

EBERSPEAKER OUTSTANDING

Cardinal Tracksters

Hand Marshall Defeat

STURGIS - Coldwater high school's track team beat an undefeated conference team from Marshall, 67-52, Tuesday evening at Sturgis, while dropping a decision to Sturgis, 85-38.

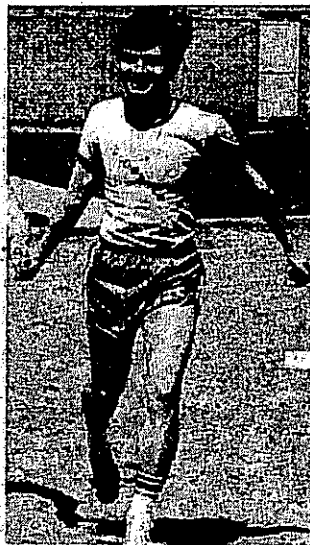
The meet was the finest team performance of the season for the fast-improving Cardinals. Coach John Heistan praised the efforts of his whole team, saving his highest praise for Senior Mark Eberspeaker.

Eberspeaker won the 880-yard run in an excellent 2:01.8, just .2 second off the school record. Later, Eberspeaker

placed second in the 440-yard run in a fine time of :52.7. However, he was not through. Coming right back to anchor the Mile Relay team, Eberspeaker helped the quartet to its finest time of the season, 3:33.9 and almost caught the Sturgis anchorman who had had a 15-yard lead. In Coach Heistan's words, "It was the finest performance I've ever seen in track."

Eberspeaker was not the only hero for the Cards Thursday night. Senior Steve Kasperski came through with big wins in the 100 (:10.6) and 220 (:23.3). "Kas" also earned a second place against Sturgis in the high jump. Taking first against the Trojans was Coldwater's Ted Pettibone who jumped 5'8" and finished right on the heels of Kasperski in the 100-yard dash.

In the distance races it was Anderson and Anderson - Rand Anderson pulling away from the pack in the final quarter to win



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the mile in 4:44, while Mike Anderson was beaten only by Dave Brand of Sturgis in the two-mile.

Mike Catey ran his finest two-

mile of the season, beating all but one Marshall runner. His time of 11:01 was almost a minute better than his first race this spring.

In the hurdle races, Tony Pope finished second and a close third behind Sturgis' top hurdler, Leach. Pope outran all the Marshall hurdlers in running his best low hurdle time of :22. Tom Burk also picked up a third for Coldwater in the 180-yard low hurdle event.

Besides the high jump, Coldwater's lone place in the field events was Dave Martin's 19'6½" second place in the long jump. Martin also combined with Chris Kellogg and Eberspeaker to sweep all three places against Marshall in the 440.

Coldwater is now 4-2 on the season and 2-2 in conference competition. With Sturgis' double victory last night, it gave the Trojans' Head Coach Jack Grant his 100th Conference win.