

# Breck County AIM competes in North American Championship

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The North American Championship was held in Sparta, Ill., from July 24-28 at the World Shooting Complex, and the Breckinridge County AIM team competed nationally at the Grand with competitive scores against the nation's top shooters.

Each shooter competed in three events. Handicaps are where a shooter is moved back in yardage beginning at the 19-yard line back to the 27-yard line. Doubles are where two clays are thrown at the same time. Singles, shot from the 16-yard line, consist of a two-day 200-round event. Handicaps and doubles are individual events, whereas singles competition is a single and team event combined. Meade County sub-junior shooter Joel Mills and junior shooter Rylan Hardesty joined Breckinridge County for the event.

Breckinridge County had three teams entered in the world shoot with one Junior team — which are high school-aged shooters — consisting of Montgomery Moorman, Brayden Carman, Grant Barr, Hunter Smiley, and Logan Arnold, who, with a 931/1,000, placed 21st in Junior Class C.

Breckinridge County's other Junior team, consisting of Caleb Ball, Gabe Martin, Joel Mills, Rylan Hardesty, and Colten Carman, placed 29th with a 915/1,000 in Junior C.

Breckinridge County's Junior Gold team (the college age division), consisting of Dalton Butler, Christian Hinton, Corinne Campbell, William Moorman, and Braeden Bryan, had a 909/1,000 placing 7th in Junior Gold D class. One lone shooter shot at his first ever Grand event: Eli Priest, who shot a 150/200.

In the Handicap division, Breckinridge County had Colten Carman tied for 3rd place in the Junior division with a score of 98/100 while shooting from the 19-yard line. He was tied with 13 other shooters from Wisconsin to Oklahoma. He was defeated in a shoot off and missed the bronze trophy.

In the doubles event, Dalton Butler placed 11th and Corinne



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MONTGOMERY MOORMAN, GABE MARTIN, AND HUNTER SMILEY

Campbell placed 14th in the Junior Gold division in their respective A and D classes. Also, Rylan Hardesty placed 19th in Junior Class AAA, and Grant Barr placed 18th in Class D along with Caleb Ball placing 22nd in Junior Class B.

In the singles event as individuals, Corinne Campbell placed 14th in Junior Gold Class D and Dalton Butler placed 17th in Class A.

Some outstanding singles scores were from Rylan Hardesty 189/200, Dalton Butler 194/200, Hunter Smiley 194/200, Montgomery Moorman 188/200, Gabe Martin 187/200, and Colten Carman 190/200. In doubles were Dalton Butler 89/100, Rylan Hardesty 90/100, and Grant Barr 86/100. Outstanding scores for handicaps were Colten Carman 98/100, Rylan Hardesty 96/100, Dalton Butler 94/100, and Joel Mills, Brayden Carman and Grant Barr shooting 92/100.

"The Breckinridge County AIM team would like to thank the

Breckinridge County High School, Friends of the NRA Grant, Irvington Sportmen's Club, Breckinridge County Board of Education, parents, and everyone in the community for supporting the program," officials said.

Breckinridge County AIM team competed against almost 2,000 shooters from all over the world, as well as the United States from Hawaii to Maine. The first Breckinridge County AIM team was started in 2019, and the team went to its first Grand in 2020.

"Even though the program has started small, it has affected so many people in the community and the nation, and can show that young people from a small community can have an effect on the world," officials said.

"One of our first team members and his daughter were taken from us during our shoot in Sparta, and many of our current members had the honor and privilege to shoot with him in the past," they continued. "Hunter Lyons was an original member of Breckinridge



HUNTER LYONS



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WILLIAM MOORMAN, BRAEDEN BRYAN, GRANT BARR, AND ELI PRIEST

County AIM, was on the two-time Kentucky Trapshooters League President's Challenge Championship team (2020 and 2021), and a true sportsman and friend. Even though the event was saddened by Hunter's loss, it was also strengthened with his memory

and determination to achieve his best no matter what challenges we must overcome. The AIM team loves and misses you, Hunter, and may God bless you for what you have meant to your teammates and coaches. We love you, 'Mr. 99!'"



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Junior quarterback Jacob Spitzer is coming off a season where he passed for five touchdowns.

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"We're playing faster, and we're playing with more confidence because they've put in the work in the weight room," Hottell said.

While the Tigers did lose multi-threat star Lance Poole, who accounted for 19 of the team's 30 touchdowns last season, among others off last season's team, there are several players returning, and Hottell expects to see a more balanced attack.

"We're going to be a lot more multiple and harder to stop," he said. "Last year it was Lance left, Lance right, and he had to carry us because we were so young in our skill positions. We were starting a lot of sophomores around him. Those kids have more experience now."

Junior Jacob Spitzer will start at quarterback after throwing for 524 yards and five touchdowns last season.

"He's a little bit of a multi-threat," Hottell said. "He's a little bit different than Lance. He has a developed passing game because it's the position he's grown up playing. He can see the field, but he also can run the ball. We're excited

to have him take the reins. "Last year we were easy to stop us because we were so run-oriented," he added. "This year we should be able to keep people on their toes, a little bit."

Up front, the Tigers have several starters back, including senior tackle Kameron Drane. Hottell said he's started 22 games.

Junior Blake McGuffin is another tackle, and he started every game last season.

At center, senior Logan Shartzter gets the call again as a returning starter with Josua and Vevesi Worden also starting after seeing plenty of time as freshmen.

"They're 300-plus pounds, they dead lift 500-plus pounds," Hottell said. "They're big ole boys."

"Offensively, I think up front it's the biggest, strongest bunch I've had," he said. "I think we're going to be able to bully some people, something we really haven't had a chance to do up front in a long, long time."

He said there are eight or nine players "who can help us up front."

Junior Aidan Burnette rushed for 148 yards on 33 carries last season, and he's added about 20 pounds, "and

I think with that size he has confidence," Hottell said.

There are several players who will see time at receiver, but 6-foot-3 Paxton Dewitt has the most experience after catching 14 passes for 371 yards and four TDs last season.

"A pure athletic kid, Paxton Dewitt is 6-3 with a 35-inch vertical," Hottell said. "He's a go-get-it guy."

Many of the same kids who start on offense also get the nod on defense.

"We've got experience there," Hottell said.

Senior Hudson Wrenn returns at linebacker after finishing with a team-leading 64 tackles last season.

McGuffin had 33 tackles, including five tackles for lost yardage, while Dewitt had 20 tackles and four fumble recoveries.

Hottell also is counting on the likes of senior Braylan Pearson, junior Donald Gibson, senior Ethan Howard, sophomore Jon Edge and seniors Joaquin Hernandez and Dillian Kennedy, among others.

The Tigers open the season Aug. 22 at home against Butler County. Breckinridge County plays five of its first seven games at home.

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