

DHS shows kick on track, field



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Blue Devil runner Corey Coates, far right, gets off to a strong start in the 880-yard race on Wednesday on the DHS track at Halden Field. Starting off next to Coates is Franklin's Dimitri Wilright. The two runners would be neck-and-neck until the final turn but Coates kicked hard to win the race in 2:01.09. Wilright posted a time of 2:03.3.

Blue Devils sweep a home double-dual meet

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The Davis High School track and field team is hoping to have a new home track to compete on next season. Though nothing is set in stone, the Blue Devils decided to finish their home season with a bang on Wednesday, just in case.

DHS hosted a double-dual with Delta Valley Conference rivals Valley and Franklin, and emerged victorious in all four divisions.

Having lost last year's head-to-head with Franklin, the varsity boys were especially focused for competition, and their efforts paid off with a 93-47 win on Wednesday. Junior Derek Nelson led the way with wins in 440-yard dash, the 330 hurdles, and victories in both relays.

Nelson was joined by Corey Tuttle, Courtney Williams and Andrew Tkach to edge the Wildcats in the 4x100 with a

time of 44.2, then Tkach, Tuttle, Nelson and Ian Rock won a close 4x400 in 3:35.

Rock, a sophomore, also had a great day in the jumps. He won the pole vault (in 10'6"), took second in the long jump (20'0.5") and second in the triple jump (40'11").

The distance runners were led by victories from Corey Coates in the 880 (2:01.9), and Grayson Hough in the two mile (10:19.9). Both runners had to out-kick Franklin runners down the stretch for their wins.

The varsity girls beat both Valley and Franklin thanks to a variety of tremendous efforts. Junior Josephine Devanbu led the girls squad with wins in the 100 hurdles, 330 hurdles and both relays. Kaitlin Clancy captured victories in long jump (16'7"), triple jump (35'1.75"), and the high jump (4'8").

The two-time section champion girls

team, who have not lost a dual since 2006, swept the distance events with first-place finishes from Maddie Hall in the mile (5:40.3), Melinda Zavala in the 880 (2:27.6), and Nora Norvell in the 2-mile (11:29.5).

The frosh-soph girls won with a well-rounded effort in all events including sophomore Jill Clancy's wins in the 100 meters and long jump and Halley Rainer's wins in the mile, 2-mile and 880. Kelly Goss' 440 time of 65.4 and freshman Natasha Gunaskara's 66' in the discus were personal bests.

The frosh-soph boys also won with several outstanding efforts. Sophomore Alec Zavala won the 440 and took second in the 220, Matt Austin won the long jump (17'9.75") and sophomore Stephen Hill won the pole vault (10'). Ryan Greenough was first in the mile at 5:05.6.

Devil girls shut down Kennedy for first DVC win

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There. That's better. Davis High's girls soccer program isn't used to losing at any point in the season.

So when Franklin stole a 1-0 victory Monday in Elk Grove — in a Delta Valley Conference game, no less — a shudder went through Devilville.

But then came Wednesday's 3-0 win at Yudin Field against Kennedy, and the planets were back in order, day was no longer night.

"We stepped up in the second half. We had three great goals," DHS head coach Allen Carlson said, obviously relieved that his troops played a 40-minute block in which

the offense came alive. "I can't say enough about Emily (Hay). She just wasn't going to let us lose."

Hay, a senior forward and one of three holdovers from Davis' 2007 Sac-Joaquin Section winners, took five first-half shots without success. One, just before intermission, was denied on a diving save by Cougar keeper Gabrielle Romero. Hay also had four succinct crosses to no avail in a scoreless first half for DHS.

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Devils 3, Cougars 0

Next game: Monday at Laguna Creek, 4 p.m.



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DHS junior Kelly Riestenberg make a nice catch with her leg on Wednesday, in the Devils' 1-0 win over Kennedy at Yudin Field.

Suiter is a bright spot for UCD

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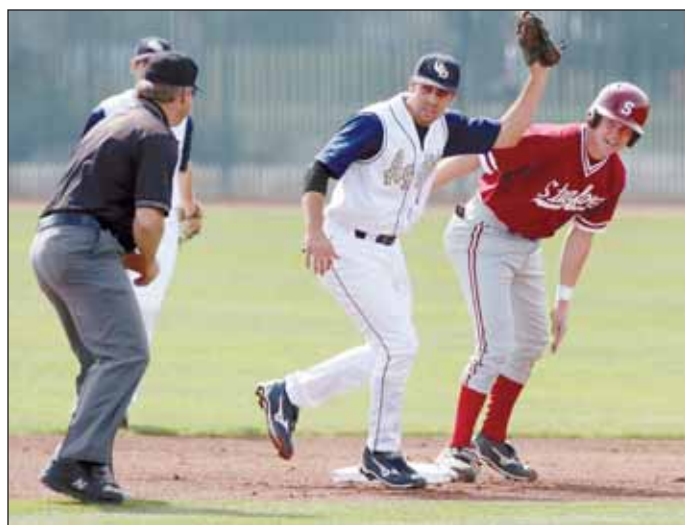
Andy Suiter's outing on Wednesday against Stanford didn't have the slightest effect on the outcome of the game. The junior left-hander came in with the UC Davis baseball team down by five, and left with the Aggies down by three.

