

## Abbott paces Mustangs at SVSU indoor meet

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Northville senior Chloe Abbott jumped-started her track season March 23 by winning the 200-meter dash at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational indoor meet.

The Purdue University-bound Abbott, a Division 1 state placer last year in the 400 (third) and 200 (seventh), posted a 200 clocking of 25.03 and also teamed up with Yasmin Affes, Mary Catherine McLaughlin and Lindsay Walters for a second in the 4 x 300 relay (2:50.1).

Other top finishers for the Mustang girls included Olivia Harp, third, 3,200 (11:21.93) and sixth, 1,600 (11:21.93); Walters, fourth, 400 (1:00.48); Rachel Zimmer, seventh, 1,600 (5:30.85) and 10th, 3,200 (11:46.87); and Affes, eighth, 400 (1:02.46).

Other competitors for Northville included Savannah Manley, 11th, 400 (1:02.72); Elise Daniel and Daryn Lobingier, tied for 15th, pole vault (7-0 each); Claire Wan, 800 (2:36); Emma Smith, 800 (2:37); Erin McCallum, 60 dash (8.72) and 200 (28.2).

On the boys side, Adam Ghabra led the way with a second in the 200 (22.73) and a fourth in the 60 dash (7.19).

Other top finishers for the Mustang boys included John Hamilton, fourth, high jump (6-0); Max Dadona, sixth, shot out (44 feet, 11.75 inches); and A.J. Abbott, fifth, long jump (20-4.25).

Other top finishers included Giuiano Daniel, 13th, 400 (personal best 53.67); Robbie Kuphal, 17th, 400 (personal best 57.09); Jacob Blackmore, 30th, 1,600 (4:51.15); Evan Ferrante, 35th, 1,600 (4:53.94); Nick Couyoumjian, 36th, 1,600 (4:53.96); and Logan Goering, 57th, 800 (2:17.36).

"We were very pleased with how the kids all competed at the meet," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "For some of them, this was their first high school meet, for others it was their first time running competitively since last year, and for a few others its been non-stop year round.

"It was a good way to begin the season and see where we stand. These early meets provide us with teachable moments, and gives the runners perspective on where they are now and what they need to do to prepare for May and June."

### EMU Huron Relays

In Saturday's Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse, Saline captured the boys team title with 136 points.

Oak Park was runner-up with 90 points, while Grand Blanc and Toledo Whitmer tied for third with 64 each.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central was fifth with 56 points, while Northville was 22nd with four.

CC's top finisher was Shane Joyce in the shot put (47-5), while teammate Chris Bradbury placed fifth (45-8). Northville's Dadona was ninth (44-2).

The Shamrocks' Avery Felty and Scott Smith took third and fourth, respectively in the 1,600 run with times of 4:34.59 and 4:35.05.

Northville's Hamilton tied for sixth in the high jump (5-11).

Other boys participants for the Northville boys included Clay Alexander, 15th, pole vault (10-6); Jonathan Sumac, 15th, long jump; Ryan Drayback, 29th, 1,600 (5:11.23); Andrew Hezemy and Andrew Chouman, 60 dash.

The Mustang girls' 800 relay finished 13th (1:57.49), while Affes and Maggie Bowler competed in the 60 dash.

"The Huron Relays fell over spring break this year, so the majority of our team was unable to participate," Langston said, "but we did have a few dedicated athletes who made it out to Eastern and represented the Mustangs in a fine manner."

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