

A Night Full Of Records

Liberty Track Finshes Ahead Of Jerome

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Olentangy Liberty girls and boys track and field team won their first home meet of the 2023 season against Dublin Jerome on Tuesday, April 11. It was a long warm night with the meet starting at 5pm and not ending till the boys 4x400 finished up at 9:30. It was Liberty's senior night so the seniors were announced on the field with the parents and had quotes by them being read throughout the meet.

The Liberty girls took the top five spots in the 100m dash and also had a collective of 13 personal records. Sophia Sampson led Liberty with a time of 12.50 and Lillian Sylvia led Jerome in with a time of 13.84. Liberty's Sampson, Kennedy Elfers, and Natalie Nichols took the top three spots in the 200m dash and the team also had 12 more personal records. Jerome's Ava Watson won the 400m dash with a personal record of 1:00.10 and Liberty's Nichols came in second with another personal record time of 1:01.94. There were 15 Liberty personal records in the girls 400. In the girls 800m run Liberty Freshman Bridget Snider came in first with a person record by 10 seconds of 2:21.68. Jerome's Abbie McBrearty had a personal record of 2:26.57 finishing in second place. Freshman Becca Henry got a personal record in the 1600m run of 5:47.24 scoring second place for Liberty. Julia Bockenstette got a personal record of 11:33.77 in the 3200m

run, winning first place for Liberty. Liberty's Maria Stack won second place in the 100m hurdles and first place in the 300m hurdles, getting a personal record in both races. Liberty girls also won the 4x100m relay and 4x800m relay.

Liberty Freshman Grisha Yelisetty said, "It was really fun, the weather was nice, and I had a really great time."

The Liberty boys took the first two spots in the 100m dash, with Nick Bradley getting a personal record of 11.17 and scoring first. In the 400m dash Liberty's Wesley Noeth got a personal record of

51.80, winning first place. Jaxson Eckert set a personal record with a time of 1:54.75 in the 800m run, winning first place for Liberty. Liberty's Zeid Rabi set a personal record of 10:02.41 in the 3200m run, scoring first. In the 300m hurdles, Liberty's Andrew Kerscher set a personal record of 42.45 and won first place. The Liberty boys also won the 4x100, 200, and 400m relay. Liberty's Jacob Weaver won first place and set a personal record of 13'6 in pole vault.

The Liberty girls won a score of 83.5-53.5 and the Liberty boys won with a score of 81-56.

Liberty Freshman Madden Bailey said, "It was a great night I would say for the whole team. Everyone did really good and we had a lot of PR's in running events and field events."



To the left is a photo of the Olen-tangy Liberty High School stadium. It was illuminated under the lights as the meet between Liberty and Jerome went on. Photo courtesy of Ali Amelung.