

Kearsley, Mandeville Girls Win

By Ed Ackley

Kearsley's girls' track team continued its domination of the Genesee County Class B meet Thursday afternoon and Mandeville jumped back into the Class C top spot after a year's absence.

Coach Esther Silver's Kearsley girls captured their fourth consecutive track title at Dort Field by running up 54 points in an easy triumph. Mandeville, the 1952 titlists, won this year with 28 points, nipping defending champion Otisville by 9 points.

Four County track records were smashed in Thursday's running, three in Class B and the other in Class C. The lone junior circuit new standard came in the running broad jump when 14-year-old (she'll be 15 Monday) Pat Childers of Utley leaped 15 feet 9 inches. She eclipsed the old mark of Mandeville's Pat Donohue by 14 inches.

All three Class B records were cracked by Kearsley competitors, two by Shirley Young and the other by Mary Ann Kenny. Each of those girls scored 14 points and ran in the winning 200-yard relay team to share the top point-getting laurels in Class B.

Miss Young clipped a tenth of a second off the 75-yard dash mark she set last year. Friday afternoon, the lithe brunette sped over the distance in 9.3 seconds. Her other record-setting performance was in the standing broad jump with an 8-foot 5 1/2-inch effort. The old standard was 8 feet 3 inches.

Miss Young's new record in the standing broad jump is only two inches short of the American record. The existing standard is 8 feet 7 1/2 inches, set by Dorothy Lyford in 1932.

Miss Kenny established a new mark in the running broad jump as she soared 16 feet 1 inch, 2 inches over the old record. Miss Kenny also took a first place in the shot put with 32 feet 1 inch.

With the two stars each nabbing two first places, the Kearsley girls had no trouble in making a rout of the 1954 meet. The other two girls on the winning Kearsley relay team were Tillie Ann Pettingill and Linda Grover.

Other girls scoring points for the winning Hornets were Barbara Clap, Nancy Cunningham, Diane Woolley, Delores Stewart, Rita Richards and Eleanor Hall. Mandeville, in taking the Class C honors in their last year in this class, won only three first places but had ample reserve strength to pull out a victory for Coach Gladys Chamberlain.

Janet Hutchison took a first in the hop, step and jump; Joan Russell broke the tape in the dash and the relay squad had the best time. The relay team was composed of Sharon Branz, Suzie Hill, Linda Becker and Miss Russell. The only other Mandeville track member to break into the scoring was Mert

Church, who took a second in the basketball throw.

The record-setting Miss Childers is only a freshman at Utley and competing in track for the

Track Results

Class B

Standing broad jump—Won by Shirley Young, Kearsley; 2—Barbara Clap, Kearsley; 3—Dorene Hebert, Bendle; 4—(tie) Nancy Gable, Davison, and Nancy Cunningham, Kearsley. Distance—8 feet 5 1/2 inches. (Sets new record. Old mark of 8 feet 3 inches set by Jenkins of Kearsley in 1947).

Running broad jump—Won by Mary Ann Kenny, Kearsley; 2—Doris Usher, Beecher; 3—Jane Kucherenko, Bendle; 4—(tie) Margaret Drews, Bendle, and Diane Woolley, Kearsley. Distance—16 feet 1 inch. (Sets new record. Old mark of 15 feet 11 inches set by Buchanan of Flushing in 1950).

Shot put—Won by Mary Ann Kenny, Kearsley; 2—Rosemary Doyle, Davison; 3—Marilyn Webber, Flushing; 4—Jane Kucherenko, Bendle; 5—Shirley Gustafson, Kearsley. Distance—32 feet 1 inch.

Softball throw—Won by Marge Bedtelyon, Davison; 2—Rita Richards, Kearsley; 3—Delores Eisinger, Beecher; 4—Eloise Frechette, Beecher; 5—Delores Stewart, Kearsley. Distance—192 feet 6 inches.

Basketball throw—Won by Eloise Frechette, Beecher; 2—Dorene Hebert, Bendle; 3—Joyce Linein, Flushing; 4—Delores Stewart, Kearsley; 5—Marge Bedtelyon, Davison. Distance—83 feet 11 inches.

Hop, step and jump—Won by Marlene Hebert, Bendle; 2—Shirley Young, Kearsley; 3—Gerry Gayward, Flushing; 4—Rita Richards, Kearsley; 5—Eleanor Hall, Kearsley. Distance—31 feet 3 inches.

75-yard dash—Won by Shirley Young, Kearsley; 2—Mary Ann Kenny, Kearsley; 3—Linda Grover, Kearsley; 4—Suzie Kahlblich, Grand Blanc; 5—Carol Ritchie, Davison. Time—:09.3.

