

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

Up-and-coming players to have on your radar

### Ayden Bohaty



Photo by Ayanna Wright

"I think we have a very competitive atmosphere and I think it's going very well."

### Addy Canfield



Photo by Arabella Hounsshell

"My goal has been to win league and host regionals. Right now, we are on track to do that, so we just have to keep winning."

### Aaron Gardiner



Photo by Maggie Elliott

"Every week I aim to run faster than I have ever run before. For me, hitting a new (personal record) makes all my hard training worth it."

### Leah Rogers



Photo by Lolaina Gutierrez

"We've been doing good. We lost a lot of seniors last year, so we had to step up and we're doing good."

### Ciana Tovar



Photo by Arabella Hounsshell

"It's been a great season. We have grown together as a team on and off the field. I really do love playing with these ladies."

### Maxwell White



Photo by Kaidence Williams

"My goal for this season is to make it to state and then win state. I reach these (goals) by having good pitching, scoring runs and not making any errors."



Photos by Maggie Elliott

Senior sprinter Mason Madrigal, who first realized he had a future in track in eighth grade, signed with Emporia State to run track.

## A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

Mason Madrigal breaks PRs and leads track team in his senior year

Story by Maggie Elliott

Senior Mason Madrigal has three goals this track season – place in the 100 meters, 200 and the 400 relay in the Class 6A meet.

"It's been a very long time since Derby has had a sprinter up on the podium, and I just want to represent Derby High School as best as I can," Madrigal said. "I've also always been so fascinated with the process of sprinting, so to see all my years of hard work pay off would be very satisfying."

Madrigal, who signed to run at Emporia State, didn't get to compete in the 400 relay as a junior due to a clerical error heading into regionals.

"It was really painful because that was the last time I would get to run with Christian Crawford, and he was just a big inspiration for me," Madrigal said. "If we were able to run at regionals, we would have qualified and if we would have run at state we have for sure placed."

Though it was devastating, it motivated Madrigal and the team.

"Currently, I am not where I want to be, but I know I will get there by the end of this season," Madrigal said.

Coaches, teammates and friends see the amount of determination and dedication Madrigal has.

"The most impressive thing that I've seen Mason do on the track was last year at regionals," said senior Brock Zerger, who

runs on the 400 relay, too. "He was ranked pretty low coming into the meet; however, he was able to find a way to place top four and make it to state in the 100 and 200 both, all while running on a hurt hamstring that he hurt in prelims earlier that day."

Madrigal has done well. He won the 200 in the Class 6-4A division at Wichita State's Pre-State meet in April, finishing fourth in the 100 in the elite division.

During the KU relays, Madrigal ran a 10.87 in the 100.

"Mason has been committed to achieving his goals," coach Cedric Shell said, "He always goes above and beyond what is expected and always strives for excellence in everything he does."

Zerger agreed. "He has great character and is a great teammate

and friend, and his work ethic will definitely get him far not just running at the next level, but also in his life in general," Zerger said.

After the postseason, Madrigal will turn his focus on running at Emporia State.

"My eighth grade year (is) when I gained a passion for track (and) I decided I wanted to run in college," Madrigal said. "My coach at the time told me I could if I worked hard and decided to make it a goal then and there."

**"The thing that most motivates me to get on the track is my competitive spirit." – Mason Madrigal**



## Opinion



Larry Marczynski, top right, Reese Cowden, top left, and Nik Shay

### Letters from the editors

Joining newspaper was probably the best decision I made sophomore year.

Without newspaper, I wouldn't have had the tools to find my career. I wouldn't have been able to meet most of my friends.

Trying to complete high school without a group or a club to be a part of is possible, but it's harder than it could be.

This year I tried to get as many people involved

that I could, try to get as many different stories in the paper as possible.

I think that these last six issues have been a comfortable place for me my senior year. This is it for me, but not for the newspaper.

Thank you for reading these papers, and thank you, Mrs. Chadwick, for giving me the space to do this.

