

Area thinclads shine at WMU indoor meet; C-S takes C-D crown

City and area track coaches are assessing the potential of their squads this week, following fine showings in the Southwestern Michigan Invitational Indoor meet at Western Michigan University prep indoor track meet last weekend.

Climax-Scotts fared the best as a team, taking the C-D championship. St. Philip was sixth, Athens seventh, Springfield ninth, Galesburg-Augusta 12th and Colon 16th.

C-S picked up key points by taking the sprint medley and mile relays. Jeff Knowles, Bill Bailey, Shawn Vosburg and Matt Van Middlesworth ran on the sprint medley while Knowles, Tim Black, Van Middlesworth and Mark Drallette did the honors in the mile relay. All the relay runners placed in other events, headed by Mark Drallette, who took a second in the 440.

Dave Downey of St. Philip won the long jump with a leap of 18-10 and teammate Ed Greenman was third. Rod Howard of G-A won the mile in 4:47.5. Springfield landed Bill Bennett in a tie for 2nd in the pole vault and Larry Abbott captured the 65 high hurdles in :08.7.

Athens picked up second place points in the sprint medley (Paul Converse, Jerry Scherer, Jeff Hendershot and Tim Denney) and 3rd spot in the distance medley (Converse, Chris Decker, Denney and Jim Oswald). Keith Swank placed 5th in the high hurdles.

Battle Creek finished 8th in Class A where Benton Harbor prevailed for the title. Larry Caper of the Bearcats wound up 4th in the 60-yard dash. Teammate Bill Perkins finished 4th in the high jump, Mark Frey placed 5th in the mile, Chris McCoy took 2nd in the high sticks and the Bearcat sprint medley team finished 4th.

Jenison took Class B team honors with Harper Creek tied for 8th, Gull Lake 12th and Sturgis 13th.

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