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Warriors squeak past Eastbrook Academy to grab top honors in six-team meet at Cedar Grove-Belgium

The Ozaukee girls' track team eked out a rare victory in a six-team meet Monday at Cedar Grove-Belgium.

The Warriors scored 106.5 points to finish just ahead of Eastbrook Academy's 106 and the host Rockets' 100.

Washington County Homeschool had 73.5 points, followed by Howards Grove with 68 and Dedicated Athletes School at Home (DASH) with 18.

Ozaukee coach Chris Weavers said it was the team's first win in a big meet in "quite some time."

In the boys' portion of the meet, Ozaukee took second with 135 points, trailing Howards Grove (151.67). The rest of the field was Cedar Grove-Belgium (117), Eastbrook Academy (39), Washington County Homeschool (20) and DASH

(16.33).

“We really didn’t have a ton of personal records, but everyone seemed to run, throw, or jump well enough to bring home the gold,” Weavers said of the girls.

Ozaukee’s individual wins came from Hillary Johnson in the 100-meter dash (14.13 seconds) and Emily Utecht in the high jump (4 feet, 2 inches).

The Warriors also got firsts from the 400 relay team of Johnson, Katie Frank, Hailey Bares and Kylie Watry (58.67); the 1,600 relay of Nicola Zanker, Caitlin Siesco, Darien Boyer and Sarah Brown (4:43.01); and the 3,200 relay of Siesco, Zanker, Emily Thome and Brown (11:53.21).

The Ozaukee boys’ wins came from Derek Richter in the 1,600 run (5:03.44), Noah Stahl in the high jump (5-8) and Alex Krief in the shot put (39-8-1/2).

Cedar Grove-Belgium coach Steve Moore took it easy with his teams, which were participating in their fourth meet in eight days.

Star runner Josh Mulloy sat out due to a hip injury, and most of the rest of the girls and boys only took part in one event each.

The Cedar Grove-Belgium girls got first-place finishes from Marina Paul in the 3,200 run (12:35.9), Kiera Depies in the 1,600 run (5:57.1), Jessica Meinen in the 800 run (2:42.5), Erika Meinen in the 400 dash (1:08.8) and the 800 relay of Carina
Deppiesse, Aylin Birlik, Ashley Tarvas and Jackie Bruggink (2:01.9).

The Rocket boys were led by wins from Cameron Krief in the discus (122-10), Zach Lyons in the triple jump (38-4) and the 800 relay of Derek Lopez, Matt Bornheimer, Christian O’Donnell and Zac Garza (1:41.2).

With several of his top athletes sidelined, Moore was pleased with his squads’ performances.

“The younger kids got a chance to come out here and do something, show what they can do,” he said.

Rockets hang tough at Marshall

The Cedar Grove-Belgium boys held their own in the challenging Marshall Cardinal Invitational last Saturday.

The Rockets finished third among 11 teams with 96 points, trailing only Lake Mills (144) and Lomira (104).

The Cedar Grove-Belgium girls finished seventh with 50 points. Lakeside Lutheran won the girls' title with 194.5 points.

"We came in a lot more focused knowing that was the first big meet of the year," Moore said. "Our times definitely got better. It brings out the best of them."

Joel Merritt won the 800 run (2:06.65), and Zac Garza won the 200 dash (24.48).

Placing second for the Rockets were Merritt in the 1,600 run (4:37.53), Mulloy in the 3,200 run (10:13.15), Krief in the discus (126-7), the 800 relay of Tyler Garcia, Nate Drewry, Andrew Leick and Derek Lopez (1:37.46) and the 1,600 team of T.J. DuMez, Garcia, Garza and Bornheimer (3:41.56).

The Rockets got thirds from DuMez in the 800 run (2:09.0), Mulloy in the 1,600 run (4:43.53) and Jesse Anderson in the high jump (5-8).

The Cedar Grove-Belgium girls, again hurt by a lack of athletes in field events, had one first-place finish. Paul won the 1,600 run (5:42.97).

Depies took second in the 800 run (2:35.25) and the 1,600 relay of Bruggink, Depies, Tammi Del Ponte and Paul was third (2:35.55).

Erika Meinen took fourth in the 800 run (1:05.48).

CG-B teams 2nd in triangular

Moore used a three-team meet at Kohler on April 15 as a tune-up for last Saturday.

Kohler won the boys' competition with 60 points. The Rockets scored 55 points, and Elkhart Lake had 38.

Kohler took the girls meet with 88 points. The Rockets scored 42 points, and

Elkhart Lake had 21.

Ozaukee grabs runner-up honors

The Ozaukee girls' and boys' squads each finished second in a triangular meet at Howards Grove on April 15.

The girls had 56 points. Sheboygan Lutheran was first with 78 points, and Howards Grove was third with 30.

The boys scored 57.5 points, trailing Howards Grove (72) and beating Lutheran (42).

Placing first for the Ozaukee girls were McConnell in the discus (87-4), Johnson in the long jump (15-2) and 100 dash (13.2), the 3,200 relay (12:17.0), 1,600 relay (5;28.2) and 400 relay (59.4).

The boys' wins came from Krief in the discus (127-11) and shot put (42-2-3/4), Stahl in the high jump (5-7) and 200 dash (25.0) and the 400 relay (49.8).

This week, the Warriors will host a triangular meet on Thursday. Cedar Grove-Belgium will participate in the DePere Invitational on Saturday.

NOAH STAHL of Ozaukee raced to a third-place finish in the boys' high hurdles at a meet in Cedar Grove-Belgium on Monday. Photo by Sam Arendt