

Boys outstanding in second-place finish at Whitmer

By Kevin Gordon

TOLEDO — Eastwood High School's boys track and field team fashioned an outstanding performance Friday night.

The Eagles scored in all 22 events, including five first-place finishes, to finish second in the eight-team Whitmer Invitational. Eastwood totaled 129 points to finish only four points behind Toledo St. Francis. Bedford was third with 110.

Dayquan Oliver and Hunter Lauer both had big performances for the Eagles.

Oliver won the 100 in 11.28 and the 200 in 22.54. He moved into a tie with Kyle Dierker (2012) for fifth place all-time at Eastwood in the 200, improving his previous time of 22.63 last season that was seventh best.

Lauer led Eastwood to a first-place finish in the shot put and a second-place finish in the discus with Top 10 throws. He threw 51-4½ for sixth-place all-time in the shot and 156-2 for eighth-place all-time in the discus.

"A lot of guys had big nights. There were so many season bests and (personal records)," Eastwood head coach Brian Sabo said. "A great night. We came here and said if you can beat us, then you beat us.

"We kept fighting and giving effort," Sabo added. "We don't care who is on the track. We're going to go out and compete, and, if there's some competition, it's going to make us better. It was one event after another. Not only was it, would we win or do well, but it was big things that will set us up for down the road for future performances."



Photo credits: Danielle DeFalco Athlete: Dayquan Oliver

Although Oliver and Lauer led the way, they had plenty of help from their teammates.

The Eagles placed in every event by finishing in the top six. Points were awarded on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis.

The field events were scored as relays. Each school entered three athletes in each field event, and the combined distance or height of the three athletes determined the order of finish. No team points were awarded for an individual finish in the field events. The meet consisted of eight relays, eight individual running events and six field events.

"Everyone gave absolute effort," Oliver said. "We came into this meet wanting to win. That means you have to bring effort, and everyone tried their best."

The Eagles finished in the top five in 17 events. In addition to the five first-place finishes, they finished second five times, third twice and fourth five times. Eastwood scored 47 points in the individual running events, 39 points in the relays and 43 points in the field event relays where there are two fewer events.

"When we planned this meet out, we thought every event could score, and some (of our opponents) scored more than I thought," Sabo said. "I'd have thought if we did exactly what we did tonight, we would have won the

meet. Watching them battle and battle, that was a lot of fun. They kept fighting. That means a lot.”

The Eagles were the smallest school in the meet, based on enrollment.

“It was a great night,” Oliver said. “We’ll learn from it and move on. We’re going to keep it rolling throughout the rest of the season. We know we can compete against good competition. This shows we can compete against anybody, no matter the size.

“We’re very confident right now, but we have to keep improving,” Oliver added. “I love these guys. Practices are so much fun, and these meets, it’s amazing to be with them.”

The Eagles who competed also had the support of many teammates who attended the meet, even though they didn’t compete. Those teammates lined the frontstretch and the backstretch, and filled the field event areas to cheer on their teammates.

“We had multiple kids come watch the meet and support the team because the upperclassmen and captains treat them so well,” Sabo said. “Everyone has value to this team. It’s a culture that is led by our older people, and they like being around those guys, and we love having them around.

“At practice (Thursday), the guys were excited and ready to go,” Sabo added.” I appreciate that. I almost didn’t care what happened. If you’re excited, and you give me that kind of effort the day before, I appreciate those guys. I love being around them. Watching them compete and being around them as human beings, it’s such a joy.”

First-place finishes

Austin Miller was Eastwood’s other individual winner, winning the 400 in 51.59.

Ethan Recker and Colton Oberhouse joined Lauer to win the shot with a combined distance of 135-0¼, fourth-best in school history. In addition to Lauer’s throw of 51-4½. Recker was third individually at 43-9½, while Oberhouse threw 39-10¼.

Recker and Lauer then ran the final two legs on Eastwood’s winning throwers relay team which had a time of 51.08. Landen Simon and Braden Dix ran the first two legs. The time was fifth-fastest in school history.

Second-place finishes

Finishing second for the Eagles were:

- Discus — Lauer, Logan Miesmer and Dix, 383-9, eighth-best in school history. In addition to Lauer’s throw of 156-2, Miesmer threw 120-6 and Dix threw 107-1.
- Triple jump — Kevin Lewis, Mullholand and Gage Stephenson, 105-9½, fourth-best in school history. Lewis was fifth individually at 37-3½, while Mullholand had a distance of 35-0½ and Stephenson jumped 33-5½.
- Pole vault — Hayden Hoelter, Cullen Shank and Everett Ward, 35-0, eighth-best in school history. Hoelter and Shank both cleared 13-0, while Ward jumped 9-0.
- 110 hurdles — Andre Lewis, 15.06, eighth-best all-time.
- 4x110 shuttle hurdles relay — Andre Lewis, Brayden Luidhardt, Sawyer Mason and Jesse Poiry, 1:07.18.

Third-place finishes

Distance medley relay (800-200-400-1,600) — Ben Buehler, Wyatt Oestreich, Carsyn Jones and Raif Johnson, 8:33.96.



Athlete: Collin Brogan

High jump relay — Andre Lewis, Luidhardt and Sawyer Mason. Lewis was first individually at 6-0, while Luidhardt cleared 5-2, and Mason cleared 5-0.

Fourth-place finishes

- 4x100 relay — Andre Lewis, Kevin Lewis, Collin Brogan and Oliver, 44.51.
- 4x800 relay — Miller, A.J. O'Brien, Buehler and Howard, 9:06.68.
- 800 sprint medley relay (100-100-200-400) — Shank, Kevin Lewis, Brogan and Cody Hefflinger, 1:41.65.
- Long jump — Kevin Lewis, Oliver and Mullholand, 57-3¼, which ranks 10th in school history. Lewis was second individually with a distance of 20-4, while Oliver jumped 19-3¾, and Mullholand went 17-7½.
- 800 — Henry Howard, 2:05.18.

Fifth-place finishes

- 4x400 relay — Hefflinger, Howard, Mullholand and Miller, 3:37.02.
- 1,600 — Connor Carroll-Schramm, 4:59.36.
- 3,200 — John Stewart, 11:01.40.

Sixth-place finishes

- 4x200 relay — Bryce Coger, Hefflinger, Hoelter and Brogan, 1:37.40
- 300 hurdles — Nolan Taylor, 45.69.

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