200m. Nakari Morrical-Palmer ranks just outside the top 50 nationally in the 200m dash and notched a provisional in the 400m this past weekend.

The 4x100m relay team of Eddie McVay, Kenny Fritsch, Hayden Albright, and Wahlmeier boasts the 15th-fastest time in the country.

In the field events, Brady Deges ranks 16th nationally in the pole vault with a clearance of 16-6.75. Nolan Churchman has qualified in two events, sitting 13th in the long jump and sixth in the decathlon. Freshman standout Drew Tolar also holds a provisional mark in the decathlon, adding to an already impressive debut season.

The Tiger women's track and field team holds six national qualifying marks this outdoor season. Leading the way is Annabeth Baalmann who is tied for fifth nationally in the pole vault with a clearance of 13-9.25. Emma Slade ranks 13th in the

discus and recently added a provisional mark in the hammer throw. Jessica Saunders also hit a provisional mark in the discus, launching it 150-11 for a top-40 performance in DII. Liberty Booker performed well at last week's meet, throwing 177-4.0 in the hammer to clock a provisional mark. On the track, Emily Diercks recorded a national qualifying time in the 5000m, clocking 16:55.67 earlier this season.

The meet will serve as one of the final regular season meets of the 2025 outdoor season. The team will head north for the Loper Twilight for their last chance to receive national qualifying marks. Qualifiers for the 2025 NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships, scheduled for May 22-24 at Pueblo, Colo., will be announced in mid-May.

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Dreher followed suit, reaching on a single and stealing all the way to third on passed balls. A ground out from Klein would bring home Hays' third run.

Offense fell silent again until the top of the fifth inning, Rose reaching on a single then scoring on a triple from Koenigsman. Sister Paige was able to score Brooke on a ground out for the final run of the inning, TMP in front 12-3.

The Indians began to break things open in the bottom of the fifth inning, Rupp with her second home run of the contest. Dreher kept it rolling with another deep ball over the center field fence. After Alyse Zimmerman reached on a hit by pitch, Avery Solida delivered a single that would bring the score to 12-6.

In the bottom of the sixth, Hays loaded the bases with two outs. A run would score on an error, loading the bases once more for senior Solida. After seeing three pitches, she would turn the entire game around with a grand slam to put the Indians within one run of the Monarchs.

Down to the final inning, TMP was able

to secure an insurance run from Addison Watson, placing a sacrifice bunt down for Windholz to score after reaching on a double. With the two run lead, they needed just three outs to take down their 5A crosstown rival, and Rebel delivered.

In dramatic fashion, the bottom of the seventh opened with a walk that would inevitably give Dreher a shot at the plate. The Monarchs wouldn't allow her more than a bag however, intentionally walking the senior with two outs. Rebel would walk the next batter to load the bases, with Zimmerman up to bat, the walk off run was aboard.

The outcome of the contest was all but certain until a diving Watson snagged a short fly ball to right field, dashing the Indians hopes of a sweep.

Summers took the loss on the mound, allowing 13 runs (five earned) on 17 hits while striking out five. She did not issue a walk in her complete game effort.

Rebel earned the win, her 11th of the season, allowing 11 runs (four earned) on nine hits, walking six and fanning four.

Koenigsman and Windholz led the Herd, both 3-for-5 at the plate, Koenigsman with three RBIs. The Indians were led by Solida, 2-for-4 at the plate with five RBIs. She was followed by

Rupp, 2-for-4, 2 RBIs and Dreher, 2-for-3 one RBI. Hays plated eight of their 11 runs on home runs.

In game two, TMP jumped out to an early lead once more, scoring three runs in the third inning. Prior to, Dreher and Windholz maintained a tight pitchers duel, no base runners for two complete innings. Schoepf would deliver the first blow, a single to break through the hitless contest. With a walk, runners advanced to second and third and Rebel would deliver with a single to right field. A pair of singles from Rose and Koenigsman would bring TMP to a 3-0 lead.

Windholz would struggle to find her stride over the next two innings, walking three batters in the bottom of the fourth. Rylynn Davis would use a double to plate the first run of the contest following a Monarch double play that saw Koenigsman snag a line drive and pick off a diving Dreher at second.

Hays continued to chip away, scoring one in the bottom of the fifth inning, following a pair of walks, Zimmerman would use a fielder's choice ground out to plate their second run.

Dreher maintained her pace on the mound, working three perfect innings. An error to open the bottom of the sixth

would make all the difference in game two. After bouncing back with a pair of outs, the Indians would ensure their place in the game with a Brous single to bring home the tying run. Another error would allow Hays to take the lead, bringing Lauren Klein up to bat to seal the deal with a two run shot over the right field fence.

Down to their final three outs, trailing for the first time in 13 innings, the Monarchs could not decipher Dreher in time, a spotless defense behind her allowing the final three up, three down inning for the Hays win.

Dreher logged her fourth win of the season, allowing three runs on four hits, walking just one batter and striking out two. Windholz suffered the loss in 5.2 innings of work, allowing four runs (two earned) on two hits, walking six and striking out one.

In relief, Rebel allowed two runs (unearned) on one hit. Paige Koenigsman led TMP at the plate going 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Klein led the Indians going 1-for-3 with two RBIs.

The Monarchs are now 19-1 on the season, Hays now 10-8. Hays will travel to Liberal Tuesday afternoon to resume Western Athletic Conference play while TMP travels to Sacred Heart Monday afternoon.

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