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Boys track and field: CB South wins invitational

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NEWTOWN - Yes, it was just the first weekend in April. Yes, it was an invitational in which results would have no bearing on what is to come at the end of the season.

But that didn't matter to the Central Bucks South boys track and field team, which loaded up its top athletes in as many events as possible to defend its title at Saturday's Council Rock Kiwanis Invitational at Council Rock North's Walt Snyder Stadium.

The Titans posted 89 points to win the 21-team meet, which was contested for the 22nd time. A scoring error had initially placed South second to host CR North's 78 points, but the mistake was quickly fixed and the meet's Traveling

Trophy was eventually on a bus headed for Warrington.

"I like an early meet like this to get their bodies in shape," said Mike Cox, the Titans' coach. "I want them to train their bodies to work through their fatigue."

It's not secret that CB South has one of the best 4 x 800-meter relay teams in the state, what with the way Jeff Dickson, Tom Mallon, Dave Manion and Matt Poiesz won the PTFCA indoor state title back in February with a time of 7 minutes, 49.01 seconds - just .02 shy of the state meet record.

And Saturday, Cox had all four runners competing in several different events, with Mallon and Poiesz both running four.

"It's just training," Mallon said, "and I guess on the way there we'll just pick up a few medals."

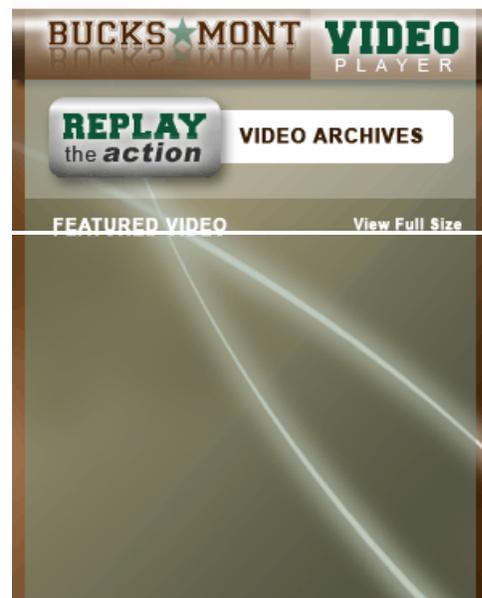
The Titans weren't running Saturday as though they were gunning for any PIAA titles - none of their times were beyond anything ordinary on what was a brutally windy day - but they were certainly aiming to compete.

Dickson, Poiesz, Mallon and Manion combined to win both the distance medley relay (10:55.40) and the 4 x 800 (8:09.59), while Mallon also won the 800 (2:00.17). The Titans' 4 x 100 team of R.L. Knuckles, Chris Eberz, Ricky Pieri and Jon Eisemann also placed first in 45.10.



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Pennridge got a victory from senior James Faucette in the 5,000 (15:48.2), and Faucette also placed third in the 3,000 (9:11.18). Central Bucks West senior Matt McMurdo won the shot put (51 feet, 5 inches) and was second in both the discus (140-9) and javelin (173-0). Central Bucks East senior Brett Millar won the javelin (181-9).

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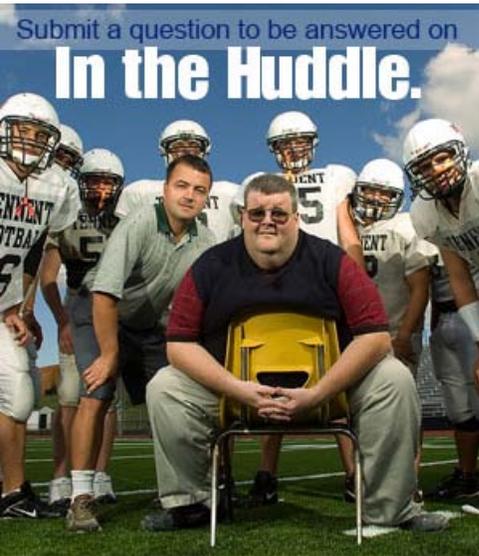
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