– Larry Marczynski

I wanted to be in the yearbook my freshman year, but I settled on the newspaper.

I remember getting thrown on my first story about new lockers in the school. I had no idea what I was doing, but it did not take long for me to realize how important this journalism community is.

Being able to create a paper full of stories for everybody to hand out to the school is something special.

I have been apart of this paper for the past four years and the design editor for three. I redesigned the whole entire newspaper with my fellow editors, stayed up all night working on the cover more times than I can count and gone crazy on send days. But I would never replace this, my staff or my adviser who has taught me so much.

This is where I found that I belong and this is where I found my passion.

For my younger staff members, you are doing something that not many people get to do. The stories you are covering are important, you are creating a platform for voices of Derby High and creating a more informed and engaged community with each story, even the hard ones. Who will talk about it if we don't?

I am so proud of every staff member I have gotten to work with. Everyone in the newspaper works so hard creating this paper. They never let backlash deter them and they continue to put themselves out there.

– Reese Cowden

always arises, I can absolutely say we changed the paper for the better.

We strive to have a fun and inclusive environment while still producing a high-quality paper. I genuinely can't thank Reese, Trey and especially Mrs. Joanna Chadwick enough.

To Mrs. Chadwick, thank you for providing me so many opportunities with this class. I do not know where I would be without this class — and without the support from you.

You push me to be a better writer, designer, journalist and person.

I can safely say that the people and the newspaper changed my life for the better.

– Nik Shay

### Fear, excitement with graduation

Everyone talks about how exciting it is to be a senior, get into college and graduation.

But no one ever talks about the fear aspect within doing all of that.

At the beginning of this year, I was ecstatic to be a senior and graduate. But now I am absolutely terrified to leave.

In four months I'll be moving into college and depending on myself for all my finances, including paying for college. It is insanely stressful to think about. All my food, new clothes, books, housing, tuition — all on me.

My niece is a kindergartener, and I won't be able to see her grow up or pick her up from school anymore. Pretty much every interaction with them starting in August is going to be electronic, which is a hard thing to wrap your head around.

Me and my family, especially me and my sisters, are very close-knit. We go two weeks without seeing each

other and we think we're going to die. I don't know how I'm going to handle not seeing them for a month or two at a time.

We are each other's glue, we keep each other level-headed.

I'm also the youngest, so that is tied into all of this. Me graduating and going to college is the final curtain call on my childhood. Everyone has grown up and has careers and kids, and that's it.

I'm trying to cling onto the little bit of moments I have left. Watching movies with my parents, inviting my sisters to go hang out, picking up my niece from school and taking her to get ice cream. Every chance I get to spend time with my family I'm taking and preserving those memories.

– Sara Collins



### Watching movies puts real life on hold

Most people enjoy watching movies to distract themselves from real life.

It can help them relax for a bit and even motivate them to do good things or be inspired by a character in a movie.

There are many types of movies that entertain us in many different ways.

But what are the best movies you could enjoy for every genre?

For me, a good comedy movie needs to have characters that are likable, a bit dumb and constantly having funny moments.

A good horror movie needs to have an interesting antagonist and characters that are relatable, so you feel the impact of losing a character.

Horror movies should have build-ups to truly terrifying moments and not cheap jumpscars. I would recommend "A Way Out" or "The Conjuring."

An action adventure movie can be good in either comedic route or seri-

ous route if done right.

They need to have awesome cinematography, cool set pieces and high stakes to keep us on the edge of our seats, such as, "John Wick" or "Shooter."

For comedic action adventure, I recommend movies like "Rush Hour" or a good Marvel movie like "Guardians of the Galaxy."

For family movies, literally any Pixar or Dreamworks movie would work because it could entertain anybody from all ages. Especially movies that have a deeper message or jokes that only adults would understand. "Megamind" or "WALL-E" are great movies for this genre.

If you are interested in watching these movies, grab some popcorn and turn on a streaming service and enjoy.

– Anthony Loera

