

Kyle Stocker's 3 wins lead Prairie to 3rd

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Kyle Stocker swept the distance events at the Mississippi Valley Conference Valley Division boys track meet at Xavier on Friday, winning the 3200 meter (9:41.49), 1600 meter (4:29.04) and 800 meter (2:01.43) races.

"Of course three gold medals is great, but we were just shooting for team points, me and my brother (Matt) just working together one-two," Stocker said. "It doesn't really matter who wins."

Matt Stocker also ran well, taking second behind his brother in the 3200 meter race and finishing third in the 1600 and 800 meter races.

"For the 2 mile, we just took it out slow and then kicked at the end," Kyle Stocker said. "That was my brother's and my strategy, so we don't wear ourselves out. The mile, we went really slow and it was a kick race at the end, which Matt and I thought would be to our advantage. The 800 was just all out, give it your all. Tomorrow is going to be easy running anyway."

Despite winning three races, Stocker was humble in victory, insisting that he was just trying to score as many points as possible for his team.

"It is kind of good I guess," he said. "It is always your goal to win a race, that's why we race. At Prairie you are expected to, nothing less."

The Stocker brothers' finishes in the distance races helped to lead Prairie to third place with 120 points. Cedar Falls won the team race with 145 points and Iowa City West came in second with 127 points. Xavier was fourth with 67 points and Jefferson fifth with 51 points.

Prairie also won the discus and the 400 hurdles. Sam Joens made a throw of 157 feet, 4 inches, more than 10 feet further than second place, to take home the discus title. Tom Frieden edged out Charlie Rogers of Iowa City West, to take the 400 hurdles crown by .21 seconds with a time of 56.85 seconds.

Xavier won the 4x200 relay with Nick Ball, Eric Zeniske, Jordan Weber and Eric Hovda circling the track twice in 1:30.79, about 0.8 seconds better than their previous best time.

"After competing at Drake, we knew that we had a pretty good time but we could have done better," Ball said. "So all week we have been working on handoffs. Getting out as quickly as we can, and just making everything as good as we possibly can. We just put it all together in that race and we had an amazing race, we all ran very well."

The Saints also picked up a victory in the high jump where Alec Clasen won easily, jumping 6-6, half a foot higher than second place.

Results

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Team Scores – 1. Cedar Falls 145, 2. Iowa City West 127, 3. Prairie 120, 4. Xavier 67, 5. Jefferson 51, 6. Hempstead 29, 7. Waterloo East 17.

Discus – 1. Sam Joens (Prairie) 157-04, 2. Derek Norland (IC West) 146-10, 3. Craig Murtha (Xavier) 136-06, 4. Mitsch Berendes (Hempstead) 129-01, 5. Michel Edwards (Hempstead) 115-03, 6. Colm Larkin (Xavier) 113-09.

Long Jump – 1. Armando Williams (IC West) 20-05.5, 2. Richard Bryant (IC West) 20-03.5, 3. Sam Joens (Prairie) 20-00, 4. Barkley Hill (Cedar Falls) 19-08.5, 5. Jake Gallu (Cedar Falls) 19-05, 6. Nick Ball (Xavier) 18-08.

Shot Put -- 1. Derek Norland (IC West) 48-10, 2. Brady Waskow (Cedar Falls) 47-11, 3. Ross Pierschbacher (Cedar Falls) 46-01, 4. Cameron Winters (W East) 45-11, 5. Ryan Eivins (Jefferson) 45-5.25, 6. Sam Joens (Prairie) 44-10.

High Jump – 1. Alec Clasen 6-06, 2. (tie) Barkley Hill (Cedar Falls), Tylor White (W East), and Kalund Brown (Cedar Falls) 6-00, 5. Dondre Alexander (IC West) 5-10, 6. Keith Clay (IC West) 5-10.

3200 meters -- 1. Kyle Stocker (Prairie) 9:41.49, 2. Matt Stocker (Prairie) 9:45.79, 3. Daniel Gardarsson (IC West) 9:50.27, 4. Adam Streicher (Cedar Falls) 9:51.79, 5. Isaac Jensen (IC West) 9:55.40, 6. Andrew Halloran (Cedar Falls) 9:57.78.

