

Northville girls runner-up in EMU Huron Relays

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Oak Park captures girls title; Saline wins boys crown



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The Northville girls track and field team went indoors March 25 coming up with a runner-up finish in the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University's historic Bowen Fieldhouse.

Oak Park led the 25-school field with 60 points, while Northville edged Troy for second, 46-45.

"We had a solid first showing," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We are still moving some pieces around, trying to figure out where kids fit our team best, but I am confident we have the pieces in place to be special again this spring. The girls will ultimately decide how good they want to be. We have a nice mix of upper and underclassmen who I expect to contribute."

Northville, coming off a third-place finish in last year's MHSAA Division 1 finals, was led individually by senior Cayla Eckenroth, who took runner-up honors in the 1,600-meter run (5:11.86) only behind Troy's Megan Worrel (5:10.56).

Other top individual finishers for the Mustangs included Daryn Lobingier, tied for fourth, pole vault (9 feet, 6 inches); Erin McCallum, sixth, 60 dash (8.29); and Olivia Harp, sixth, 1,600 (5:26.28).

Northville's 800 relay team of Savannah Manley, McCallum, Yasmine Affes and Clare McNamara added a third (1:48.03), while the Mustangs' distance medley relay quartet of Emily Assemany, Affes, Taylor Gattoni and Katie Chevoor placed fourth (13:38.35).

The Mustangs' 3,200 relay team of Harp, Gattoni, Assemany and Eckenroth also placed fourth (1:06.22).

Other individual winners in the girls meet included Tamea McKelvy (Oak Park), 60 dash (7.59); Britten Bowen (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 60 hurdles (8.82). Nadia Gonzalez (Holt), shot put (36-4), Emma Daugherty (Toledo Maumee Valley Country Day), high jump (5-4); Colleen Campbell (Lake Orion), pole vault (10-9); and Angelica Floyd (Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley), long jump (17-11.25).

Oak Park won the 800- and 1,600 relays in 1:41.37 and 4:03.42, respectively, while Troy took the 3,200 relay (9:45.81); Birmingham Seaholm captured the distance medley (13:00.04).

Boys Huron Relays

Saline edged Oak Park for the boys team title, 65.5-61, while Pioneer was a distance third with 28 in the 29-school field.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central placed 13th with 12 points, while Northville finished 19th with sixth.

Catholic Central's Chris Bradbury was runner-up in the shot put with a throw of 48 feet, while Ann Arbor Skyline's Hunter Goodman was first (49.8.5).

CC's Andrew Levens was seventh in the 60 hurdles (8.85), while teammate Mark Borek took seventh in the 1,600 run (4:34.27).

Northville senior Ben Cracraft placed eighth in the 1,600 (4:35.69), while also teaming up Nick Couyoumjian, Robbie Kuphal Evan Ferrante for a fifth in the distance medley (11:12.57).

"I was looking for a bit more competitive fire out our boys on Saturday," Dalton said. "We put together a couple solid performances. I'm very pleased with the way our boys competed in the distance medley relay, but on the other hand we also had some performances where our kids were just going through the motions. That has to be cleaned up. We are big team and we have plenty of kids who would love the opportunity to race at invitationals."

Other individual champions included Connie James (Oak Park), 60 dash (7.04); Allen Stritzinger (Warren DeLaSalle), 60 hurdles (8.29); Phil Robie (Grosse Pointe North), high jump (6-3); Dan Leon (Grosse Pointe North), 15-0; and Trey Bryan (Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep), 20-2.25).

Oak Park captured three of four relays including the 800 (1:32.99), 1,600 (3:28.61) and 3,200 (7:57.21), while Saline was first in the distance medley (11:00.36).



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