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Grafton sprinter leads local boys to sectionals; Benkley wins for Port girls

Grafton's Erick Huertas won a pair of events to lead the list of local sectional qualifiers in WIAA Division 1 regional track and field meets Monday.

Huertas, a sophomore, won the 200-meter dash (21.69 seconds) and 400 dash (48.63) in the boys' portion of the Cedarburg Regional.



Also advancing for the Grafton boys with top-four finishes were seconds by Jamie Haessly in the 1,600 run (4:40.24), the 1,600 relay of Sam Miller, Alex Gall, Patrick Tobianski and Huertas (3:26.36) and the 3,200 relay of Zach Greenwood, Haessly, Alex Weinhold and Tobianski (8:38.14); thirds by Patrick White in the 3,200 run (10:17.85), Jack Howman in the high jump (5 feet, 8-1/2 inches), Sam Hoffman in the pole vault (11-6-1/2) and the 800 relay of Howman, Gall, Miller and Zach DeBuhr (1:32.48); and fourths by Weinhold in the 1,600 run (4:43.84) and Despot Gligorevic in the discus (118-7).

The Grafton boys placed fourth out of eight teams with 88.5 points. Homestead was first with 126.5 points.

The Grafton girls were led by senior Sara Grange, who won the high jump (5-2-1/2) and was second in the 200 dash (24.97) and third in the 400 dash (58.74).

The Lady Hawks got a second from the 1,600 relay of Kaitlyn Gallun, Anya Dillahun, Hannah Weber and Grange (4:03.38).

Grafton's other sectional-qualifying efforts were thirds by Rachel Ruona in the 3,200 run

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(12:03.19), Cathy Brunette in the high jump (5-1/2), Ashley Tanski in the discus (105-3) and the 3,200 relay of Megan Pawlak, Ruona, Kylie Longoria and Katie Boehm (10:15.85) and fourths by Elise White in the 3,200 run (12:25.55), Weber in the 300 hurdles (49.05) and the 800 relay of Anya Dillahunt, Alina Dillahunt, Weber and Gallun (1:46.82).

The Grafton girls placed sixth out of eight teams with 82 points. Milwaukee King was first with 146 points.

Grafton qualifiers will participate in the Sussex Hamilton Sectional on Thursday, May 23.

Benkley win leads Port qualifiers

Senior Bianca Benkley's win in the 1,600 run (5:39.93) was the top finish for the Port Washington girls' team at the Beaver Dam Regional on Monday.

The Pirates' other sectional-qualifying efforts were a second by Natalie Bozikowski in the 400 dash (1:02.28) and thirds by Brianna Krejci in the 3,200 run (11:57.81) and the 1,600 relay of Kristina Rossi, Kristen Smith, Sydney Greisch and Bozikowski (4:12.84).

The Port girls placed eighth with 42 points. West Bend West was first with 214 points.

The Port boys had 10 sectional-qualifying performances.

Placing second were Jake Krapfl in the 110 hurdles (16.21), Marty Franzkowiak in the 100 dash (11.66), Darius Will in the triple jump (42-2) and Jason Marhal in the 3,200 run (10:08.76).

Also advancing were thirds by Jack Skelton-Miller in the 1,600 run (4:39.49), James Klotz in the triple jump (42-1), Eagan Norman in the 3,200 run (10:11.14) and the 3,200 relay of Norman, Bill Ernest, Taylor Godersky and Joe Bortolotti (8:25.88) and fourths by Will in the high jump (5-11) and Derek Haley in the pole vault (12-0).

The Port boys scored 106 points, good for fourth. Fond du Lac won the team title with 184 points.

Port's qualifiers will participate in the Oshkosh North Sectional on Thursday, May 23.

Dieringer shines for Ozaukee girls

Ozaukee's Jessika Dieringer advanced to the sectionals in all four of her events at a Division 3 girls' regional in Princeton on Monday.

The sophomore won the 100 dash (13.17) and was third in the 400 dash (1:02.19) and long

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jump (14-11-3/4) and fourth in the 200 dash (28.14).

The Ozaukee girls' other qualifier was Lisa Gensrick, who was third in the high jump (4-7).

The Warriors were fifth out of nine teams with 36 points. St. Mary's Springs was first with 181 points.

Advancing for the Ozaukee boys were second-place finishes by Josh Werner in the high jump (5-11) and the 800 relay of Noah Petersen, Zach Vogt, Elijah Mabry and Kaleb Mabry (1:40.67) and a fourth by the 400 relay of Mark Shiningar, Collin Stageman, Elijah Mabry and Kaleb Mabry (48.8).

The Ozaukee boys had 40 points, good for seventh out of nine teams. St. Mary's Springs was first with 220 points.

The Warriors will participate in the Princeton Sectional on Thursday.

Chier's double win leads Rockets

Sophomore Aaron Chier won the 100 dash (11.39) and 200 dash (22.89) to lead the Cedar Grove-Belgium boys' team in a Division 2 regional at Valders on Monday.

The Rockets' other sectional-qualifying finishes were a first by Logan Peterson in the triple jump (43-9) and fourths by Alex Giles in the 100 dash (11.71) and 200 dash (23.59).

Cedar Grove-Belgium finished ninth in the team standings with 48 points. Chilton was first with 124 points.

The Cedar Grove-Belgium girls' top finish came from Tammi Del Ponte, who won the 3,200 run (12:20.66).

Also advancing for the Rocket girls were a second by the 3,200 relay of Jericho Duenk, Lily Paul, Del Ponte and Molly Ison (10:11.28), third by Ison in the 800 run (2:29.9) and fourths by Paul in the 1,600 run (5:51.89) and the 1,600 relay of Jolene Deppiesse, Paul, Duenk and Ison (4:22.2).

The Cedar Grove-Belgium girls scored 43 points, good for sixth out of nine teams. Sheboygan Falls was first with 175 points.

The Rockets will participate in the Little Chute Sectional on Thursday.

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Image Information: GRAFTON SENIOR Sara Grange cleared 5 feet, 2-1/2 inches to win the high jump in a WIAA Division 1 regional meet at Cedarburg on Monday. The victory was one of four sectional-qualifying finishes for Grange, who also placed second in the 200-meter dash and third in the 400 dash and was part of a second-place 1,600 relay team.

Photo by Sam Arendt