

Girls and boys team kick season off with a strong start

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Special Writer

The Belleville boys' track team is a perennial power in the area, and this year it took to establishing itself early with a 90-46 season opening win over Romulus.

"We've got a really good team, and we had a good first meet," head coach Sam Villa said.

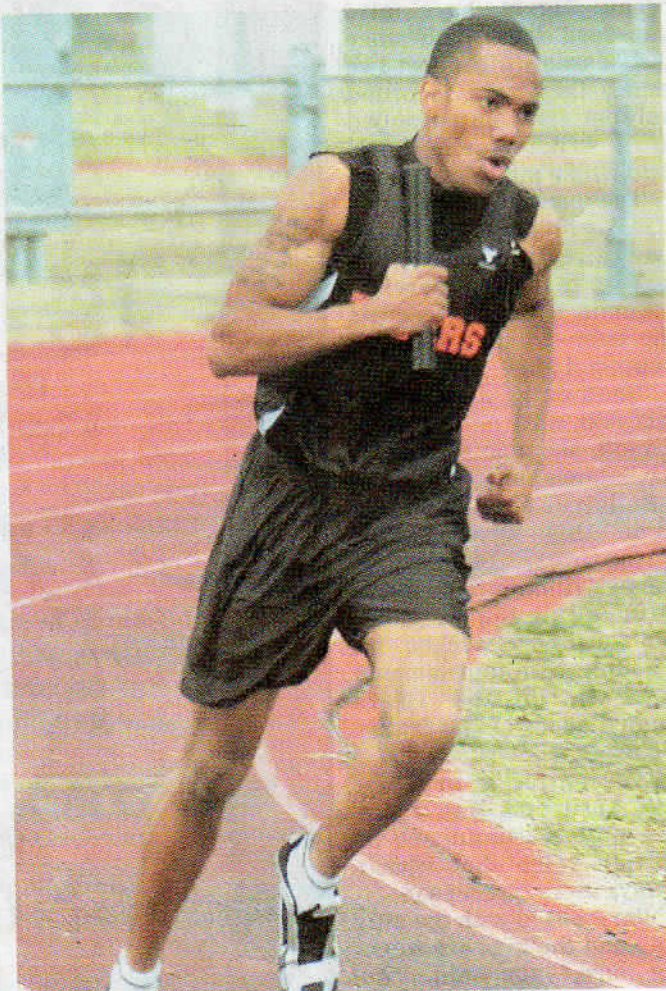
Villa, who is in his first season coaching, is blessed with a team full of natural talent and returnees who are already posting state qualifying times.

Among them is Johnnie Thompson, who ran the 400-meter dash in 50.93 against the Eagles.

"According to last year's times, he already qualified for the states, and he's only a junior," Villa said.

Kashwan Wooten grabbed first place in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:07, and senior Albert McGee took first place in the 100 and 200-meter dashes with times of 11.28 and 23.63 respectively.

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Senior Albert McGee is seen here running the 1,600-meter relay against Romulus High last week. McGee won the 100, 200 and was part of the 800-meter relay that finished first. Belleville easily won the track meet against the Eagles.

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for the Spartan coaches or players but I bet when they look back at the experience the entire week and the tournament run will be something they remember for a very long time.

Former BHS basketball Coach Mike Garland is an assistant of Izzo's and I have to believe he had fun at the tournament. To go from coaching some of the best high school talent in the area to coaching with Izzo has to be a thrill and something the community should be proud of.

I am and always will be a University of Michigan fan and I support the Wolverines. I was glad to see them finally make the NCAA Tournament and even get a win.

Things are looking up for them as well. They will surely get some good recruits and be able to move back into a better spot than they have been in a few years.

With other sports just getting started in the spring I must admit I am ready for the sprint that I know will be coming. Just as things are starting to get heated up we will be taking a spring break.

After the break it will be a sprint to the end. Sprinting is fun but spring sports are the quickest and most gruel-

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