

Boys finish second in NBC meet



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Rossford replacing Lakota and Gibsonburg.

“We lost to a team that was a little better today with a real classy coach (Genoa head coach Luke Hodulik), a great program,” Sabo said. “Luke is building their program the right way. He’s a good friend. He did a of heck of a job.”

Bryce Koprowski-Kistner was Eastwood’s only individual winner. The sophomore finished first in the long jump with a distance of 21-0½.

“We had a lot of PRs,” Sabo said. “We had some events that didn’t go our way, but we had events that did go our way and better. It all evened out. These guys gave every ounce of whatever they had for this program and for each other.”

The Eagles had four second-place finishes — senior Mason Steele, discus, 136-0 (pr); sophomore Noah Smith, 110 hurdles, 15.89 (pr); senior David Russell,

By Kevin Gordon

LUCKEY — Eastwood High School’s boys track and field team competed hard and performed well enough Saturday to win a Northern Buckeye Conference championship.

The Eagles had 16 personal records, not including relay splits, during the conference meet at Freedom Field.

But the team still fell short of a 20th straight conference championship. Genoa won the meet with 139 points to edge the runner-up Eagles by seven points. Otsego was third with 126, and Rossford was fourth with 101.

“I am not going to fault one bit our guys for being ready,” Eastwood head coach Brian Sabo said.

“Our coaching staff did a great job of preparing the team this year. Even this year, there was a serious want within our guys. Our guys wanted (the conference championship) really bad and were dialed in. They gave great effort.”

Eastwood had won all eight NBC championships after winning the final 11 titles in the now-defunct Suburban Lakes League. The SLL morphed into the NBC for the 2011-12 school year with Fostoria and



Athlete: Noah Smith



Coach Brian Sabo congratulating Mason Steele on his PR.

800, 2:08.84 (pr); and the 4x400 relay team of Russell, junior Jake Limes, freshman Noah Haar and Smith, 3:36.36.

Eastwood had five third-place finishes — sophomore Dalton Hesselbart, pole vault, 12-0; senior Ryder Boice, 100, 11.71; junior Cory Jay, 1,600, 4:42.62 (pr); Smith, 300 hurdles, 41.87 (pr); and the 4x800 relay team of senior Jonathon Nassaux, juniors Xander Ramsey and Devin Good, and Russell, 8:37.19 (season best).

The Eagles had season bests in all four relays. “I said today there is nothing that can happen that would not make me love them,” Sabo said. “We got beat by a better team. If we were a disaster, that’s different. We had PRs, that if we have them at the district level, we can move forward. We still had some really solid things happen, and I still love these guys.”

Complete results of the meet are available at:

<https://www.baumspage.com/track/northernbuckeyeconf/2021/Results%20to%20print%20with%20field%20series.pdf>