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Knightdale rolled to its fourth successive boy's title on Saturday night in the 28th annual North Carolina High School Athletic Association state 4-A indoor track and field championships at JDL Fast Track.

Kimani Hoffman led the way for Knightdale and was named the Most Valuable Performer in the men's championship. The senior standout won both the long jump and triple jump and placed fifth in the 55 dash.

The Knights had 80 points to 43 for runner-up Winston-Salem Mount Tabor, followed by Charlotte Mallard Creek (41), Southeast Raleigh (36) and Apex (35). There were 44 teams scoring points in the men's meet.

Ian Mulder of Mount Tabor also took a pair of individual titles at distances, taking top honors in the 1600 and the 3200.

Jacob Soule of Watauga High was 25th in the boy's 3,200-meter run. He finished the race in

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10:34.15. Mulder burned up the course by winning the state title in 9:18.76. William Roberson of Raleigh-Broughton finished second in 9:18.81.

Winston-Salem Parkland held off Raleigh Wakefield in the girl's meet. The Mustangs snapped Wakefield's streak of three successive state championships by just two points. Parkland recorded 51 points to 49 for Wakefield, followed by Cary (44), Southeast Raleigh (31) and Apex (28). A total of 41 schools scored points in the women's events.

Ama-Selina Tchume of Wakefield was the women's MVP, winning the 300 while finishing second in both the long jump and 55 dash.

One of the record breaking performances for the women came in the 3200, when Kayla Montgomery of Mount Tabor broke the tape in 10:43.87, breaking a 12-year old all-classification mark by almost nine seconds. Soph Blair Ramsey of Greensboro Grimsley in the 1600 and freshman Nevada Moreno of Raleigh Leesville Road in the 1000 also set records.

Senior Alison Seramur of WHS captured a silver medal with a second-place finish in the girl's pole vault. She cleared the bar with an effort of 11 feet, matching a career high. Anna Ethan of Apex won the title as she cleared the bar with a 12-foot jump.

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Seramur was WHS' highest place finisher Saturday; the Pioneers finished with eight points. It was also WHS' best finish at the indoor state meet since Darby Middlebrook won the state title in the 1,600 her junior year in 2012.

Junior Kathleen Mansure of the Pioneers was 13th in the girl's 3,200 (12:02.88). Kayla Montgomery of Mount Tabor won the state title in the 32, crossing the finish line in 10:43.87. Sara Platek of Ragsdale was second, just seven seconds back at 10:50.94.

This was the first year for a separate 1-A/2-A championship, as the sport classified from two championships to three for the 2013-14 indoor season. For the last seven years, there was a separate 4-A meet and the 1-A, 2-A and 3-A schools competed together in a single championship.