

## Girls 'excellent' in third-place finish at Liberty-Benton Relays

**By Kevin Gordon**

FINDLAY — Eastwood High School's girls track and field team turned in one impressive performance after another Thursday night (April 2).

The Eagles capitalized on a team effort to finish third in the Liberty-Benton Relays. Eastwood won two events and scored in all 14 events to finish with 78 points. Columbus Grove won the seven-team meet with 112 points, while Fremont Ross was second with 88.

"We had a lot of excellent performances," Eastwood head coach Nathan Howard said. "We have a lot to be proud of. A lot of people competed for the first time, and they went after it which is exactly what we want them to do. Obviously, when we come to a meet, we want to win. They competed like they wanted to win. I'm proud of that."

The Eagles were competing for the first time this season after their meet Tuesday (March 31) against Wauseon and Clay was canceled because of inclement weather. Eastwood finished no lower than fifth in any event. The top six finishers in each event scored team points, awarded on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis. The Eagles also finished second twice, third three times, fourth five times and fifth twice.

"I love the way we competed, and I love the way they cheered each other on and went after it," Howard said. "They're learning a lot. There were a lot of young girls out there tonight, and that's what sets the tone for the season, the desire to get better."

"The fact that they were disappointed that they ran really well and were a little bit ticked off, I love that," Howard added. "This is a good starting point for us, especially since we didn't have a dual meet or a tri meet before this. We came into a meet against some very good competition, and I'm glad we had this measuring stick right off the bat."

### **Eastwood wins high jump, long jump relays**

The Eagles won the high jump and the long jump relays.

The high jump team of Camille Foos, Macy Shoemaker and Lily Hanneman won with a height of 14-6, the second-best height in school history and just two inches off the school record set in 2002.

Foos cleared 5-2 to finish second individually, while Shoemaker and Hanneman both cleared 4-8. Foos moved into an eight-way tie for fourth place on the school's all-time list. Katelyn Meyer set the school record of 5-8 in 2018, while Cathy Smithey jumped 5-6 in 1978 and Leslie Keiser cleared 5-3 in 1988.

The field events were scored as relays. Each school entered three athletes in an event, with the three heights or distances being added together to determine the order of finish.

The long jump team of Lauren Schuerman, Ava Majzun and MaKenna Nelson won with a distance of 44-3. Schuerman was second individually at 16-0½ while Majzun jumped 14-7 for fifth individually and Nelson had a distance of 13-7¼.

The Eagles had one other Top 10 performance. The 4x200 team of Schuerman, Shoemaker, Foos and Josie Appelhans was third in 1:47.58, the 10<sup>th</sup>-fastest time in school history.

### **All Eastwood results by event**

4x100 — 2) Shoemaker, Appelhans, Schuerman and Foos, 51.18.

4x100 throwers — 5) Ryleigh Perry, Piper Sutton, Rorie Steiner and Kennedy Ameling, 1:05.38.

4x200 — 3) Schuerman, Shoemaker, Foos and Appelhans, 1:47.58, the 10<sup>th</sup>-fastest time in school history.

4x400 — 4) Schuerman, Majzun, Sophie Gillespie and Appelhans, 4:12.68.

4x800 — 4) Majzun, Taylor Mangette, Mackenzie Chaffee and Brynn Sheets, 10:46.48.

4x1,600 — 4) Kylie Mathia, Ginger Rubel, Wren Cunningham and CherylAnn Bembenek, 29:55.18.

800 freshmen sprint medley (100-100-200-400) — 2) Macie Bradley, Ellie Caris, Gracyn Reiter and Gillespie, 1:59:38.

Distance medley (1,200-400-800-1,600) — 4) Mangette, Reiter, Chaffee and Sheets, 15:02.58.

4x100 shuttle hurdles — 3) Karissa Nelson, Reiter, MaKenna Nelson and Hanneman, 1:10.38.

High jump — 1) 14-6; Foos, 5-2, and Shoemaker and Hanneman, both 4-8.

Pole vault — 3) 23-6; Skylar Chrisman, 8-6, Piper Sutton and Karissa Nelson, both 7-6. Chrisman was fourth individually.

Long jump — 1) 44-3; Schuerman, 16-0½, Majzun, 14-7¼, and MaKenna Nelson, 13-7¼. Schuerman finished second individually, and Majzun was fifth.

Shot put — 4) 88-10½; Ameling, 32-3; Sutton, 30-0, and Perry, 26-7½. Ameling finished fifth.

Discus — 4) 268-10; Ameling, 97-2, Perry, 93-6, and Harper Rollins-Morlock, 78-2.

### **NEXT**

The Eagles host Swanton and Wauseon in a non-conference tri-meet (April 7) and compete in the Whitmer Invitational (April 10).

### **LIBERTY-BENTON RELAYS RESULTS**

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