

Sabo breaks pole vault record again as girls, boys beat Fostoria

By Kevin Gordon

LUCKEY — Julia Sabo broke her Eastwood High School record twice in the pole vault Wednesday during the Eagles' girls and boys victories over Fostoria in a Northern Buckeye Conference dual meet.

The girls won 15 events in their 105-32 victory, and the boys won 11 events in their 90-47 win.

The meet was rescheduled for Wednesday after being postponed Tuesday because of inclement weather. It also was the Eagles' first meet since the Eastwood Relays April 21. The Eagles' meet against Otsego and Lake April 25 was canceled because of the weather.

GIRLS RECAP

Sabo increases pole vault record

Sabo cleared 12-0 on her third and final attempt to win the event and break her school record for the second time in four vaults. The senior also made 11-9 on her first attempt to better her record of 11-7 set April 11 during a tri-meet at Woodmore.

The girls pole vault was the last event to finish in the meet, and Eastwood's boys and girls watched from the area surrounding the vault.

"The record is definitely very heartfelt because it's our last home meet as seniors, and hearing all of my teammates cheering for me was really special," Sabo said.

Sabo's successful vault at 12-0 came with drama. She brushed the bar with the front of her body. The bar moved, but remained in place. When Sabo saw the bar wasn't falling off the standards, she broke into a huge smile on the pit as her teammates cheered.

"I thought it was rolling off the bar and then everyone went silent, and I thought the bar might come off," Sabo said. "When it stayed on, it was a great feeling. I thought I felt myself hitting the bar and it might come down, but I wasn't sure."

Sabo then moved the bar to 12-3, but missed her only attempt there. She fouled on her approach during her other two attempts at the height.

"I wanted to clear 12-0 by the end of the season, and I'm glad I got it," Sabo said. "The height I had on it was good, and I know I have more in me and I can get where I want to be. Everything is clicking right now, and I feel really confident."

Sabo's vault of 12-0 is third best in Division II this season and is good for a seven-way tie for fifth place in the state overall, regardless of division.

The only vaulters ahead of Sabo in Division II are Greenon senior Tru Buddenberg at 12-3 and New Concord John Glenn sophomore Brayden Snider at 12-1. Buddenberg finished fourth at state last season.

Sabo originally set Eastwood's record as a sophomore in 2021 when she cleared 10-7 in her fourth varsity meet at the Whitmer Invitational April 9. Her freshman season was canceled because of COVID.

"I'm looking at 13-0 now, but the big thing is to keep progressing and make sure I'm consistent," said Sabo, who is seeking a third straight trip to state this season.

Four Eagles win twice

Sophomores Mallory Sandberg, Lilly Mullholand and Leah Emch, and junior Saylor King each won twice for the Eagles.

Sandberg swept the hurdles, winning the 100 race in 17.70 and the 300 race in 53.72. Mullholand won the 400 in 1:05.90 and cleared 4-10 to win the high jump. Emch won the 1,600 in 5:41.64 and the 800 in 2:41.43. King won the 100 in 13.48 and the 200 in 28.56.

Eastwood's other individual winners were: junior Haley Sponaugle, 3,200, 12:28.38; and senior Emma Downs, long jump, 15-8½.

The Eagles' won all four relays:

- 4x800, team of junior Amelia Ward, sophomores Emerson Sheets and Corinne Genson, and junior Z Ramsey, 11:15.30.
- 4x200, team of Sabo, Mullholand, junior Joelle Jared and Downs, 1:53.84.
- 4x100, team of King, Downs, sophomore Kyrie Henline and Sabo, 52.86.
- 4x400, senior Talia Baum, Ward, Sandberg and senior Kayden Firsdon, 4:34.70.

BOYS RECAP

Ten different individuals won events for the Eagles, including Dayquan Oliver. The sophomore won the 200 in 23.56 and cleared 5-6 to win the high jump.

Eastwood's other individual winners were: sophomore Jesse Poiry, 110 hurdles 16.43; sophomore Connor Schramm, 1,600, 5:14.38; sophomore Andre Lewis, 300 hurdles, 42.23; senior Keagan Herr, 800, 2:12.85; freshman Justin Dawson, 3,200, 12:23.30; senior Bryce DeFalco, long jump, 20-10½; junior Ian Sibberson, shot put, 47-5½; and senior Dalton Hesselbart, pole vault, 14-0.

The Eagles' 4x100 relay team of senior Anthony Molina, junior Kaiden Sanchez, DeFalco and Oliver won in 45.96.

SENIOR FAREWELL

The meet was the final home competition for Eastwood's seniors.

The girls were 20-0 in dual meets and won two NBC championships. The boys lost just one dual meet and won the conference championship last season.

The girls' seniors are: Baum, Sara Burrell, Downs, Firsdon, Mariah Hahn, Jaymie Johnson, Briana Lee, Olivia Newsome, Sabo and Kailin Wargo.

The boys' seniors are: DeFalco, Herr, Hesselbart, Wes Johnson, Molina and Noah Smith.

NEXT

The Eagles compete in the Oak Harbor Invitational Friday, and host their annual junior varsity invitational Tuesday.

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