

Saints Track & Field Compete at Don Church Twilight Meet

Dylan Zimmerman
dzimmerman@css.edu

The College of St. Scholastica men's track & field team, as well as the women's track & field team, made their way down to Wheaton College (Ill.) this past weekend for their first competitive outdoor meet of the year in the Don Church Twilight meet. The women's team placed fifth in the 14-team competition, while the men placed ninth.

The Saints women's team competed without leader Casey Hovland, who was in action at the Mt. SAC Relays in Los Angeles, California. She ran a time of 16:47.94 in the 5000m run, breaking the previous program record set in 2007 by 46 seconds. The time put her fifth of all NCAA Division III runners competing this season.

As far as the Saints competing in Wheaton, sophomore Natalie St. Marie and junior Emily Conley stood atop the podium after tossing shot put lengths of 38'3.5" and 36'1.5", respectively. Conley also snagged another runner-up finish in the discus with a throw of 114'10". Senior Sammi Argir placed fourth in the long jump with a length of 16'5" and placed sixth in both the 100m dash and the 200m dash.

Breanna Shofner, Anika Kling, and Mel Avinon all had notable finishes in the 400m dash. Shofner led the trio with a third place finish in the event at a time of 1:01.53. Kling finished roughly a second behind in fourth place with a time of 1:02.50. Avinon placed seventh in the final to also score for the Saints with

Baseball

Continued from Page 1

The nightcap would tell a similar story. The bats stayed hot and the CSS seniors led by example in game two, as Steven Neutzling, the CSS Male Athlete of the Year, and Drew Colvard, the John Baggs Sportsman of the Year, combined for four hits and 6 RBIs to help keep the offensive surge going. Shortstop Joey Zwak knocked in two of his own, while Braydon Hanson finished with three hits and three RBIs. With another strong pitching performance, this time from Aidan Zurn and Nick Peterson, the Saints sent the Cougars home to their den embarrassed with an 18-2 loss.

The Knights of Martin Luther would give it their best try on Sunday to slow down the Saints, but that effort would be in vain. In game 1, the Saints scored 12 runs on 15 hits, and Dallas Miller took care of business on the mound to help the pitching staff shutout Martin Luther, resulting in a 12-0 victory. Neutzling was brilliant once again at the plate, driving in three runs on three hits. Colvard managed to pick up another two hits, and Zwak drove in two more RBIs on three hits. Aaron Weber, hitting for the pitcher, had a solid game one with three hits

a time of 1:04.05. Shofner also had a top-ten finish in the 200m dash with a time of 27.05.

Sophomore Katelynn Gullickson took 11th in the 800m finals with a final time of 2:29.74, while fellow sophomore Aria Plewa took 14th for CSS in the 1500m run. Freshman Melissa Geisenhof took 11th in the pole vault competition with a height of 8'7.5".

On the men's side of things at Wheaton, freshman runner Isaac Boedigheimer led the charge with a second place finish in the 5000m run. The Eagan graduate Ryan Steger placed fifth in the 800m run with a time of 1:56.52, roughly four-tenths of a second off the third place time. Two more fifth place finishes were earned by Frank Cerar, who finished the 110m hurdles in 17.28 and the 400m hurdles in a time of 1:02.59.

Fifth place seemed to be the theme for a majority of the Saints as junior Donovan Blatz also placed in the five spot in the long jump as he cleared over 20 feet.

Three freshman placed in other field events as well for the Saints. Joe Guimond took 10th in the javelin throw with a high throw of 37.60 meters. Wyatt Helgeson placed 13th in the high jump finals with a cleared height of 5'5.75". Lastly, Jake Bonasera placed 14th in the shot put with a toss of 36'2".

The Saints will be back in action at the Cobber Twilight on Wednesday in Moorhead and then head back home to compete in the Bulldog open on Saturday to close out the regular season.

and an RBI.

While Martin Luther did actually make the scoreboard operator do some work in the second game, it would be more of the same for the Saints. Jake Sande picked up his first win of the year with six strong innings of work, and Peterson and Jake Turner helped close the door on Martin Luther's offense that only scored two runs the whole day. Neutzling, who has now reached base in 54 consecutive games, kept it going with another three hits and four RBIs. Colvard, now rocking a 22-game hitting streak, grabbed two more hits and an RBI, and Zwak collected three more RBIs. Weber, playing left field this time, managed to score three times in game two as well.

For Aaron Weber and the Saints, it felt good to not only get out and run around on the home turf, but to also show up and play the way they did in a 61-run weekend.

"It was really nice to get out on Wade for the first time this year and be able to see balls fly a bit, especially on the offensive side," Weber said. "We've been waiting to get out there and hit for a while now, so I think that as we start to play more games guys will continue to get better at the plate."

Fossum, who had an astonishing walk-off bunt earlier in the week against Northwestern, is proud of how

Softball Splits with Martin Luther, Sweeps Northland

Joe Stark
jstark@css.edu

The College of St. Scholastica's softball team has done everything in its power to get its games in during this chaotic spring. This past week the Saints took to the soccer field turf on Saints Field to take on Martin Luther College and Northland College.

CSS played Martin Luther on Sunday with the first game of the doubleheader being played at 11 am. This was a scheduled home game for Martin Luther, but because their field was too wet from all the snow the game was moved to Duluth because of the availability of the turf.

