

Boys perform well at Whitmer



By Kevin Gordon

TOLEDO — Eastwood High School's boys track and field well performed well again Friday night.

The Eagles won two events and finished second or third in six other events in the 51st Gold W Invitational at Whitmer High School.

Eastwood scored 98 points in the eight-team meet to finish only four points behind runner-up St. John's and two points behind third-place St. John's. Whitmer won with 120. Clay was fourth with 75, followed by Tiffin Columbian 73½, Bedford 58 and Springfield 52½.

"I don't care if we're first or fourth," Eastwood head coach Brian Sabo said. "I just want to see them battle and dive in

against these guys, and run what we can run. We can go anywhere from first to fourth."

Eastwood, based on enrollment, was easily the smallest school in the meet. The Eagles have a young team with 11 freshmen and 12 sophomores.

"We had some really good things happen, Sabo said. "We had some things that didn't go as well as we wanted. You're either going to win or you're going to learn. We're still a young team, but we grew a ton tonight. We weren't afraid of anything. If we were, we got over it. I wanted them to realize they belong here. They belong in this kind of competition. They belong in winning events."



The Eagles have been solid in their four meets this season, including a dual-meet victory over Oak Harbor March 30 and winning the Liberty-Benton Relays April 3. "They pour in, and they believe, and they've been very coachable," Sabo said. "Our coaches have done a great job of constantly teaching. Our guys have embraced everything, and they've been coachable. When you pour in, good things are going to happen. And they want to do well for the team."

At Whitmer, the Eagle throwers had a great night with first-place finishes in the shot put and the discus. The field events were scored as relays. Each school entered three athletes in the field events, and their combined height/distance are used to determine the placings.

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The shot put team of senior Gage Might, junior Nate Heskett and senior Mason Steele won with a distance of 130-6½. Might was first individually at 45-9, while Heskett was fourth at 42-7, and Steele was sixth at 42-2½.

The discus team of Steele, Might and Heskett won with a distance of 328-9. Steele was second with a throw of 124-1.

Eastwood had three second-place finishes.

The distance medley (800-200-400-1,600) team of junior Devin Good, senior Jacob Rowe, and juniors Xander Ramsey and Cory Jay had a time of 8:28.09.

The 4x110 shuttle hurdles team of Might, sophomore Noah Smith, and juniors Andon Mason and Ross Welling had a time of 1:13.00.



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The triple jump team of junior Jake Limes, sophomore Bryce Koprowski-Kistner and senior Connor Oberhouse had a distance of 114-1. Limes was third individually at 38-10, while Koprowski-Kistner was fourth at 38-6.

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Smith had a time of 17.10 in the 110 hurdles.

The 800 sprint medley (100-100-200-400) team of junior Ethan Kwiatkowski, freshman Kaiden Sanchez, senior Zach Kwiatkowski and freshman Caleb Souder had a time of 1:42.18.

The pole vault team of sophomores Dalton Hesselbart, Bryce Hessebart and Wes Johnson had a height of 21-0. Dalton Hesselbart was second individually at 12-0.

Eastwood has two meets this week, hosting Otsego in a Northern Buckeye Conference meet Tuesday and competing in the Napoleon Invitational April 17.

Complete results of the meet are available at:

<https://www.baumspage.com/track/trevent.php?peventid=406&table=C>