

It's Grange, Huertas again

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Senior girl, junior boy continue winning ways for Grafton track and field team at Arrowhead invitational

Familiar talent propelled the Grafton track and field teams in the annual Myrhum Invitational at Arrowhead High School last Friday.

Led by a pair of individual wins from senior Sara Grange, the Grafton girls raced to sixth place out of 19 teams.



Grange won in the 100-meter dash (12.64 seconds) and high jump (5 feet).

The Lady Hawks also got a victory in the 800 relay of Anya Dillahunt, Alina Dillahunt, Katelyn Gallun and Grange (1:46.36).

Rounding out Grafton's scoring efforts were a third in the 1,600 relay of Gallun, Anya Dillahunt, Alina Dillahunt and Grange (4:05.06), fifth from Ashley Tanski in the discus (99-2) and an eighth-place tie from Anya Dillahunt in the 100 dash (13.29).

The Lady Hawks finished with 40.5 points. Arrowhead won the team title with 133.5.

"Sara had an amazing meet against some of the biggest schools in the state," Grafton coach Kevin Kriegel said.

"It was a great performance. I can't say enough about her."

In the boys' portion of the meet, Grafton got 30 of its 38 points from sprinters Erick Huertas and Zach DeBuhr.

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Huertas, a junior, won the 400 dash (49.48) and was second in the 200 dash (22.17).

In the 200, Huertas posted the second-fastest time in the state this season. The fastest time belongs to Green Bay Preble's Jake Wallenfang, who won the race in 21.91.

Huertas also has one of the state's fastest times in the 400.

"Erick has been rising to the occasion. He's showcasing himself as one of the state's best sprinters," Kriegel said.

DeBuhr, a senior, took third in the 100 dash (11.45) and 200 dash (22.78).

The Hawks' other scoring performances came from Jack Howman, who was fifth in the high jump (5-8) and seventh in the 100 dash (11.74), and Jamie Haessly, who was seventh in the 1,600 run (4:41.27).

Preble won the boys' team title with 118 points.

Port boys 4th, Grafton 5th in NSC relays

Distance runners gave the Port Washington boys' track and field team a lift at the North Shore Conference relays at Cedarburg High School on May 1.

On the way to fourth place in the overall standings, the Pirates got a win from the 6,400 relay of Jack Skelton-Miller, Eagan Norman, Nick Michalowski and Jason Marhal (18:54.11).

Taking second for Port was the 3,200 relay of Taylor Godersky, Bill Ernest, Alex Balister and Jack Skelton-Miller (8:31.18).

"Things went pretty well for us," Port boys' coach Mark Pasten said. "We had a number of personal-best times in the running events."

In the 3,200 race, Balister and Skelton-Miller each had personal-best 800-meter times.

The Pirates scored 48 points, edging Cedarburg (45), Grafton (44) and Milwaukee Lutheran (41) in a fight for fourth place. Eighth-place Nicolet had five points.

Homestead won the boys' title with 115 points, followed by Germantown (100) and Whitefish Bay (65.5) in the top three.

Port got third-place finishes from the long-jump trio of Marty Franzkowiak, Tom Rose and Nathan Sleik-Vidmar and the discus trio of Anthony Davis, Josh Reisimer and Skyler Sandlin, and fourths from the distance medley relay of Joe Bortolotti, Nick Gaulke, Ernest and Godersky (11:12.67), the 330 shuttle hurdle relay of Quentin Lueck, Jake Krapfl and Matias Barrientos (51.18) and the shot-put trio of Davis, Reisimer and Sandlin.

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Pasten noted that his team was without junior standout Darius Will, who was sidelined with a knee injury.

"But we still had enough depth to do about as well as we could have with him, which was good to see," Pasten said.

Grafton was led by first-place finishes from the 800 relay of Howman, DeBuhr, Sam Miller and Huertas (1:29.71) and the 800 sprint medley relay of Howman, DeBuhr, Huertas and Patrick Tobianski (1:36.42).

The 800 relay's time is the fastest in the state this season.

The Hawks also got a second from the 1,600 relay of Miller, Zach Greenwood, Tobianski and Huertas (3:24.49), a third from the 6,400 relay of Alec Weinhold, Parker White, Jacob Woolf and

Haessly (19:14.89) and a third-place tie from the pole-vault trio of Sam Hoffman, Greenwood and Jon Lindeman.

Grafton girls get win from 800 relay

Depth was not on the side of the Grafton and Port girls in their portion of the conference relays, but both teams had several high finishes.

Grafton was led by a win from the 800 relay of Anya Dillahunt, Alina Dillahunt, Katelyn Gallun and Grange (1:46.45).

The Hawks got a second from the 400 relay of Anya Dillahunt, Alina Dillahunt, Hannah Weber and Grange (51.4).

Taking third for Grafton were the 1,600 relay of Weber, Megan Pawlak, Katie Boehm and Gallun (4:17.06), the 6,400 relay of Elise White, Amber Ducheny, Chloe Lichosik and Rachel Ruona (23:39.44), the high-jump trio of Grange, Tori Alexander and Gallun and the discus team of Tanski, Stephanie Haebig and Alicia Magritz.

Port's top finishes were seconds from the 1,600 relay of Kristina Rossi, Bianca Benkley, Sydney Greisch and Natalie Bozikowski (4:16.36) and the 6,400 relay of Brianna Krejci, Brianna Ahner, Brenna Russell and Benkley (23:34.34).

Taking fourth for the Pirates in the shot put and discus was the team of Tonyia Murar, Kayla McIlree and Mikayla Schowalter.

Port girls' coach Joe Adamak singled out the effort of his 6,400 relay, which came from behind to secure runner-up honors.

This week, the Port boys will return to Cedarburg on Thursday for the Bulldog Invitational at 4 p.m.

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The Grafton boys and girls were scheduled to participate in the Burling Invitational in Menomonee Falls on Tuesday and host the Black Hawk Invitational at 4 p.m. Friday.

The Port girls' next meet will be the Black Hawk Invitational.

On May 14, Port and Grafton will travel to Germantown for the conference outdoor meet at 4 p.m.

Image Information: SMOOTH EXCHANGES, including one between Zach DeBuhr (left) and Erick Huertas, helped the Grafton boys to a first-place finish in the 800-meter sprint medley race the North Shore Conference relays last week. Photo by Sam Arendt