

Boys claim second cross country title



HARTINGTON — Two meets, two victories for the Hartington-Newcastle boys cross country team.

The team defeated the second place team, Winnebago, by 45 points, with five of the six varsity members finishing in the medals.

Brian Santiago, 17:03, led most of the race setting a new course record in the process.

Santiago had set the previous record, 17:27 in 2014. Santiago, working his kick at the end of race, passed the golf cart that was acting as the pacing vehicle.

“That is where he starts picking up speed,” coach Mandy Hochstein said. “The straight away right before hole eight is where he passed it. He decided that was his speed and went around the cart.”

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GV's Nelson, North Central's Erickson Take Race Honors



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Boys' Race

Hartington-Newcastle's Noah Noecker, left, and Brian Santiago run just ahead of North Central's Colin Erickson early in the varsity boys' race of the Bon Homme Invitational cross country meet, held on Monday at Bon Homme Country Club. Erickson won, with Santiago second and Noecker third as Hartington-Newcastle won the team title.

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TYNDALL – The Hartington-Newcastle Wildcats are “doing what we’re expecting them to do,” according to head coach Mandy Hochstein.

And this season, that is running very well.

The Wildcats swept team honors at the Bon Homme Invitational cross country meet, held Monday at Bon Homme Country Club.

The Hartington-Newcastle girls finished 3-4-5-6 as they beat Gayville-Volin 12-26. North Central was third at 27.

“Addison Peitz (3rd, 22:26) was our fourth runner coming into the season. Now she’s starting to lead us,” Hochstein said. “Allie (Rosener, 4th, 22:38) has got speed at the end – she always looks like she’s fresh. Karli (McCain, 5th, 22:44) is a strong leader – she gets us out of the box. Anna Burbach (6th, 22:50) hangs right in there with them.”

Gayville-Volin junior Laura Nelson won the 5,000-meter event in 20:42. North Central’s Megan Erickson was second in 21:37.

“We wanted to go out hard, keep running strong and finish hard,” Nelson said. “We like to call it a ‘sandwich’ run.”

The Raiders had Genevieve Clark in seventh (23:02), Lanny Clark (25:15) in 20th and Megan Hirsch (25:35) in 23rd. Nelson said that the team is progressing toward its goal.

“We feel great. The girls are motivated. Everyone is excited,” she said. “Come the ‘reason for the season,’ (state), we’ll be ready.”

On the boys’ side, Hartington-Newcastle runners finished 2-3-5-8 on the way to an easy victory. Platte-Geddes and Creighton finished second and third, each with 39 points. Marty was fourth at 47 points.

“Brian (Santiago, 2nd, 18:04) runs with his heart. He always has,” Hochstein said. “Noah (Noecker, 3rd, 18:34) is on his coattails all the time. There will come a time when Noah will get Brian, but it won’t be easy.”

Jared Fuelberth placed fifth in 19:04 and Seth Wiebelhauis was eighth in 19:38 for the Wildcats. Jay Reifenrath and Jesse Kruse, who placed 13th and 14th on the day, also impressed Hochstein.

“My stars today are our fifth and sixth runners,” she said. “They ran some of the best races they have. We’re going to need our fifth and sixth runners as much as we need our first four.”

First place in the boys' race went to North Central's Colin Erickson, who conquered the 5,000-meter course in 17:54. After battling Santiago for much of the race, Erickson pulled away in the final 1,000 meters to claim victory.

Erickson claimed the title with a little bit of a cat-and-mouse game.

"I'd actually try to pull ahead, then take it easy for a little bit and let him take the lead," he said. "I had to hope that the speed work I did this summer would pay off. For whatever reason, I managed to pull it out."

Erickson, 20th in a senior-dominated Nebraska Class D race a season ago, is also hoping that work pays off in a shot at the state title.

"As far as state, I think it will be interesting," he said. "This year it's going to be a battle to get that state title."

Hartington-Newcastle is also eyeing some hardware next month in Kearney.

"Our boys tied for third last year (at state track), and their level of competitiveness has improved this year," Hochstein said. "They know they've got a chance of doing great things."