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Prep Roundup: Geneva hosts 'Swine Flu Invite'

GENEVA – When Batavia High School shut down Thursday because of a possible case of the swine flu, it put a big wrench in the planned girls Kane County Track Meet.

As soon as Geneva coach Peter Raak learned that the meet was canceled, he decided to send an e-mail to the coaches of the 14 other schools scheduled to compete, offering to host a sort of scaled-back meet on his school's track on Friday.

The results were what Geneva assistant coach Tom Cole dubbed "the first, and hopefully last, Swine Flu Invitational."

"I knew our girls just wanted to compete," Raak said. "We were just going to time trial them today, but we invited the other schools."

St. Charles East, West Aurora, Burlington Central and Dundee-Crown took Raak up on his offer. Raak said that there weren't enough schools to call it a true Kane County make-up meet, but that didn't matter if it meant the teams were able to compete.

"The girls are responding really well," he said. "It's nice to see everyone making the most of a canceled meet ... and the nice weather."

Raak said the schools were keeping track of individual times but not scoring the events.

"We're abiding by the rules and we've got official timekeepers," he said. "I don't know about the other coaches, but I'm not keeping score."

East coach Denise Hefferin said the meet was valuable for the Saints entering the state series later this month.

"Our routine is to train during the week and compete during the weekend," Hefferin said. "So we were excited to compete in any capacity."

BASEBALL

Geneva 13, Rochelle 0 (5 inn.): At Rochelle, Eric Renner went 3-for-3 to pace the Vikings' 16-hit attack in support of Jack Delabar, who spaced two hits and five strikeouts in a complete game. Jerrod Campbell added a home run for Geneva (15-5, 10-2 Western Sun Conference).

SOFTBALL

Geneva softball takes two: The Vikings reached the .500 mark after completing a sweep of a rare doubleheader. Geneva (11-11) began the day by topping visiting Rochelle, 3-2, and improving to 4-3 in the Western Sun Conference behind Kelly McCaffrey's eight strikeouts. The team then traveled to Oswego and rolled, 10-0 in six innings. Kristyn Ruitenber spaced six strikeouts and three hits to get the victory. Dori Rogers drove in four runs in the doubleheader.

Naperville North 1, West Aurora 0 (8 inn.): At Aurora, the Huskies scored an unearned run in the top of the eighth to spoil a solid outing by Stephanie Becker, who struck out 12. The Blackhawks fell to 13-10.

GIRLS SOCCER

Naperville Invitational: At Naperville Central, Shaylee Pedersen and Hannah Ketterling scored second-half goals to lift St. Charles East past Lincoln-Way Central, 2-1. Renee Ruminski had an assist for the Saints (7-3-2), while Zoie Samaan made three saves as East won its seventh straight.

Burlington, Iowa, Tournament: At Burlington, Iowa, Sammy Gage broke a 2-all halftime tie with 25 minutes to play, helping St. Charles North defeat Waunakee (Wis.), 3-2. Leah DeMoss tallied two first-half goals for the North Stars (6-0-3).

• Andrew Mitchell contributed to this report.

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