



Northville High School Track and Field Program

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4/13/19 Rockford Invitational:

Girls track & field finishes runner up in Rockford

(Rockford, Mich.) The Northville girls track and field team took runner-up honors at the Rockford Invitational on Saturday hosted by Rockford High School.

The host Rams won the meet, scoring 265 points, besting the Mustangs, who finished with a total of 147 points. East Grand Rapids was third with 87.

“It was windy and a bit cold but our team did well,” coach Tim Dalton said. “We like taking our team to a meet a good distance from home for a number of reasons. It’s good to see different competition and we became closer as a team.”

The high jumpers along with senior Melanie Sarafian led the way for the Mustangs. Sarafian won the 100 meter dash in 13.41, the 200 meter dash in 27.52, and anchored the winning 400 relay team as well as the runner-up 800 relay team. Sarah Herring won the high jump with a leap of 4-09 and teammate Kaylee Chirgwin finished second after clearing that same height. Herring had the tie-breaker in her favor.

“Melanie has quickly established herself as a key player on our team,” coach Tim Dalton said. “She’ll be exciting to watch the rest of this season.”

“I’m very happy for our high jumpers,” Dalton continued. “They work really hard and I see a lot of potential in that group.”

The Mustangs also had strong performances from the 3,200 relay of Emily Gordon, Elle Slater, Gina Couyoumjian, and Olivia Harp, who finished runners-up, Abby Dunn (2nd) in the 300 meter hurdles, Dunn (3rd) and Lexi Davenport (4th) in the 100 meter hurdles, Slater (4th) in the 800 meter run, and the 1,600 meter relay teams of Angel McCray, Alia Bournay, Claire Wan, and Dunn, who took runner-up honors, and Couyoumjian, Harp, Gordon, and Brooklyn Stack. Claire Wan finished third in the long jump.

Mustang boys 3rd

Zeeland West won the boys team title with 156 points. Host Rockford was runner-up with 141.5 and the Mustangs were third, scoring 108 points.

Senior Nick Couyoumjian won the 1,600 meter run in 4:31.80 before teaming up with Ty Schembri, Nolan Knight, and Brandon Kearney to win the 1,600 relay. Ben Shuart won the 110-meter hurdles in 15.55.

“Nick and Ben are always going to put out strong efforts” Dalton said. “We need them to score a lot of points this season for our team to find success.”

Other top four finishes for Northville include the 3,200 relay of Alex Beloui, Andrew Lane, Alex Flegal, and Sean McKee and the 800 meter relay of Zack Phillips, Demetri Zervos, Nolan Knight, and Brandon Kearney. Both relays took second place. Knight was runner-up in the 400, Beloui finished third in the 800, Zervos finished third in the long jump, and Eddie Lim took fourth in the shot put.

Photos: Junior Jacob Pichler runs the hurdles at the Rockford Invitational. Girls, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall, and Lexi Davenport run the 100m dash.