4x800 – 1. Hempstead 8:08.89, 2. Jefferson 8:13.96, 3. Iowa City West 8:14.19, 4. Cedar Falls 8:15.16, 5. Prairie 8:21.09, 6. Xavier 9:03.89.

Shuttle Hurdle Relay – 1. IC West 1:01.05, 2. Cedar Falls 1:01.35, 3. Xavier 1:01.55, 4. Prairie 1:02.08, 5. Hempstead 1:06.83.

100 meters – 1. James Harrington (Cedar Falls) 10:60, 2. Luke Toyosi (Cedar Falls) 10.60, 3. Nate Karlan (Jefferson) 10:75, 4. Armando Williams (IC West) 11.03, 5. Charlie Rogers (IC West) 11.13, 6. Nick Ball (Xavier) 11.23.

400 meters – 1. Marshall Hill (Cedar Falls) 50.17, 2. Tristan Beyer (Prairie) 51.53, 3. Demetrius Harper (Prairie) 52.29, 4. Austin Short (Jefferson) 52.52, 5. Aaron Peller (IC West) 52.53, 6. Nick Gary (IC West) 52.98.

4x200 – 1. Xavier 1:30.79, 2. Cedar Falls 1:31.91, 3. Jefferson 1:33.22, 4. Prairie 1:38.12, 5. Hempstead 1:39.95.

110 high hurdles – 1. Charlie Rogers (IC West) 14.74, 2. Carter Valentine (Xavier) 14.96, 3. Lucas Brenneman (IC West) 15.23, 4. Justin Fenske (Xavier) 15.57, 5. Tom Frieden (Prairie) 15.71, 6. Austin Javellana (Cedar Falls) 16.22.

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1600 meters – 1. Kyle Stocker (Prairie) 4:29.04, 2. Tanner Reyhons (Cedar Falls) 4:29.25, 3. Matt Stocker (Prairie) 4:34.9, 4. Jakob Stoner (Cedar Falls) 4:36.43, 5. Bailey Wetherell (IC West) 4:41.59, 6. Ben Schueler (Xavier) 4:42.86.

200 meters – 1. James Harrington (Cedar Falls) 21.58, 2. Marshall Hill (Cedar Falls) 21.68, 3. Eric Hovda (Xavier) 22.40, 4. Aaron Taylor (W East) 22.53, 5. Nate Karlan (Jefferson) 22.68, 6. Armando Williams (IC West) 22.68.

400 hurdles – 1. Tom Frieden (Prairie) 56.85, 2. Charlie Rogers (IC West) 57.06, 3. Lucas Brenneman (IC West) 57.73, 4. Josh Rundall (Prairie) 59.20, 5. Lucas Vanous (Jefferson) 1:00.23, 6. Austin Cuvelier (Cedar Falls) 1:00.34.

1600 Distance Medley – 1. Cedar Falls 3:40.47, 2. Jefferson 3:43.90, 3. Iowa City West 3:44.35, 4. Prairie 3:47.29, 5. Xavier 3:50.00, 6. Hempstead 3:50.64.

800 meters – 1. Kyle Stocker (Prairie) 2:01.43, 2. Timauntay Jones (Jefferson) 2:01.67, 3. Matt Stocker (Prairie) 2:01.94, 4. Ryson Stuart (IC West) 2:03.29, 5. Ken Voorhees (Hempstead) 2:05.76, 6. Bailey Wetherell (IC West) 2:06.18.

4x100 – 1. Iowa City West 43.02, 2. Cedar Falls 43.21, 3. Xavier 43.40, 4. Jefferson 44.46, 5. Waterloo East 44.82, 6. Prairie 47.30.

4x400 – 1. Cedar Falls 3:25.27, 2. Prairie 3:29.01, 3. Hempstead 3:29.81, 4. Xavier 3:30.56, 5. Waterloo West 3:36.79, 6. Jefferson 3:38.22.