

Ophoff claims hurdles title at ISU meet

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AMES - Linn-Mar senior Brandon Ophoff plans to compete in the hurdles for the Iowa State Cyclones next season as a freshman in college.

He gave the folks in Ames a taste of what he can do Tuesday night.

Ophoff claimed the 60-meter hurdles in 8.13 seconds to lead a strong showing by the Lions at the ISU High School Boys Classic at the Lied Recreation Center.

A massive field of 125 hurdlers from around the state competed in the 60-meter event Tuesday. Ophoff won the race by a healthy margin of 26-hundredths of a second.

Linn-Mar sophomore Josh Evans finished third in the 1600 meter run in 4:30.77 and placed eighth in the 3200 meter run in 9:49.80. Jason Thomas of Dowling won the 1600 in 4:20.54 and Cole Decker of Dowling captured the 3200 in 9:27.88.

Linn-Mar took second place in the 4x400 meter relay in 3:29.48 and also grabbed second in the 4x800 relay in 8:13.45. West Des Moines Valley won the 4x400 relay in 3:25.62 and Monticello nudged the Lions in the 4x800 relay in 8:13.12.

Colton Sanchez of Linn-Mar tied for seventh in the long jump at 19 feet, 10 1/4 inches.

The Xavier Saints finished fourth in the 4x100 relay in 44.91 seconds. West Des Moines Valley won the race in 44.14 seconds.