

Ertz has big Heart for Mustangs

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MARYVILLE, Mo. - Andrea Ertz of Mount Mercy won two individual races and anchored a relay to a second-place finish Friday and Saturday at the Heart of America Conference indoor track meet.

Ertz captured the 1,000-meter race in 3:01.61 and claimed the 800 in 2:17.51. She anchored the 4x800 relay to second place in 9:39.14 with Jessica Ertz, Kelsi Huhndorf and Mady Roth.

Mount Mercy tied for third place out of 11 schools in the women's team standings.

Vanessa Cortes won the 5,000 by 21 seconds in 18:13.75 and captured the 3000 in 10:38.19. Rachel Gadiant won the women's pentathlon with 3,361 points in the 60 hurdles, long jump, high jump, 800 and shot put.

Huhndorf, Gadiant, Roth and Jessica Ertz placed second in the distance medley in 13:15.43.

Luke Nickelson won two events for the Mount Mercy men's track team. He took the triple jump at 47 feet, 9 3/4 inches and captured the high jump at 6 feet, 7 inches.

The Mustangs placed eighth out of 12 teams in the men's standings.