

Four Cindergals qualify for Jr. Olympics regionals

The YMCA Cindergals track team went south Saturday and returned with three meet records and four qualifiers to the Regional Junior Olympics in Gary, Ind.

While half the squad participated in the State Junior Olympics at Clarenceville High School in metropolitan Detroit, the other half crossed the river into Windsor, Ontario for the International Freedom Festival meet.

In Windsor, Diane Culp and Linda Porter, both competing in the women's age group, led the way with three meet records. Diane ran first in the 1500 meters in 4:55.8, breaking the old record of 5:15.3, and ran first in the 800 meters in 2:29.0, breaking that record by .5 second. Linda long-jumped her best ever of 17'9" to break the old record by over 12 inches.

Janet Colbath in the women's group set a club

record in the 400 meters, picking up a second place in the meet competition. She was third in the high jump. Chris Norconk was second in the 800 meters in 2:42 and third in the 1500 meters in 5:34.5.

In the under-14 group Shelly Frye ran third in the 80 meter hurdles in 15.0 seconds and Diane Culp placed first in the high jump at 4'8".

In the State Junior Olympics at Clarenceville High School, four cindergals earned the right to compete in the Regional Junior Olympics in Gary, Indiana, as the result of four second place finishes.

In the 14-15 age group Kelly Thomas ran a 2:31.4 800 for second place, and in the 16-17 group Kay Richards finished second in the mile in 5:40.0.

Jo Drake set a club record with 15.2 in the 100 meter hurdles, and Sandy Oliver broke a club record with 11.3 seconds in the 100-yard dash.

Other Cindergals who placed

included Cindy Kahner (high jump, fourth place, 5'0"), Barb Knudsen (400, sixth place, 64.6), and Jane Gilmore. Barb Knudsen, Cindy Kahner, and Kelly Thomas (440 relay, third, 51.2).

In the 16-17 age group Kay Richards also places in the 800 in 2:27.5 for fifth place, Jo Drake was fourth in the long jump at 16'0". Sandy Oliver was third in the long jump at 16'4 3/4", and the team of Mickey Welsh, Oliver, Drake, and Richards placed second in the 440 relay in 53.3.

The last meet of the season for the Traverse City Cindergals will be July 13-14 in Midland at the State Championships.

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