200-yard relay—Won by Kearsley (Mary Ann Kenny, Tillie Ann Pettingill, Linda Grover, Shirley Young); 2—Davison; 3—Grand Blanc; 4—Bendle; 5—Beecher. Time—:26.0.

Class C

Standing broad jump—Won by Pat Childers, Utley; 2—Geraldine Mann, Atherton; 3—(tie) Suzie Hill, Mandeville, and Sharon Sorenson, Atherton; 5—Sharon Branz, Mandeville. Distance—7 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Running broad jump—Won by Pat Childers, Utley; 2—Nellie Barden, Otisville; 3—(tie) Joan Russell, Mandeville, and Phillis Resko, Swartz Creek; 4—(tie) Geraldine Mann, Atherton, and Delores McBride, Linden. Distance—15 feet 9 inches. (Sets new record. Old mark of 14 feet 7 inches set by Donohue of Mandeville in 1951).

Shot put—Won by Nellie Barden, Otisville; 2—Jackie Walton, Bentley; 3—Genevieve Herrington, Swartz Creek; 4—Bonnie Henry, Swartz Creek; 5—Peg Harvey, Linden. Distance—31 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Softball throw—Won by Beverly Brown, Dye; 2—Karen Kirbyson, Atherton; 3—Berlice Brezder, Swartz Creek; 4—Arlene Wolf, Dye; 5—Janet Yale, Otisville. Distance—172 feet 4 inches.

Basketball throw—Won by Nellie Barden, Otisville; 2—Mert Church, Mandeville; 3—Janet Hutchison, Mandeville; 4—Beverly Brown, Dye; 5—Shirley McGovern, Utley. Distance—75 feet 4 inches.

Hop, step and jump—Won by Janet Hutchison, Mandeville; 2—Mary Lou Gilbert, Gaines; 3—Geraldine Zbock, Linden; 4—Janet Thomas, Goodrich; 5—Hope Wilson, Swartz Creek. Distance—27 feet 9 1/2 inches.

75-yard dash—Won by Joan Russell, Mandeville; 2—Pat Childers, Utley; 3—Gail McCormick, Otisville; 4—Sharon Sorenson, Atherton; 5—Carol McMullen, Otisville. Time—:08.9.

200-yard relay—Won by Mandeville (Sharon Branz, Suzie Hill, Linda Becker, Joan Russell); 2—Dye; 3—(tie) Bentley and Goodrich; 5—Utley. Time—:28.8.

first time in her life. Besides the record in the running broad jump, she copped a first in the standing broad jump.

Miss Childers shared point-getting laurels with Nellie Barden of Otisville. Each scored 14 markers. Miss Barden, star of last season's championship Otisville squad, won the shot put and basketball throw.

The Class C meet wasn't decided until the final event. Mandeville had a four-point

bulge on Otisville before the 200-yard relay. The Mandeville girls took a first and Otisville didn't place.

Other firsts in the Class B league were Marge Bedtelyon of Davison in the softball throw, Marlene Hebert of Bendle in the hop, step and jump; and Eloise Frechette of Beecher in the basketball throw.

The only other first in Class C was Beverly Brown of Dye in

the softball throw. Following Kearsley's 54 points came Bendle 20 1/2, Davison 16 1/2, Beecher 15, Flushing 9 and Grand Blanc 5.

Trailing Mandeville and Otisville were Utley 16, Atherton and Dye 13, Swartz Creek 11 1/2, Bentley 6 1/2, Goodrich 5, Linden 4 1/2 and Gaines 4.

Eastern League

Albany 5, Reading 4 (10 innings), Binghamton 3, Williamsport 1, Allentown 3, Schenectady 4, Elmira 3-7, Wilkes-Barre 2-3.



TWO WINNERS—Mandeville's Joan Russell snaps the tape (above) to win the 75-yard Class C dash in the Genesee County girls' track meet Thursday. It was one of three first places for Mandeville, the 1954 champions. The sprinters are (left to right) Gail McCormick of Otisville, Russell, Sharon Sorenson of Atherton (behind Childers), and Pat Childers of Utley. Below, Miss Childers, a 14-year-old freshman, shows the style which set a new record in the running broad jump. She leaped 15 feet 9 inches, breaking the old mark by 14 inches. Kearsley won the Class B title. (Journal Photos by Russ Scott)



Ralph Young Speaks At Goodrich Dinner Honoring Athletes

Special to The Journal
Goodrich — Athletes of Goodrich High School were honored here in the auditorium Thursday night at the annual all-sports-banquet.
Ralph Young, retiring Michigan State College athletic director, was the principal speaker and gave high lights of the Rose Bowl trip. He also showed movies of the parade and game.
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