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DES MOINES - Maliya Rattliffe, Lucy Schneekloth, Jasmine Blue and Rachel "Bronco" Broghammer have been chasing the Jefferson school record in the 4x200 relay all spring.

They finally got it Friday and quite a bit more.

The Jefferson quartet shattered the all-time state record in the 4x200 when they blazed to victory in 1 minute, 40.94 seconds at the Class 4A state meet at Drake Stadium.

The J-Hawks splintered the old state mark of 1:41.0 set 38 years ago by Woodbine High School with the great Debbie Esser in 1975.

It took awhile for the J-Hawks to realize what they'd accomplished Friday.

Broghammer, ecstatic with her second state title in the 4x200 in three years, did not hear the announcement about the all-time record and wondered what a reporter was talking about.

"What!?!," she exclaimed when told the news. "OH MY GOD!"

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The Jeff girls' 4x200 relay team, consisting of Rachel Galt, Kaitlyn NFI, Rachel Galt, and Rachel Galt, won the state championship with a time of 1:28.50, breaking the previous record of 1:30.50 set by the 2011 state champion team. The team's victory was a significant achievement for the school, as it marked the first time they had won the state championship in this event. The team's success was a result of their hard work and dedication throughout the season.