

HC team semifinalist in state esports

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The 'Smiling Friends' team at Harlan County High School finished as a semifinalist at the Spring 2026 Esports State Championships presented by UK HealthCare. Team members include Dylan Johnson (manager), Landon Bailey, Ben Smith, JT Osborne and coach Sean Daniels.

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was immediately followed by Simpson and Napier. Autumn Farley finished 13th.

Kiera Roberts finished third in the 800-meter run. Napier was fourth. Layken Saylor and Bella Leath were eighth and ninth, respectively. Farley placed 11th.

Gracie Roberts placed second in the 1,600-meter run. Mumford finished fifth, immediately followed by Saylor. Leath was 10th, immediately followed by Farley.

Mumford placed fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Preslee Hensley finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and second in the 300-meter hurdles.

In long jump, Washington placed fourth. Jovi Tye was sixth. Aiselyn Sexton and Madi Nolan were ninth and 11th, respectively. Emily Creech placed 13th. Haley Johnson was 19th, while RJ Clem was 21st.

Tye placed eighth in high jump. Nolan was ninth, while Vanessa Griffith placed 10th.

"Jovi had a big night for us in the high jump. That was only her third day and she's done great," Vitaoe said.

Sexton was second in triple jump. Duff and Tye placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Savanna Madden placed fifth in shot put. Aubrey Madden was sixth. Clem placed 14th.

In discus, Addison Day was fourth. Clem was eighth. Taylor Reeves placed 22nd.

"We have a lot of work to do, but I'm proud of the girls and how hard they've worked this season. We've lost so many key contributors and everyone has stepped up over and over," Vitaoe said.

Event winners for the boys included Jacob Schwenke in the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run; Landyn Noe in the mixed 400-meter dash; Bryson Bryant in high jump; Jayce

Brown in pole vault and long jump; Landon Cook, Jerome Monroe, Ben Cochran and Jonah Sharp in the 4 x 200-meter relay; Cochran, Schwenke, Trevor Farley and William Duncan in the 4 x 200-meter relay; Schwenke, Farley, Ethan Lewis and William Duncan in the 4 x 800-meter relay.

"Bryson had a huge night in the high jump," Vitaoe said. "He's only the second kid in HCPS history to jump 6'0."

"The sprint relays were very sharp and pulled their fastest time of the year in the 4 x 200."

Sharp placed fourth in the 100-meter dash. Monroe was sixth, while Ryan Day finished eighth. Cook placed 11th. Cochran and Ashton Anderson were 20th and 24th, respectively. Sam Carr was 34th. Connor Wilkinson finished 42nd. Brantley Burkhart placed 49th. Joseph Wright was 56th, immediately followed by Ben Crain.

In the 400-meter dash, Farley finished third.

William Duncan was sixth. Wilkinson and Burkhart finished 13th and 16th, respectively.

Farley placed second in the 800-meter run. He was

immediately followed by William Duncan and Braxton Hubbard. Karson Dunn and Jayden Sargent were sixth and seventh, respectively. Hunter

Cornett was 14th. Harlan County will compete again Tuesday at Williamsburg in the SEKC Championships.




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You may also contact Michael Saylor at 606-273-9885 or Jenell Spurlock at jspurlock@harlanonline.net or 606-573-3496 regarding any questions. Pick up a copy of the engineer's analysis & blueprint and layout of the new system at Harlan Tint or The Harlan Co. Committee on Aging, Inc. located at 105 N. Cumberland Ave. Harlan, KY 40831.

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