

St. Joe Runners Fourth In Sturgis Relays

STURGIS — St. Joseph's track team posted some of southwestern Michigan's best times of the season here Saturday, but the Bears still finished fourth in a six-team battle for Class A honors in the second annual Sturgis Exchange Club Invitational relays.

Coach Ron Waldvogel's thin-clads won two events in the all-relay meet, finished second in two others and dashed off the area's fastest mile relay clocking of the year.

Arch-rival Kalamazoo Loy Norrix still romped off with the team championship, however, piling up 81 points to 75 for second place Kalamazoo Central.

Portage Northern was third with 68 points, followed by St. Joseph with 60, Niles with 48 and Portage Central with 41.

The Bears only finished fourth in the red-hot mile relay

competition, but still took over first place on the area honor roll in the event with an excellent clocking of 3:35.1. Sprint star Al Littler anchored the mile unit in his first appearance of the season with Mike Buckleitner, Steve Essling and Joel Raak running the first three legs.

St. Joe's two victories came in events which are not part of the standard high school meet — the distance medley relay and the high jump relay.

The distance medley quartet clicked off a time of 11:07.7 with Dave Krieger running the 400, John Sullivan the half mile, Gary Bean the three-quarters and Ken Barts the mile.

Barts had an outstanding time of 4:36.6 for the mile leg while sophomore Sullivan had a 2:06 half mile in his first varsity try at the distance.

The high jump trio totaled a

winning 16 feet, 10 inches, with Bob Burrows clearing 5-10, Mark Engelhart flopping 5-8 and Raak jumping 5-4.

St. Joe missed out on another victory by only one-tenth of a second in the shuttle hurdles, where the Bears placed second in 63.8 with a foursome of Bill Hamilton, Mark Mawhinney,

Dave Selmer and Wayne Madison.

The Bears also were second in the 440-yard relay with Littler running a 10.4 anchor leg. Other members of the team were Madison, Mike Damshroder and Dennis Patzer.

St. Joe's other points came from a third in the two-mile

relay and a fourth in the medley relay.

Host Sturgis edged Coldwater 76-73 for the Class B team title. Niles Brandywine, the only team from this area entered in the Class B competition, finished a distant last with only 13 points.

Pacers Lose To Circus, Beat Miami

The Indiana Pacers were upstaged by the Shrine Circus in the opening game of the American Basketball Association's Eastern Division finals, but they were no joke to the Miami Floridians.

The Pacers breezed past the listless Floridians 126-110 Sunday in a high school gym after they were shut out of the Indianapolis Coliseum by the Shrine

Circus.

Mel Daniels tossed in 23 points for the Pacers, then sat out 12 minutes of the second half before coming back to score nine more in the waning minutes. The Floridians, tired after completing their first round against Minnesota Saturday night, were down by as much as 35 points in the third quarter.

Don Sidle dropped in 28 points for Miami.

New Orleans moves to Oakland tonight to try to even up their best-of-7 series in the Western Division finals. The Oaks lead 1-0.

The Pacers and Floridians meet again Tuesday in the Anderson High School gym before traveling to Miami for games Wednesday and Friday.



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