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St.Joseph, Sturgis girls win league track titles

St. Joseph in the Big Seven and Sturgis in the Twin Valley flashed home first in their respective girls track and field conference championship meets Tuesday.

In boys action, Mendon clinched the St. Joseph Valley league title and Marshall lost to Jackson Lumen Christi in a nonleague dual meet, 79-53.

Lakeview hosted the Big Seven meet in which St. Joseph slipped ahead of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix in a close battle, 64-60. The rest of the field was strung out with Lakeview tieing for fifth spot with 29 points.

Lakeview came up with three first places and Karen Johnson figured in two of them. She took the 100 sprint in :11.3 and teamed with Lori Harland, Shannon Smith and Debbie Fox to win the 440 relay in :51.9. Teammate Kim Tribbett won the two mile in 12:39.5.

In the Twin Valley meet in Sturgis, the Trojans wrapped up the overall season title by taking the league championship meet. Marshall, Albion and Sturgis entered the title meet tied with 5-1 dual meet records

Sturgis made a runaway of the league meet with 73 points while Albion was a distant second at 47 tallies. Hillsdale followed at 38, Marshall 31, Harper Creek and Pennfield 13 each and Coldwater 9.

Sturgis led with five first places and came up with a double winner along with Albion. Susan Wegner of Sturgis won the discus and shot put. Karen Harris of Albion charged home first in the long jump and 100 dash. Her leap of 17 feet, 1 3-4 inches, was a record in the long jump. Teammate Melnee Ridley also set a record in winning the 220 in :26.8. Karen Leutheufer of Hillsdale also broke a record in winning the two-mile in 12:11.6.

Mendon easily captured the boys St. Joseph Valley title at home by amassing 72¼ points to 57½ for runnerup Climax-Scotts.

Terry Kline of Centreville emerged the only double winner, taking both hurdles events, the highs in the record time of :15.3 and the lows in :21.3. John Halasz of Climax-Scotts accounted for a record when he won the long jump on a leap of 21 feet, 1¾ inches.

Mendon's mile relay team set a record of 3:32.2 and Greg Greider of Mendon tied the high jump record at 6-2.

Craig LaFountain led Marshall in defeat at the hands of regional champion Lumen Christi. LaFountain lowered his own school record in the low hurdles by winning in :19.8. He took the high sticks in :14.8 and also won the long jump.

High School Track Summaries

Girls' Big Seven Meet

Discus — Won by Whitney (LN); 105-8
Shot Put — Won by Israel (H); 37-5
Long jump — Won by Karen Harris (SH); 16-3.
High jump — Won by Griswold (SJ); 5-4.
880 relay — Won by Holland; 5-Lakeview (Mary DeLano, Debbie Fox, Sherry Kuhn, Karen Johnson); 1:49.6
880 — Won by Hodgkins (LN); 2-Carla Shelton (L); 2:29.2
110 hurdles — Won by MacFarland (SJ); 6-Kuhn (L); :16.0
Mile — Won by McLelland (SJ); 5:43.9
100 — Won by Karen Johnson (L); :11.3
220 — Won by Webb (H); 5-Lori Herland (L) 1:00.4
Two-mile — Won by Kim Tribbett (L) 12:39.5
220 — Won by Stout (PN); 6-Fox (L) ;27.4
Mile relay — Won by Loy Norrix 4:17.4
440 relay — Won by Lakeview (Lori Harland, Shannon Smith, Debbie Fox, Karen Johnson) :51.9

HOW THEY FINISHED

St. Joseph 66, Holland 46, Portage Northern 46, Loy Norrix 40, Lakeview 29, Niles 29 (tie), Portage Central 25.

Girls Twin Valley Meet

Discus — Won by Susan Wegner (S); 2-Davis (S); 3-Henderson (C); 4-Beohmer (M); 5-Sorko-Ram (S), 96-9½
Shot put — Won by Wegner (S); 2-Henderson (C); 3-Beohmer (M); 4-Jenney (HC); 5-Sullivan (H) 35-3 3-4
Long jump — Won by Karen Harris (A); 2-Bertsch (S); 3-Blankenship (P); 4-Leutheuser (H); 5-Eppaugh (M) 17-1 1-2 (record)
High jump — Won by Debbie Sorko-Ram (S); 2-Cheeks (S); 3-Hart (M); 4-Heidenreich (M); 5-Barkley (S), 5-2 (ties meet record)
880 relay — Won by Hillsdale ; 2-Albion; 3-Harper Creek; 4-Sturgis; 5-Marshall, 1:48.5
880—Won by Peggy Parr (S); 2-Porter (H); 3-Williams (A); 4-Pugli (St); 5-Page (C) 2:38.2
110 low hurdles — Won by Kim Espaugh (M); 2-Blankenship (P); 3-Kennedy (S); 4-Clendening (H); 5-Teuber (HC) :15.3
100 — Won by Karen Harris (A); 2-Klein (M); 3-Metzer (A); 4-Sorko-Ram (S); 5-Sackrider (HC) :11.6
440 — Won by Karen Leutheufer (H); 2-Bertsch (S); 3-Merriman (A); 4-Parr (S); 5-Barry (HC) : 1:00.9 (Record)
Two-mile — Won by Melnee Massarant (H); 2-Mills (St); 3-Arnold (P); 4-Grob (A); 5-Van-Deusen (HC) 12:11.6 (Record)
220 — Won by Melnee Ridley (A); 2-Kennedy (S); 3-Klein (M); 4-Metzer (A); 5-Mason (HC) : 26.8 (Record)
Mile relay — Won by Hillsdale; 2-Sturgis, 3-Albio ; 4-Harper Creek; 5-Marshall 4:12.2 (Record)
440 relay — Won by Sturgis; 2-Marshall; 3-Albion 2-Albion; 4-Harper Creek; 5-Coldwater : 52.3

