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Viking middle school 200m dash	25.25 s (2010)	25.20 (2013)
NSC meet High school 100m dash	12.88 s (2015)	12.51 s (2017)
NSC meet 200m	25.61 s (2014)	25.60 s (2017)
ISHA girls track 3A 200 m	24.38 s (2015)	25.30 s (2017)

Fortunately, Janii does not let comparisons bother her. Janii knows Ellis was a fantastic sprinter. Being compared to her “has made [Janii] want to smash all her record” Janii broke her records at Viking, Ellis’s conference record, and her next

goal is to break her state record. Coach Dunn also agrees with Jenkins that “Brittney was an incredibly accomplished sprinter for Warren, and the fact people are making any comparisons speaks volumes to Janii’s abilities.” Jenkins does not like to

put a roof on her ceiling for improvement. So, while the comparison is flattering, she wants to reach higher than her comparison shadows upon her.

Dunn believes Jenkins has already separated herself from Ellis. He “bases this on the fact that they are different,

unique people, and thus need to be viewed as different, unique athletes.” Janii is using the comparison to Ellis as a motivator in order to form her own person.

Janii Jenkins is one of the top sprinters in the state, but she is so busy with a lot of other things. In her free time she likes to lift weights, sleep, and maintain a job, while still doing good in school, and maintaining a social life with her friends. When asked how does she handle it all, she says “it’s all about growing

up, and having the mindset that you can do it. If you don’t believe you can do it, you already set yourself up for failure.” She has her priorities straight, and she gets what she get done. She avoids extra stress.





For the season coming up, her goals are to “break her conference record, hold the state title, and break Brittny Ellis’s state record.” In order to prepare for that her daily routine is already one of a professional athlete. Jenkins gets up “at 4 A.M., [she] goes training, then [she] comes to school, then [she] goes to work after.” Training is a non stop thing for her because there is so much she wishes to accomplish. She knows she has to do the hard work now in order to live lavishly later on.

Coach Dunn states “There will be days when practices/meets go as planned, and days when that’s not the case.” But, he stressed to her to stay in the moment, and in the process. Everything will work itself out.

Janii knows sports are a process. Greatness does not happen overnight. She will continue to compete with herself, not others around her.

Jenkins has plans outside of high school. She wants to compete at the college level and hopes to sign in December.

Her first choice is to compete in Oregon because that’s where

“Nike is located, and there track team is number 1 in the division, and good in academics” Besides their weather, Janii is looking forward to hopefully running there.

Coach Dunn confirms that there are several teams looking at Janii, and she will have plenty to choose from. He is incredibly proud of the athlete she has become. He proclaims his one tip of advice to her is not to allow “success as a track and field athlete define who she is; instead, the person she is should define what type of track & field athlete she becomes.” He hopes she remains the bright ray of sunshine she is because that’s what people will remember. Not the medals, not the trophies, and not the spotlight. However, people will remember who you are and how you treat others.



From college she wishes to run in the Olympics. She looks up to “Allyson Felix, Usain Bolt, and Noah Lyles.” She hopes to one day have her name in the big leagues with her idols. Kayla Watkins, Janii’s best friend, believes “Janii has proved that she wants this, and she know her best friend will make it far in life”