

Track Club Takes Part In Many Meets

The Lightningettes Track club have competed in many meets since the July 4 week end. Anna Payne and Gloria Ewing traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the National AAU meet, accompanied by their coach, Mrs. Vonda Gerow. They did not reach the finals but they gained a lot of knowledge and met some of the finest track girls in the United States. The same week end Elsie Lee Bandura took 3 girls to the AAU meet at Wayne State. July Vickerstaff took a third place in the Javelin. Sue Phelps took a third in the 880 yard run.

The club traveled to Utica on July 10. Dawn Rutligde came in third in the 50 yard dash in the 12 and 13 year-old division. Anna Payne came in fourth in the senior division of the Javelin with 79'7" and fourth place in the 1500 meter run. Sue Phelps came in third in the 880 yard run in 2:44.0. In the 880 yard medley relay the team came in fourth with a time of 2:06.0.

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The state championships were held at Dort field in Flint, July 17. Anna Payne took third in the shot putt with a toss of 31'7 1/2", fifth place in the 440 yard run with a time of 64.8 and a sixth place in the Javelin with a toss of 80'. Sue Phelps took a fourth in the high jump with 4'4". Pam Jones took third in the high jump with 4'44" with fewer misses. Marcia Rall took second in the junior division of the Javelin with 54'2 1/2". This gave the team 19 points and a fourth place in the final standings. Records were broken in several events. The long jump record of 16'3" was broken by L. White of Detroit T. C. with 17'1 3/4". The high jump record of 4'9" was broken by W. Kreiger of Detroit T.C. with a 5'0". The 440 yard run was broken by F. Kracken of Ann Arbor. Her old record in 1964 was 59.6; this year she ran it in 58.4. The 440 yard relay set by Detroit T.C. in 1964 of 49.3 was won by them with a time of 48.9.

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The next AAU meet will be August 7 in Wayne, Michigan.

There are area meets in Lansing every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. run by the coaches of various schools. This is for both boys and girls. Everyone is welcome and watch or participate in the meet. There are no entry fees so the meet can be attended by either federation or AAU members.

The Lightningettes practice every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Waverly high school track. Girls interested in competing in track and field, contact Mrs. Gerow at IV 2-9141.