



FENTON ROMPS — Fenton's sophomore hurdler Linda Blissett (third from left) is on her way to the 70-yard hurdles championship Saturday in the County B League division of the girls' track meet at Davison. Miss Blissett's teammate Janet Dery (far right) was second while Penny Gee (left) of Lakeville was third. Swartz Creek runner did not place. (Journal Photos by Lloyd Moebius)



NICE JUMP — Gail Pinnix clears the high jump bar Saturday at Davison during competition in the Big Nine girls' track meet. The Mt. Morris miss won the event



FIRST OF THREE — Ainsworth's Sue Long tries the standing long jump Saturday at Davison during the Genesee County girls' track championships. Miss Long was the meet's only triple winner, taking the standing long jump, running long jump and the 440. Ainsworth finished third with 28 points.

Davison, Swartz Creek Girls Win Track Titles

By BILL SIEL

A girls' track team with performers like Diane Sherwood and Gail Simpson is hard to beat but Ainsworth's Sue Long sure tried.

Miss Long was the meet's only triple winner winning the standing and running long jumps and ending with a 440 record effort of 65.4 seconds which bettered the mark of 68.0.

Miss Sherwood won the 75-yard dash, 70-yard hurdles, placed second in the running long jump and third in the standing long jump Saturday to lead Davison to the Big Nine girls' track championship.

The 17 points were the outstanding individual effort in the event that went down to the

final event to determine a champion in both the Big Nine and County B Leagues.

DAVISON outlasted Flushing with 61 points. The Raiders had 53, Kearsley 28, Ainsworth 27 and Mt. Morris 8.

In the County B League meet, Swartz Creek returned to the throne after a year's absence by turning the tables on defending champion Lakeville.

The Creeker lasses, coached by Mrs. Marge Wilcox, won the last event, the 440 relay to earn a come-from-behind victory with 46 points. Lakeville, which led most of the day, ended with 42. Fenton was third with 27, Atherton had 23, Bendle 21 1/2, Bentley 14 1/2 and Montrose 7.

AT NOON Fenton's 440 relay team started an assault on the books.

With Fenton sophomore Linda Blissett, running a fast opening leg, the Tiger quartet of Blissett, Diane Morea, Barb Gould, and Carol Fredrickson ran the distance in 37.5 to break the record of 37.6 by Bentley in 1963.

The tall Miss Blissett indicated she may be the girl to watch the next two years when she defeated Lakeville's previously unbeaten hurdler Penny Gee.

SHE HAD NIPPED Miss Gee in Thursday's preliminaries and in the morning semifinals. Miss Gee finished third behind another Fentonite Janet Dery who set the record of 10.8 last year. Miss Blissett tied that mark.

Then Swartz Creek's spunky Linda DeBarr ran her best race in the 440 to win in record time of 64.5 which compared to the previous mark of 67.5 set by Sandy Briggs of Swartz Creek in 1965.

Miss DeBarr's upset victory — she was considered a good bet for third — inspired the Creeker 440 relay quartet of Linda Goodall, Kathy Genovesi, Sharon Smith and Brenda Pointer to a come-from-behind victory over Fenton and the championship.

Miss Pointer made up a yard in the final 10 to nip Fenton at the wire.

THE CREEKER victory was particularly satisfying since Lakeville had won the cham-

ampionship on the last event the previous year.

Miss DeBarr also won the running long jump to become a second County B League double winner. Atherton's Terry Wilson won the softball throw and the standing long jump.

Miss Sherwood, although far off her best 70 hurdles time of 10.2, maintained her unbeaten string in that event.

The Davison senior, and a Cardinal cheerleader, has competed since her freshman year although she did not complete that first season after pulling a muscle.

Miss Simpson gave second-year Davison Coach Melba Slaught a good 1-2 punch when she won the 100, shot put and placed fourth in the running long jump for 12 points.

The Big Nine Division ended with Davison chasing Flushing's quartet of Annette Ritchings, Laurie Woodruff, Lauri Sheetz and Debbie Penneck to a record 440-relay time of 54.8 which broke the mark of 55.5 set by Kearsley in 1963.

Big Nine Track
75 — D. 1. Diane Sherwood (D). 2. Debbie Penneck (FL). 3. Annette Ritchings (FL). 4. Linda Riegle (D). 5. Laurie Sheetz (FL) T — 9.6.

220 — Tina Peters (K). 2. Rose Klipa (FL). 3. Janet Simpson (D). 4. Daphne Schmidt (D). 5. Laurie Woodruff (FL) T — 28.2.

High jump — 1. Sheetz (FL). 2. Gail Pinnix (MM). 3. Jenny Ferguson (D). 4. Penneck (FL). 5. Ritchings (FL) H — 4-4.

Softball throw — 1. Kathy Russell (K). 2. Annette Ritchings (FL). 3. Hallie Hoskey (K). 4. Linda Morea (A). 5. Phyllis Covey (A) D — 168-11.

Shot put — 1. Gail Simpson (D). 2. Beth Pentfengill (K). 3. Phyllis Covey (A). 4. Robinson (MM). 5. Sue August (A) D — 32-7.

