

Goldsmith eighth at state; eyes return

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AUSTIN – How do you get to Austin? “Practice,” according to Sulphur Bluff junior Justin Goldsmith.

Goldsmith’s work ethic took him to the State UIL Track and Field Meet in the Class A, Div. II shot put competition, where he placed eighth Saturday morning.

Goldsmith had his best throw of 40 feet, 10 inches on the third of his six attempts.

He had the unfortunate experience of competing against two throwers who both broke the existing state meet record; all three of the medalists from 2013 were back this season.

Kyler Gilbreath of Guthrie had the winning toss of 57-4 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Hershel Burleson of Rocksprings threw 56-2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Goldsmith plans on taking what he experienced this year to get on the medal stand in 2015.

“I felt pretty good. I wish I had thrown better, but I plan on coming back next year,” he said. “I plan on practicing more and more. I need to work on my technique and get stronger. I am going to hit some weights this summer and come back better.”

He acknowledged having some butterflies before the competition, and coach Marshall Moore could tell Goldsmith was a little nervous.

“He competed really well, and I think he’ll have a good chance next year,” Moore said. “I think he got real good experience with overcoming his nerves and things like that. I think he can build on it. He saw some good technique here and picked up some things he can work on this summer and next year to make it back.”

Class A, Div. II
Boys Shot Put

1. Kyler Gilbreath, Guthrie 57-4 $\frac{3}{4}$
2. Hershel Burleson, Rocksprings 56-2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Hayden Farquhar, Throckmorton 52-0 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Jacquez Anderson, Oakwood 50-5
5. Isaac Olivas, Grandfalls-Royalty 44-11
6. Riley Beauneck, Roby 42-3
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8. Justin Goldsmith, Sulphur Bluff, 40-10.