

## Wakefield Track Team Wins Top Honors in Indoor Meet

WAKEFIELD — Coach Roman Yatchak's Wakefield Cardinals thincled, ushering in the earliest track schedule in history, turned in outstanding performances in the first annual interscholastic indoor relays at the Northern Michigan College fieldhouse at Marquette, Saturday afternoon.

Wakefield walked off with more blue ribbons than any of the 17 competing Class B and C schools in the peninsula under a fair sky.

Redbird tracksters copped first place victories in the pole vault, high hurdles and four-lap relay. The Cards also netted three relay victories in their qualifying sections, one giving them a first place in the final standings and also earning them two second place finishes. All teams ran against the clock and were timed according to their finishes in each race.

Other schools' winning double first place verdicts were Gwinnett (high jump and broad jump), Marquette (shot put and distance medley relay), Ishpeming (sprint medley relay and eight-lap relay), and Escanaba Holy Name (pole vault and 60-yard dash). Newberry and Stephenson each grabbed a first place ribbon in the low hurdles and mile run, respectively.

A fourth Wakefield relay team, running the distance medley relay, finished second to Ishpeming in the qualifying run and might have placed among the top five quartets except that the judge miscounted a Cardinal runner's laps and forced him to run an extra lap in the mile leg of the race.

Gregory Miheve, senior Redbird thincled, paced the Wakefield team in capturing first place in the 60-yard high hurdles and tying Holy Name's Mike Stimac in the pole vault. Both vaulters cleared 11 feet, 6 inches, but failed when the bar was raised to 12 feet. Miheve also ran the opening leg on the victorious Card four-lap relay team.

Wakefield's four-lap relay foursome, which qualified with the best time of all 16 entries, defeated Escanaba Holy Name, Iron Mountain and Munising in its qualifying sectional, and finished ahead of Marquette, Escanaba Holy Name, Sault Lorette and

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The Cardinals next track action will be on May 7, when they play host to the annual area Invitational Meet.

## Pistons Get 4th Choice in Draft

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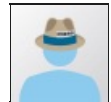
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