Standing long jump — 1. Sue Long (A). 2. Geneva Halliday (FL). 3. Sherwood (D). 4. Rose Klipa (FL). 5. Sue Anglis (MM) T — 7-10 7/8.

70 hurdles — 1. Sherwood (D). 2. Diane Bellmer (K). 3. Linda Riegle (D). 4. Ruth Ecker (FL). 5. Janie Fusi (MM) T — 10-7.

100 — 1. Gail Simpson (D). 2. Vicki Essinger (FL). 3. Janet Simpson (D). 4. Sue August (A). 5. Martha Erickson (FL) T — 12-8.

Running long jump — 1. Sue Long (A). 2. Diane Sherwood (D). 3. Penneck (FL). 4. Gail Simpson (D). 5. Sue August (A) D — 15-9.

300 relay — 1. Davison (Daphne Schmidt, Rita July, Jennie Ferguson, Debby Cory). 2. Kearsley. 3. Ainsworth. No other teams entered. T — 38-5.

440 — 1. Long (A). 2. Rose Klipa (FL). 3. Olivia Morgan (D). 4. Ichelle Barton (D). 5. Hooks (FL) T — 65-4. (Breaks record of 1:08.0 set by Long in 1967.)

440 relay — 1. Flushing (Annette Ritchings, Laurie Woodruff, Lauri Sheetz, Debbie Penneck). 2. Davison. 3. Kearsley. 4. Ainsworth. T — 54-8. (Breaks record of 55.5 by Kearsley, 1963 team of Ginnie Maryonie, Linda Cunningham, Beth Davis, Sally Sanford.)

Class B Track
75 — 1. Carol Fredrickson (F). 2. Penny Gee (LV). 3. Valerie Ross (M). 4. Pam Semja (SC). 5. Glenda Lowell (SC) T — 9-4.

220 — 1. Peggy Wildmo (A). 2. Marsha Moss (BT). 3. Jackie Coleman (BD). 4. Ellen Grazer (F). 5. Bev Templeton (LV) T — 28-5.

High jump — 1. Joan Heusted (LV). 2. Carol Kinker (SC). 3. Linda DeWitt (SC). 4. Marcia Moss (BT). 5. Carlene Wiggins (LV).

Shot put — 1. Terry Wilson (A). 2. Nancy Meder (LV). 3. Jeanne Mattison (SC). 4. Anna Rich (A). 5. Karen Nieman (M) D — 31-7-3/4.

Softball Throw — 1. Wilson (A). 2. Beth Broughman (LV). 3. Kathy Ruby (LV). 4. Shirley White (BD). 5. Rich (A) D — 175-11.

Standing long jump — 1. Jackie Coleman (BD). 5. Rich (A). D — 175-11.

Snatching long jump — 1. Jackie Coleman (BD). 2. Mary Akers (LV). 3. Janet Robertson (SC). 4. Wiggins (LV). 5. Kathy Hackley (BT) and Karen Chervous (BD) D — 7-10 1/2.

70 Hurdles — 1. Linda Blissett (F). 2. Janet Dery (F). 3. Gee (LV). 4. Marie Kreiner (LV). 5. Judy Hemingway (LV) T — 10-8.

Running long jump — 1. Linda DeBarr (SC). 2. Gee (LV). 3. (BT). Sharon Richardson (BT). 4. Jackie Coleman (BD). 5. Kathy McIntosh (BT) D — 15-6 3/4.

100 — Linda Goodall (SC). 2. Brenda Pointer (SC). 3. Kathy Hackley (BT). 4. Sandy Jones (LV). 5. Debbie Herner (LV) T — 12-6.

300 Relay — 1. Fenton (Blissett, Diane Morea, Barb Gould, Carol Fredrickson). 2. Swartz Creek. 3. Atherton. 4. Montrose. 5. Bentley. T — 37-5. (Breaks record of 37.6 by Bentley, 1963 team of Jane Ziegler, Sherry Bolzer, Carol Bruzewski, Sue McDougall.)

440 — 1. Linda DeBarr (SC). 2. Shirley White (BD). 3. Wildmo (A). 4. Barb Boltrich (BD). 5. Helen Crane (M). T — 64-5. (Breaks record of 67-5 by Sandy Briggs, Swartz Creek, 1965.)

440 Relay — 1. Swartz Creek (Linda Goodall, Kathy Genovesi, Sharon Smith, Brenda Pointer). 2. Fenton. 3. Bendle. 4. Atherton. 5. Lakeville. T — 54-7.



ALL ALONE—Davison's Diane Sherwood is ahead of the pack in the Big Nine hurdles event Saturday in the Genesee County Girls' track meet at Davison. Miss Sherwood, a slight Davison cheerleader, won the event in 10.6 and remained unbeaten for the third straight year

Birch Run Wins, Then Loses, 7-3

Birch Run rode Jerry Kline's pitching and Brad Matzke's hitting—two for three and three runs batted in—for a 3-1 victory over Sanford-Meridian Saturday in the Mount Pleasant invitational baseball tournament.

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