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Five hundred targets went up and 408 were knocked out of the air. That's how the varsity Northern Kentucky Scholastic Trap Shooting team won the Kentucky State Trap Championship July 4 in Berea.

The rookie squad placed second in its division with a score of 326 out of a possible 500.

In trap shooting, each shooter of the five-member team takes four turns trying to break 25 clay pigeons for a total of 100 each. The total of each member's score is added together for the overall team score.

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"This is the sixth year that we've taken the senior division," said Coach Dennis Menning, who took nine teams to the event. "It's kind of a prestigious division. After kids shoot with you for awhile you get to know them very well and when they get to that division they start doing well and you get excited about watching them shot."

Christina Kuchle, 18, of the state champ varsity team, has been shooting since she was in the eighth grade.

"It's pretty amazing," she said. "This is the first time I've been in a winning competition. Some of the people we shot against were amazing. It's really nice to come out on top."

Kuchle will be shooting at UK in the fall. She was the only woman on the team.

"It's a good group of people I've been shooting (with)," she said. "You go out there and really have fun. It's a pretty even playing field. It's a good thing for women because it's so empowering."

Menning said a stand out on the rookie team was 11-year-old Jacob Melville of Southgate.

Melville earned an individual score of 41.

"I just like it because it's fun," said Melville who shoots with a borrowed gun.

The next event for the teams will be the national shoot in Sparta Ill., on Aug. 6 and 7.

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Results

The Northern Kentucky Scholastic Trap Shooting team did well at the state shoot July 4.

The senior team repeated as champions in its class. Members are Brandon Ryan, Brad Felty, Brandon Price, Christina Kuchle and Sean Hamons.

The rookie class finished second. They were Nathan Penick, Seth Hounshell, Charles Allen, Jacob Melville and Nicholas Sinclair.

Two other teams placed fourth, the junior varsity No. 1 with a score of 434 and the intermediate No. 1 with a score of 413.

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