

Girls impressive again in winning Napoleon Invitational



By Kevin Gordon

NAPOLEON — Eastwood's girls track and field team was impressive again Saturday afternoon.

The Eagles scored 117½ points to win the eight-team Napoleon Invitational. They won only two of the 17 events, but capitalized on their depth to win the meet. Eastwood added had four second-place finishes and six third-place finishes. Wauseon was second with 103 points, while Defiance was third with 93½ and Celina was fourth with 89½. Archbold, Bowling Green, Napoleon and Perrysburg also competed in the meet.

Eastwood junior Shelby Getz won the 300 hurdles in 48.95; and the Eagles' 4x100 relay team of Getz, junior Jamie Schmeltz, senior Brianne Kwiatkowski and freshman Felicia Cassaubon won in 52.73.

The Eagles have performed well in all six of their meets this season, including all three invitationals. Eastwood's other invitationals were at Liberty-Benton March 29 and Whitmer April 5.

"I'm really proud of their effort," Eastwood coach Nikki Sabo said. "The field events were the first to compete at 9 a.m., and they got things going. That set the tone for the rest of the day. We had PRs (personal records) and season bests throughout the day."

Eastwood scored in 15 of the 17 events. The top eight finishers in each event scored team points. Points were awarded on a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. Teams could enter as many three athletes in each of the 13 individual events. The four relays had one team from each school.

The Eagles had two of the top seven finishers in four of the five field events, and in two running events. Eastwood even had the third-, sixth- and seventh-place finishers in the long jump.

"That's how you win an invitational," Sabo said. "You have to get as many people as you can into the finals. Once you're in the finals, you can place. You've got to go hard in those prelims and make sure you get people in those finals. That was nice."

Eastwood's Ava Kiefer finished second in the discus and third in the shot put. The freshman threw 100-9 in the discus and 35-1¼ in the shot.

The Eagles' had three other third-place finishes in the field events — Cassaubon in the long jump, 15-4; freshman Maisy Stevenson in the high jump, 4-8; and junior Hannah Limes in the pole vault, 7-0.

Eastwood's other second-place finishers were: Getz in the 100 hurdles, 16.89; Schmeltz in the 200, 26.87; and the 4x400 relay team of Schmeltz, Cassaubon, Stevenson and freshman Mikayla Hoelter, 4:24.35.

Also finishing third for the Eagles' were: senior Shaunna Jubenville, 100 hurdles, 17.83; and Hoelter, 400, 1:06.88.

Complete results of the meet are available at:

<http://www.baumspage.com/track/napoleon/2019/Napoleon%20Wildcat%20Invitational%20Final%20Results.pdf>