

# Boys thinclads lack numbers; Girls' team should be solid

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Young on the girls side, short-handed on the boys.

That's what Plymouth track coach Doug Dickson is faced with this season.

Just 11 boys are out for the team, while the girls aren't short on numbers, but are short on experience.

"We don't have the quantity, but we do have the quality," said Dickson of the boys unit. "The few boys we have are working hard and I think they will score some points."

Four seniors are on the boys team, including Brandon Baker, Kevin Click, Chad Felver and Daniel Schillerwein.

Felver and sophomore Matt Anderson give the Big Red the ability to score in the field events, in particular the shot put and discus.

The other strength of the team would be long distance, with the likes of Jay Follett, Eliot Fackler and Ryan and Kevin Click. Fackler is still suffering from a cross country injury, but should see some action this spring.

In addition, Matt Dove and Jerry Longden are out for the squad. Dove will participate in the sprints, hurdles and high jump, while Longden will be featured in the sprints, according to Dickson.

The Plymouth boss feels that the sprints will be the strength of the girls unit.

The only senior out for the team — Megan McKinney —

will likely be a part of that.

"We are faster and I think we will score more points this year," Dickson said. "We have more speed and with that we will place higher and get more points."

Some of the other possible candidates for the short races include Niki Baker, Bonnie Blankenship, Laura Roselius, Jenny Reber, Dixie Huston, Lindy Seel, Richelle Smart and Crystal Wallace.

Blankenship, Jill Fletcher, Alexis Sheely and Kelley Kimble will see time in the field events as well.

"The girls are a young team," Dickson said. "We have seven freshmen and some of them bring speed and the ability to score points. The veterans help balance out the team."

"I'm looking forward to seeing some of the individual performances in the big meets."

Also out for the team are Heather Roll, Renae Smith, Shawna McKinney, Kim Howard, Amanda Schlotterer and Amber Kropf.

Plymouth will open its season Tuesday at Mapleton with Black River.

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