HOW THEY FINISHED

Sturgis 73, Albion 47, Hillsdale 38, Marshall 31, Harper Creek 13, Pennfield 13 (tie), Coldwater 9.
Overall season: Sturgis, Albion, Marshall and Hillsdale tie, Harper Creek, Pennfield, Coldwater.

Sonr' St.Joseph Valley Meet

Discus — Won by Dan Bailey (CS); 2-Rockwell (Con); 3-Grossman (Ce); 4-Niles (CS); 5-Conner's (Con) 120-6
Shot put — Won by Greg Jensen (CS); 2-Grossman (Ce); 3-Parson (Con); 4-Baad (Colon); 5-Huff (M) 47-0
High jump — Won by Greg Greider (M); 2-Williams (St); 2-Gary Greider (M); 4-Whittendort (Con); 5-Boggio (M) 6-2 (ties record)
Long jump — Won by John Halasz (CS); 2-Williams (S); 3-Cook (M); 4-Strong (M); 5-Norman (Colon) 21-1¾ (Record)
Pole vault — Won by Steve Nuttoli (WP); 2-Ricketts (CS); 3-Kline (Cen); 4-Wagner (Con); Rick (S) 9ft 11-0
880 relay — Won by Mendon (John Cook, Steve Courtney, Joe Baker, Rodney Strong); 2-Climax-Scotts; 3-Centreville; 4-Colon; 5-White Pigeon 1:33.9
880 — Won by Steve Mitchell (M); 2-Bainbridge (Cen); 3-Back (CS); 4-Memple (M); 5-J. Adams (Cen) 2:03.4
Mile — Won by Terry Kline (Cen); 2-Williams (S); 3-Gary Greider (M); 4-Greg Greider (M); 5-Baad (Colon) :15.3 (Record)
Mile — Won by Mark Dantler (M); 2-Drallette (CS); 3-Schreder (Cen); 4-Mobeck (Colon); 5-Graeber (Cen) 4:42.1
4-Mobeck (Colon); 5-Graeber (Cen) 4:42.1
100 — Won by Rodney Strong (M); 2-Halasz (CS); 3-Fredenburg (Colon); 4-Shook (Colon); 5-Cook (M) :10.7
440 — Won by Steve Courtney (M); 2-J. Adams (Cen); 3-Jordan (Colon); 4-Baker (M); 5-Bainbridge (Cen) :51.95
Low hurdles — Won by Terry Kline (Cen); 2-Knowles (CS); 3-Williams (St); 4-Taylor (CS); 5-Gary Greider (M) :21.35
Two-mile — Won by Joe Zinsmaster (M); 2-Fury (Cen); 3-Myhre (CS); 4-Kelly (Cen); 5-Parsons (Con) 10:18.2
220 — Won by Dale Shook (Colon); 2-Taylor (CS); 3-Strong (M) tie; 4-Lyns (St.); 5-Knowles (CS) :26.6
Mile relay — Won by Mendon (Steve Mitchell, Kevin Hemple, Hempel, Mark Pigeon 3:22.2 (Record); 2-Centreville; 3-Colon; 4-C-S; 5-White Pigeon
440 relay — Won by Colon (Rick Fredenburg, Dale shook, Dale Norman, Jordan); 2-Schoolcraft; 3-Climax-Scotts; 4-Constantine; 5-White Pigeon :46.2

HOW THEY FINISHED

Mendon 72, Climax-Scotts 57, Centreville 49, Colon 31, Schoolcraft 22, Constantine 14, White Pigeon 9

Lumen Christi 79, Marshall 53

Shot put — Phil Sponsler (LC) 50-2½
Long jump — Craig LaFountain (M) 20-1½
High jump — Dave LaFore (LC) 6-3
Pole vault — Joe Rand (LC) 12-6
Discus — Mike Boehmer (M) 142-5½
880 relay — Lumen Christi 1:34.4
Mile — Jones (LC) 4:39.6
High hurdles — LaFountain (M) :14.8
Mile — Jones (LC) 4:39.6
100 — John Yothers (M) :10.3
440 — McCavin (LC) :51.6
Low hurdles — LaFountain :19.8 (school record)
Two-mile — Dick Smith (M) 9:47.7
220 — Hankerd (LC) :24.55
Mile relay — Marshall 3:34.3
440 relay — Marshall (Al Holstein, Rick Tymkew, Yothers, LaFountain) :45.8
Record: Marshall 8-2

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