

## Middle school girls, boys win NBC titles



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Eastwood Middle School's girls and boys track and field teams won Northern Buckeye Conference championships Thursday night.

The girls earned their fifth straight NBC championship by winning three events and scoring in 15 of the 16 events to total 141 points in the conference meet at Eastwood. Maumee was second in the eight-team meet with 110, while Lake was third with 103. The boys won five events and also scored in every event but one to win their title with 154 points, nine ahead of runner-up and defending champion Otsego. Genoa finished third with 88½.

### GIRLS RECAP

Eastwood broke one conference record and two school records on the way to its championship. The Eagles also capitalized on their depth. In addition to the three first-place finishes, they had seven second-place finishes and three third-place finishes. The top eight finishers in each event scored with points awarded on a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. Schools could enter up two individuals in the 12 non-relay events, and one team in the four relays.

"The girls had a great performance tonight," Eastwood coach Julie Cross said. "We had so many PRs (personal records), but more than anything, it was a full team effort." The Eagles had two scorers in eight of the 12 non-relay events, and finished first or second in three of the four relays.

"Everyone contributed," Cross added. "Even the ones who weren't competing, were here cheering them on, helping them warm up and pushing them to do their best." Eastwood's 4x400 relay team of Ava Majzun, Raegan Sabo, Gabriella Provo and Sophie Gillespie won in a conference-record time of 4:23.17, shattering the record of 4:27.25 set by Genoa in 2023.

Provo also won the high jump with a height of 4-9 and Addison Hannan threw 32-5 to win the shot put. Provo's jump tied for the sixth-best in conference history.

Gillespie in the 200 hurdles and the Eagles' 4x800 relay both set the Eastwood record on the way to a second-place finish.

Gillespie had a time of 31.49 to break the record of 31.59 set by Abby Schroeder in 2014. Gillespie's time tied for the third-best in conference history.

The 4x800 relay team of Melody Myers, A'Ryah Houtz, Kinsley Henline and Lorelei Dulaney had a time of 11:02.10, breaking the record of 11:02.61 set earlier this season. The team's time was fourth-best in NBC history.

## **BOYS RECAP**

The Eagles complemented their five first-place finishes with seven second-place finishes, fourth third-place finishes and one fourth-place finish.

"We overcame a lot of adversity tonight," Eastwood coach John Sponaugle said. "It was nice to see them pull together. We had a couple letdowns, but other boys stepped in and picked us up. It was the quintessential team win. We definitely performed well."

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"Our depth paid off, and our kids had a lot of team spirit," Sponaugle said. "To win the meet, you don't have to win every event. Do your best. Do what we've been training for and the results will take care of themselves. That's what we've done all year ... show up and perform."

Eastwood's Levi Strayer swept the hurdles, winning the 110 race in 17.09 and the 200 race in 28.16.

The Eagles' other individual NBC champions were Elijah Wilton, who cleared 8-6 to win the pole vault; and Brady Mullholand, who threw 139-1 to win the discus.

Eastwood's other first-place finish came in the 4x800 relay where Gavin Richards, Trent Snyder, Trevor Meronk and Colton Miller had a time of 10:01.73.

Mullholand's discus throw was the fourth-best in the history of the NBC meet, while the 4x800 relay time also was the fourth-best, and Strayer's time in the 200 hurdles was seventh-best.

## **NBC CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS**

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