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Peggy Thias of Lansing Catholic Central gives it her all in the long jump Friday, during Spartan High School Relays for Girls

Teresa Lawless, Diane Smith score

Local girls win two Relays events

There were four individual events on the early program of the Spartan High School Relays for Girls Friday, and Lansing area girls won two of them.

Teresa Lawless of Grand Ledge got the meet off to a rousing start with a record-shattering victory in the first running event of the evening.

LAWLESS TOOK the two-mile run in 11 minutes, 55.9 seconds, exactly four seconds under the meet record established last spring by Cheryl Kerckaert of Bath.

Diane Smith of Mason etched her name into the record book, too, in the process of posting the second local success. Smith cleared 5-4½ in the high jump, a half inch higher than the winning effort in 1975.

The meet was still going at press time, with one individual event, the mile run, and three relays yet to be completed.

LAWLESS WASN'T alone as a record-breaker. Four of the first five events completed resulted in records.

The shot put mark of 42-9¾ set a year ago by former Holt state champion Jane Pearce fell to Sharon Upshaw of Mt. Clemens, who won with a heave of 43-1.

Ann Cwik of Detroit Bishop Borgess claimed the long jump record, leaping 17-11½, seven inches better than former standard bearer Anita Lee of Detroit Cass Tech had done in 1975.

THE SPRINT medley relay record really took a pounding. All six teams which scored, including sixth place Holt, bettered the old mark of 1:58.5. Victorious Detroit Pershing beat it by 5.2 seconds.

Outside of Lawless, Smith and Holt's relay team, the only other local athlete to place in the first six events was Howel's Ellen Dempsey, who had scored in two events. Dempsey finished third in high jump, fourth in long jump.

A field of more than 70 schools, double the number which entered the first running last spring, brought over 1,000 girls into Jenison Fieldhouse to take part in the meet.

Detroit Pershing had the early lead in the race for team honors, scoring 18 points in six events.

RELAYS SUMMARY

Two-Mile Run — 1. Lawless (Gr. Ledge), 11:55.9 (meet record); 2. Lathrop (Mus Cath Cent), 3. Stone (Gr Blanc), 4. Cervone (Dominican), 5. Webber (Montrose), 6. McCurdy (Romeo)

Shot Put — 1. Upshaw (Mt. Clemens), 43-1 (meet record); 2. Prouty (Trav City), 3. Burton (Dominican), 4. Gray (Liv Churchill), 5. Paterson (Mus Heights), 6. Barber (Ferndale)

Shuttle Hurdle Relay — 1. Fremont, 34.2; 2. Wolke Lake Western, 3. Bishop Borgess, 4. (tie) Flint Northern, Ann Arbor Huron and Ferndale

Long Jump — 1. Cwik (Bishop Borgess), 17-11½ (meet record); 2. Johnson (Det Pershing), 3. Horne (Montrose), 4. Dempsey (Howell), 5. Brown (Mt Clemens), 6. Dryer (Liv Bentley)

Sprint Medley Relay — 1. Det Pershing, 1:53.3; 2. Det Northern, 3. Liv Bentley, 4. Det Central, 5. Pont Central, 6. Holt

High Jump — 1. Smith (Mason), 5-4½; 2. Johnson (Mus Cath Cent), 3. Dempsey (Howell), 4. Alessi (Adrian), 4. Ballard (L'Anse-Croix), 6. Wriostek (Fl Carman)

Two-Mile Relay — 1. Bishop Borgess, 10:09.8; 2. Grand Ledge, 3. Jackson, 4. Howell, 5. Ladywood, 6. Liv Stevenson

800 Relay — 1. Pontiac Central, 1:48.8 (meet record); 2. Det. Central, 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 4. Liv Bentley, 5. Mus Cath Cent, 6. Chelsea

Mile Run — 1. Opalewski (Sag MacArthur), 5:08.1; 2. Willis (Det. Pershing), 3. Sorpasso (Lan Cath Cent), 4. Zook (Trav City), 5. Ervin (Lan. Waverly), 5. Dyer (Gr. Ledge)

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