

Dover boys win second straight CC track title

ASHLAND — The Dover Tornado boys held off New Philadelphia in the final event to lock up their second straight Cardinal Conference track and field championship here Saturday.

In the girls' meet, Ashland was first while Dover took third and New Philadelphia fourth.

Dover held a slim 64-61 lead entering the boys' mile relay finale, where the Tornado quartet of Greg Arbogast, John Feutz, John Craig and Dan Hurst took first in 3:35.7.

That gave Dover a total of 70 team points compared with 65 for the Quakers, who were second in the mile relay.

A New Philadelphia first and a Dover third in that event would have left the two teams tied for the top spot. Mansfield Madison was third with 56 points, Ashland fourth with 46 and Wooster fifth with 16.

"OUR KIDS rose to the occasion,"

praised Coach Jim Herman of the Tornadoes.

"The turning point for us was that we did well in the field events and got an excellent performance from Bill Lieser in the two-mile run."

Lieser, a junior, was a surprise winner in the two-mile, pacing the next-to-last event with a time of 10:24 — his best of the season. Brothers Matt and Brad Whitis of New Philadelphia finished second and third, respectively.

"The Lieser boy really came through for them," said New Philadelphia mentor Denny Edwards. "That's the first time he's beaten the Whitises this year."

Dover had five firsts and six seconds

en route to the championship compared with five firsts and three seconds for the Quakers.

Other firsts for the Tornadoes were by Fran Brogan in the shot put, Dan Van Epps in the long jump and the 440 relay unit of Arbogast, Hurst, Chris Mills and Jeff Margletta.

EDWARDS KNEW entering the meet his team's top sprinter, Blake Bailey, was a large question mark because of a pulled hamstring muscle. Bailey tried to run the anchor in the 440 relay and was leading when his leg gave out again.

"Blake deserves a lot of credit for just trying to run," Edwards said. "It hurt us not to have him healthy, but you can't take anything away from Dover. They had some great performances."

Recording firsts for New Philadelphia were Todd Dummermuth in the pole vault, Doug Gibbs in the high hurdles, Eric Lukens in the mile, Nick

Bogan in the 880 and the two-mile relay team of Shalovsky, Lukens, Tony Green and Dave Glass with a meet record time of 8:20.8.

ASHLAND WITHSTOOD Wooster's victory in the mile relay and its own third-place finish to capture the CC girls' championship 65½ to 64.

Dover set the only meet record Saturday and finished third in the team standings with 53½ points. New Philadelphia was fourth with 39 and Madison fifth with 28.

Kristen Herman, Oldean Jean-Charles, Laura Hasteed and Christi Wallace combined to lead Dover to victory in the two-mile relay in a 10:19.2 clocking.

"I was very pleased with our girls," Dover coach Rick Staley said. "With the exception of a couple of areas, we did the best we can do."

He praised sophomore Pam Randolph for garnering seconds in the 100

and running on the second-place 880 relay, while Herman was second in the 880 and ran on the winning two-mile relay team and the 880 unit. Jean-Charles finished second in the 400 and was on the 880 relay team.

NEW PHILADELPHIA girls' coach Pat Veltri was naturally disappointed.

"I didn't feel going in that we would do well," he said.

"Ginelle Hunter only got to high jump and Lita Hasselbach ran in only two events. We had our top six or seven girls either scratched or hurt. We've never had that many injuries in the five years combined that I've coached at New Philadelphia."

Hunter, recovering from mononucleosis, still won the high jump at 5-2, tying her school record for the third time.

Hasselbach won the mile run in 5:39 and placed third in the two-mile at 12:56.9.



LIESER