

Health concerns don't slow

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WOODBURY

Michelle Bilicki experiences no problems with her health while she is running, which proved to be good news for the Cherokee High School girls' track team over the weekend.

Bilicki anchored two winning relays, including Saturday's 3,200 at the Woodbury Relays and she helped her team finish second in a third one, the sprint medley. That was enough to lead the Chiefs to a second-place finish in Division A, one point behind Washington Township.

Despite, her success, however, Bilicki has had some recent medical problems after she finishes her races.

"For about the last three weeks I've been getting dizzy after I run," the senior said. "But it doesn't affect me when I run, so I don't look at it as being a problem."

Bilicki has been undergoing blood work to try to determine her problems.

"They don't know if it's low blood sugar, or a thyroid or something like that," she said. "I'm waiting to hear to find out what's happening."

In the meantime, she has been helping her team win races.

On Friday night, Bilicki anchored the winning distance medley team, and she credited her teammates for their efforts in Cherokee's success.

"We have three seniors, me, Amy Landell and Jenna Viggiano, and we all knew we could do well," she said. "We were just waiting for a good time to show it."

Aside from Washington Township's Division A win, other team titles went to Woodrow Wilson in Division B, Haddonfield in Division C and Palmyra in Division A.

Haddonfield once again won largely behind the efforts of Erin Donohue who anchored three winning relays over the two days



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of the meet and added an individual javelin championship, which did not count in team scoring.

For her efforts, she was named the meet's outstanding girl performer.

Competing in her final Woodbury Relays, Donohue helped Haddonfield win three of the five races held in the division on Saturday. Following her victorious anchor leg on the distance medley relay on Friday, she came back to help the Bulldogs win Saturday's 3,200 relay and the sprint medley.

Her partners in the 3,200 included Sarah Mussoline, Mary Mulholland and Abby Booker, while Bridget Barnes, Julie Sobolewski and Kristina Keegan teamed with Donohue to win the sprint medley. Those wins, along with a decision in the shuttle hur-

dles, gave Haddonfield 44 points to Buena's 26.

"It's great to win here because the Woodbury Relays involve all of South Jersey," said Donohue, who added she didn't spend much time thinking about this being her last appearance at the meet. "I don't think about that kind of stuff because I know I will race again. I just try to focus on running."

Haddonfield picked up an additional 10 points toward its winning effort when Meredith McDonald, Tracy Gray, Clare Hutchinson and Kristina Keegan won the shuttle hurdles in 1:10.3.

Meanwhile, in Division A, Washington Township wound up clinching the title in the last race, the 1,600 relay, which was won by the Minutemaids team of Lauren Rice, Amanda Radziminski, Danielle Savvas and Latoya Benson in 4:01.2.

Cherokee placed sixth in the race and finished with 31 points to Washington Township's 32.

slow Cherokee's Bilicki



Shawnee's Abby Campbell (left) attempts to clear 5-6 in the high jump at the Woodbury Relays Saturday. She failed, but still won the event at 5-4. Sheena Ohlig of Pennsauken and Kelly Dickerson of Burlington City tied for second at 5-2. At right, Schalick's Natasha Price clears the final hurdle as her relay team won the Group D shuttle hurdles at the Woodbury Relays. She ran the anchor of a team that included Tekeia Smith, Rashonda Scurry and Katie Cooke. They won with a time of 1:09.2.

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Cherokee won the 3,200 relay for the second straight year. This time, the Chiefs came from behind behind a strong closing leg run by Bilicki, who came from third place to get the win in the time of 9:55.1, ahead of Shawnee's 9:57.0.

"I like closing, that's my favorite part," said Bilicki, who took the lead in the race about 250 meters from the finish.

Still, the Chiefs could not overcome Washington Township, which also won the shuttle hurdles with a the team of Bianca Marshall, Christine Velasco, Tiffany Logan and Radziminski, who ran a 1:07.5.

Marshall and Radziminski came back later in the day to win the 400 relay, teaming with Rice and Benson to run a 48.0.

Other Division titles went to Woodrow Wilson in Division B and Palmyra in Division D.

In Division B, Wilson outpointed Lakewood 54-30 with the help of wins Saturday in the 3,200,

the sprint medley and the 1,600 relays.

It was a repeat team victory for the Tigers, which, according to Tanesha Shelton, accomplished a goal the girls had set for themselves.

"It was so great to win it again," said Shelton, who anchored the 3,200 and ran the third leg of the 1,600-meter relay after helping her team win the distance medley on Friday.

"This is my last year here and a lot of us are seniors," she said. "We put our heart into it."

Latoya Whitted and Kenyetta Conway also ran on the winning 3,200 and 1,600 teams with Shelton.

Palmyra ended up with a comfortable Division D win, 42-38 over Schalick.

The Panthers picked up the bulk of their points with wins in the sprint medley, featuring Faun Fish, Caitlin Murphy, Kari Steed and Natasha Marshall, and the 1,600 relay behind Kristen Papen-

berg, Marshall, Michele and Steed.

Palmyra clinched the division in the 1,600 by finishing first 4:10.6 to Schalick's third. Haddon Township earned second place in that run after winning the 3,200 relay earlier in the meet.

Meanwhile, Lenape's Riddle set a meet record in open steeplechase.

"It's just a really fun race," she said. "I never made sense to me to just run around in circles."

Riddle, who specializes in steeplechase, recorded a breaking the mark of 11:53.

In another invitational Abby Campbell of Shawnee won the high jump with a 5-4.

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