The Saints gave the ball to senior pitcher Heidi Shelton in game one as she tried for her fourth win of the season. The Saints hosted the games, but were the guests in both so they batted in the top half of each inning and they wasted no time jumping on the Knights. Senior shortstop and leadoff hitter Alexa Bremer took the second pitch she saw and hit it into right center for a leadoff triple. Freshman utility player Hannah Thul would drive her in on a fielder's choice the very next at bat.

The Saints went quietly the rest of the inning, but got the sticks going again in the third. Thul led things off for Scholastica in the third reaching on a Martin Luther error. Senior center fielder Cindi Rydlund then doubled down the third base line to advance Thul to third and set the stage for the Saints leader in runs batted in (RBIs), Maggie Schley. Schley, a junior pitcher/ infielder, singled to right field which was enough to score Thul and Rydlund. Another Martin Luther error allowed Schley to end up on third base and sophomore catcher Toni Bishop knocked her in with a groundout to the shortstop.

The three-run third put the Saints up 4-0 and would be all Shelton needed to record her fourth win of the season. The Knights would score one in the third, but the Saints got the run back in the top of the fourth making it 5-1 after four innings. Martin Luther scored again in the fifth and sixth but Shelton closed the door in the seventh and the Saints won

5-3. Schley's key hit gave her two RBIs, and Bremer went 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Shelton had three strikeouts, three walks, and allowed three runs in her seven innings of work.

Game two was put in the capable hands of Schley. After a scoreless first inning, Schley came to the plate looking to help her own cause and she did that in a big way. Schley got a 1-0 pitch right in her wheelhouse and sent a big blast over the right center field fence giving CSS a 1-0 lead. Schley worked a clean bottom half of inning number two and the Saints gave her some help in the top of the third. Freshman infielder Josie Fourre got things started with a leadoff single. Then sophomore Lily Kagan used a sacrifice bunt to advance Fourre to second. After Bremer was robbed of a hit, Thul singled to center to advance Fourre and Rydlund singled to score Fourre and give the Saints a 2-0.

Schley was cruising until the sixth inning when the Saints ran into some problems. The Knights used two Saint errors and four hits to score five runs in the bottom of the sixth, taking a 5-2 lead. The Saints went down in order in the top of the seventh and lost to the Knights in Duluth for the first time in twenty years. Schley did it all going 1-for-3 with a homerun and RBI. On the mound Schley gave up eight hits and five runs with only two of them being earned. She struck out four and did not walk a batter.

On Monday, Alexa Bremer was named UMAC softball player of the week after her outstanding play the week before. She batted .522, stole three bases, had four doubles and two triples. With such impressive numbers Bremer said she was trying to keep it simple.

"My approach when stepping up to bat has been to just keep it simple and not over think the at-bat," said Bremer. "Also, knowing the pitch that I want to swing at has helped me as well."

Scholastica was back on Saints Field again Tuesday night against Northland College. This too was a scheduled home game for Northland, but they did not

have a field to play on like CSS did. The Saints battled through game one scoring three in the first, three more in the third and two in the sixth to beat a pesky Northland team 8-4. Leading the way was Schley with two hits, two RBIs, and two runs scored. Senior pitcher Vanessa Kohl battled control issues all night but made pitches when it mattered most and got the win. She gave up seven hits and four runs, all earned, walking eight batters, but striking out ten. With the win Kohl improves to 4-5 on the year.

Game two's only excitement was to see how many innings the game would last. Scholastica scored seven runs in the first inning and three in the second to take a 10-1 lead into the third. Going into the bottom of the fifth up 10-2, Northland scored one run to force the game to continue. This gave the Saints the opportunity to score six more in the seventh and win easily by a score of 16-4. With the extra couple innings, CSS played 17 players.

Freshman Madison Harris had herself a game going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs. On the rubber, Heidi Shelton got things started giving up one run in three innings. Freshman Audi Blonk took over from there giving up four hits and three runs, with only one being earned, walking three, and striking out six. Blonk would also get the win and kept her record perfect on the year at 2-0.

The Saints will have games Saturday and Sunday both at Kenwood Field starting at 1 pm. After Sunday's games, the Saints will have played ten games in a two weeks time. With so many games it can be challenging, especially after a loss.

"With having so many games and little time off, we always are trying to play one game at a time without looking to our next one or getting down about the previous games," said Bremer. "To be ready for every game we try and learn from the mistakes in the previous game, and build off what we have been doing well for the next game."

Q & A with Grace Getchell

Katelynne Schatz
kschatz@css.edu

Where are you from?

I am from Marine on St. Croix, MN, but I went to Stillwater High School.

What is your major and year?

My major is elementary education with a minor in photography, and I am a senior.

Why did you choose to go into elementary education and add a photography minor?

I chose elementary education because it has been running in my family; my grandma was a teacher, my great-grandma was a teacher, my great-aunt was a teacher, and my dad is a teacher, too. It's kind of been running in the family, and I've always liked working with kids. My dad actually graduated with an art major, so art has been my creative outlet. I took the Photography 1 class, and I decided to continue with it because it was a lot of fun.

As an elementary education major, where and what grade are you student teaching?

I am teaching in a fifth grade classroom at Congdon Park Elementary.

What is your favorite part of student teaching?

I like getting the real experience of what being a teacher is like: having to be in there full time—all day, every day—and getting to teach full time, which is fun. Even so, there is still so much that I can learn. I like seeing kids every day; it's fun being able to work with them.

Are you doing anything along with student teaching?

This is my busy semester because not only am I student teaching, but I also had to write my EdTPA for licensure, and I had to do my photo