

Middle school girls win NBC title, boys finish third



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By Kevin Gordon

ROSSFORD — Eastwood Middle School's girls track and field team won the Northern Buckeye Conference championship Friday night.

The Eagles won six of the 16 events and scored 176½ points to earn their fourth straight conference championship. The Eagles finished comfortably ahead of runner-up Maumee with 127 and third-place Lake with 76½ in the eight-team meet.

The Eastwood boys finished third in their meet with 105 points to trail Otsego with 163 and Maumee with 116. The Eagles won four events.

GIRLS RECAP

Eastwood's Lauren Schuerman and Karissa Nelson both won two events, while Macy Shoemaker also won as did the Eagles' 4x200 relay team of Gabriella Provo, Ava Majzun, Alexis Lewis and Shoemaker.

"The girls really stepped up and performed well," Eastwood coach John Sponaugle said. "We had a ton of PRs (personal records). In addition to the first-place finishes, we had a lot of kids scoring second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-place points and so on. That really helps in a meet like this because you can really rack up the points. Our depth really paid off. The girls did not disappoint. I'm very proud of them.

"Just as impressive, we had a lot of girls come to the meet to support their teammates, even though they weren't competing in the meet," Sponaugle added. "Having those girls here to cheer their teammates on means a lot."

Schuerman won the 100 in 13.89 and the 200 in 27.75. Her time in the 200 was the ninth-fastest in the history of the conference meet, which dates back to 2012.

Nelson swept the hurdles races. She won the 100 race in 17.72 and the 200 race in 32.88.

Shoemaker cleared 4-6 to win the high jump, and the 4x200 team of Provo, Majzun, Lewis and Shoemaker won in 1:57.36, the ninth-fastest time in NBC meet history.



BOYS RECAP

The Eagles' Brayden Luidhardt won three events, including the 200 hurdles in a meet-record time.

Luidhardt won the 200 hurdles in 26.94 to break the record of 27.39 set by Elmwood's Barrett Coleman in 2017. He won the 110 hurdles with the second-fastest time in meet history, 16.48.

Luidhardt also cleared 5-5 to win the high jump, putting him a four-way tie for eighth-place in meet history.

Eastwood's other winner was Everett Ward, who won the pole vault with a height of 10-0 to move into a three-way tie for fourth place in meet history.

"The boys really surprised me in a positive way," Sponaugle said. "They really stepped up, and we had a few PRs. They absolutely did everything we asked of them. It was an outstanding effort from the boys."

"Again, they had a lot of support from their teammates who weren't necessarily participating in the meet," Sponaugle said.

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