**Brookville takes down Punxsy 88-62 in dual meet action**

The Punxsy boys track and field team came up on the short end of an 88-62 decision against the host Brookville Raiders on Tuesday afternoon despite some fine performances turned in by several members of the Chucks. Punxsy was strongest in the throws, sprints and relays, combining for a 47-22 advantage in those event disciples, in contrast to the jumps, hurdles and distances events that showed a resounding 66-15 advantage for Brookville. “Brookville has some nice athletes, especially in the jumps, sprints and hurdle races,” said Punxsy boys head coach George Wehrle. “Antonio Stello got us a couple hard-fought wins in the sprints, but other than that we were outmatched in those events.”

Stello recorded outstanding times considering the weather conditions in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes, winning both by thin margins over Brookville’s Bryan Dworek. “Antonio has really improved as a junior, especially in the 200,” said Wehrle. “He’s in the conversation as to who’s the fastest runner in the district for sure.”

Matthew Wehrle ran a quick 400 to win by a couple seconds with a time of 54.71, with Kevin Ingros picking up a third in that event as well. “Brookville moved their state champion 400 meter runner Ryan Thrush to the distance events today, giving us an opportunity to do well in the longest sprint race,” said Wehrle. “Unfortunately, Thrush is also a state medalist in cross country and was able to score wins in the 1600, 800 and 3200 meter runs against some of our top guys.”

Finishing second to Thrush were Owen Bartlebaugh in the 1600, Jacob Ward in the 800 and Ethan Brentham in the 3200. “Owen, Jacob and Ethan all did well, pretty much leading the way until Thrush kicked past for the wins,” said Wehrle.

Ethan May picked up another point for Punxsy by placing third in the 3200 meter run, and Bartlebaugh chipped in with a third of his own in the 800.

Despite not placing in the 300 hurdles, Ty Knarr had a nice performance in fourth with a time of 47.75, as did Evan Humble in seventh at 51.28.

Punxsy fared well in the relays, with Brentham, Ingros, May and Wehrle winning by almost 100 meters in 9:33.66. The 4x100 meter relay team of Alex Gianvito, Stone Smith, Stello and Jake Pearce turned in a fine time of 45.49 to finish just a couple strides behind the host team, while in the final race of the day Ward held off a furious Brookville challenge in the final straightaway to clip the tape in 3:48.82. Wehrle, Pearce and Evan States all ran strong legs to put Ward in position to pull of his heroics in the closing meters.

Ben Presloid turned in a career-best jump in the pole vault by scaling 10-3 to place second in that event, with Alex London doing the same to place third in the triple jump with a distance of 34’9”. “Our jumpers performed well today and that’s all you can ask,” said Wehrle. “I was impressed with the depth Brookville showed in multiple events despite our being the bigger school.”

Matt Greenblatt secured a nice win in the shot put with his best throw ever as he tossed the steel ball 40’3”. Freshman Logan Howard had a big seasonal best to place third in 35’6”. “Matt and Logan threw exceptionally well, as did Dan Greenawalt and Mack Hanley,” said Wehrle.

Senior Chris Pearce won the discus in 101’5”, with freshman Jacob Bellerillo coming in third at 93’11”. “Chris is pretty dependable for us in the discus, and it’s nice to see another freshman scoring points for us in a varsity meet,” said Wehrle.

Senior Ethan Riley, still recovering from an early-season leg injury, turned his talents to the javelin and won the event with a throw of 132’6”. Fellow javelin newcomer Caleb Bender placed second in 118’6”, and Hanley rounded out the scoring by placing third in 108’7”.

“The sweep of the javelin was a pleasant surprise, and looking at the complete results we have four more athletes closing in on 100 feet,” said Wehrle. “Hopefully the competition among teammates will make everyone better in the long run.”

Punxsy returns to Brookville on Saturday for the annual Brookville Invitational.

Complete Results:

**Brookville 88; Punxsy 82**

4x800 Meter Relay: Punxsy (Brentham, Ingros, May, M. Wehrle)9:33.66; Brookville 9:51.42

110 Meter Hurdles: Singleton(B)17.75; Olson(B)18.52; Hooven(B)19.90

100 Meter Dash: Stello(P)11.55; Dworek(B)11.69; Frank(B)11.99

1600 Meter Run: R. Thrush(B)4:53.06; Bartlebaugh(P)5:02.85; Roseman(B)5:22.48

4x100 Meter Relay: Brookville (McGranor, Dworek, I. Thrush, Frank)45.29; Punxsy 45.49

400 Meter Dash: Wehrle(P)54.71; Matheny(B)56.99; Ingros(P)60.15

300 Meter Hurdles: Ray(B)43.56; Olson(B)45.36; Singlton(B)46.15

800 Meter Run: R.Thrush(B)2:05.59; Ward(P)2:12:45; Bartlebaugh(P)2:22.95

200 Meter Dash: Stello(P)23.51; Dworek(B)23.73; I. Thrush(B)24.61

3200 Meter Run: R. Thrush(B)10:40.51; Brentham(P)10:47.18; May(P)12:02.35

4x400 Meter Relay: Punxsy (Ward, States, J. Pearce, M. Wehrle)18:34.31; Brookville18.34.56

Shot Put: Greenblatt(P)40’3’’; Hooven(B)37’9’’; Howard(P)35’6’’

Discus: C. Pearce(P)101’5’’; Hooven(B)97’11’’; Jacob Bellerillo(P)93’11’’

Javelin: Riley(P) 132’6’’; Bender(P)118’6’’; Hanley(P)108’7’’

High Jump: Ray(B)5’8’’; Coffey(B)5’6’’; Hooven(B)5’0’’

Pole Vault: Gilbert(B)11’3’’; Presloid(P)10’3’’; Wildeson(B)9’9’’

Long Jump: Dworek(B)20’9’’; Coffey(B)19’7’’; Ray(B)19’3’’

Triple Jump: Coffey(B)39’11’’; Hooven(B)37’7’’; A. London(P)34’9’’