But though the performance didn't factor much in UCD's 5-2 loss to the Cardinal, Suiter and UCD head coach Rex Peters are hoping it's a sign of things to come.

Suiter pitched two perfect innings in his first appearance in two weeks, but his contributions weren't enough to lift the Aggies as they suffered a three-run defeat at Dobbins Stadium.

In the process, however, Suiter's ERA dropped from 15.95 to 12.54 and his WHIP fell from 3.82 to an even 3.00. Most importantly, it was his best outing of the year.

"Going from a reliever to a starter can sometimes be a tough adjustment," Suiter said. "Ten of (the) last 11 games that I went in last season were big games, with runners on base and I got used to that rush. I did a poor job of establishing that aggressive personality when I got on the mound as a starter (earlier this season)."



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UCD shortstop Scott Heylman, middle, and Stanford's Zach Jones, right, look at umpire Wayne Neault for the call after Jones tried to take second on a wild pitch. Jones was called out but the Cardinal defeated the Aggies 5-2 at Dobbins Field.

Suiter entered the contest at the start of the seventh inning, with UCD (3-14) down 5-0. He got a strikeout, groundout and pop-out in that frame, then followed it up with a six-pitch eighth in which he got two more groundouts and another pop-up.

More impressive was that Suiter did it against the first six hitters in the Cardinal lineup. He also kept the slim Aggie hopes for a win alive.

"He's pitched his best out of the bullpen, so obviously he must be more comfortable there," Peters said. "He just comes in and lets it all hang out for every pitch and that's

more his mentality. He fits that role better than starting."

With the Aggies losing every starter who pitched an inning for UCD last year, Suiter was being counted on when this season started to make the transition to starting — a task he hadn't undertaken since 2005. He went to UCLA for two years and didn't pitch an inning before throwing 41 innings out of the bullpen in 2008 after transferring to Davis.

But after having some success last year, he was unable to make that transition and has been knocked around

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Chicago edges San Jose

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CHICAGO — No quibbling from the Chicago Blackhawks. They'll take a victory over one of the best teams in the NHL this season, even if they had to go to a shootout to get it.

After squandering a 4-1 lead, Chicago got shootout goals from Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews to beat the San Jose Sharks 6-5 on Wednesday night and move back into sole possession of fourth place in the Western Conference.

San Jose's Joe Thornton powered past Brent Seabrook and beat Nikolai Khabibulin to tie it at 5 with 2:08 left in regulation.

Andrew Ladd had two goals for Chicago, and Dave Bolland added three assists. Devin Setoguchi scored two goals for the Sharks, including one with 5:07 left that trimmed Chicago's lead to 5-4.

Jamie McGinn and Marc-Edouard Vlasic added goals for San Jose.

After Kane scored to give Chicago the lead opening the shootout, a shot by San Jose's Joe Pavelski hit the pipe and went off. Toews then beat San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov, and Khabibulin secured the win by snuffing former Blackhawks' star Jeremy Roenick.

San Jose, slowed by numerous injuries, tied idle Detroit for the NHL lead with 107 points. Thornton's powerful drive past Seabrook allowed the Sharks to get to overtime.

"I just went to the net. That's pretty much it. I just drove wide and shot and it just happened to go to the back of the net," Thornton said. "Maybe Brent was a little flatfooted on that play. He's pretty good defenseman."

Toews' 30th goal of the season was a



AP PHOTO

San Jose's Ryan Vesse, right, checks Chicago's Brent Seabrook during the Blackhawks' 6-5 win on Wednesday.

strange one and put Chicago up 4-1 in the second. Cam Barker's shot from the left circle went off the skate of San Jose goaltender Evgeni Nabokov and then rebounded off Toews' foot into the goal — a score upheld by video review.

But the seemingly comfortable margin vanished quickly.

Just 15 seconds later, McGinn scored as his shot bounced off Khabibulin, hit the skate of Blackhawks' defenseman Niklas Hjalmarsson from behind and went in. Vlasic's goal on a shot that hit Seabrook and deflected in got the Sharks to 4-3 later in the period.

The Blackhawks scored first, 67 seconds into the game, when Havlat followed in a miss by Bolland after a long slap shot attempt by Seabrook.