

Big Nine girls smash records

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An assault on the records and intense team competition were the order of the day in the Big Nine Conference girls' track championship.

Twelve of the 14 standards were shattered and another was matched Tuesday at Mt. Morris High's track where the meet came down to the final event before the title was determined.

Kearsley, which has been a familiar name on the boys' circle in Big Nine track, finally made its way to the top on the girls' ladder.

DOUG FILLMORE'S crew, the only undefeated team after dual competition, made it a clean sweep by emerging from the conference test with 76 points.

Davison and Beecher, who threatened throughout the meet in the battle for the top spot, ran a close second and third with 73 1-3 and 73 points respectively. Defending champion Swartz Creek, without the services of outstanding speester Ann Kovarik, took fourth place with 54 points.

The meet went into the final event to be completed—the shot put—before the leading scorer was settled. Beecher was in first place with 69 points, Kearsley had 68 and Davison 56 1-3. However, this was the Cardinals' strongest event.

Bill Perry's crew applied the heat when Michelle Pfeiffer won with a record toss of 41-feet, Denise Crane was third and Jeannene sixth for a total of 17 points in the event.

But Marybeth Walworth, who grabbed fourth in the discus by tossing the oval better than 100 feet for the first time, secured the top spot for the Hornets with a second-place finish in the shot for a big eight points.

KEARSLEY HAD 20 points in the overall standings (determined on combined points from duals and the conference meet), Davison was second with 17, Swartz Creek had 15, Flushing 11, Beecher 10, Grand Blanc 8, Carman

6 and Owosso and Powers Catholic three apiece.

The only record to emerge uncathed was the high jump won by Davison's Claire Donnelly at 5-1. Kearsley's Pam Draper tied the 880 mark with a time of 2:24.9.

"I'm really proud of our distance people," said Fillmore, whose team was last and third in his two previous Big Nine coaching seasons. "That 1-2-3 finish in the mile really shot us up there. I think we have the finest distance girls in the state. And, Carol Schenk is just outstanding."

Schenk, the brilliant long distance ace, was the meet's only performer to win two individual events—both in record times.

SHE SHATTERED her mile and two-mile marks with times of 5:15.1 and 10:56.4, respectively. Schenk's performance in the two-mile matched last year's winning effort in the state Class A meet.

The Schenk-Drape-Lynn Rice finish in the mile was worth 24 points for Kearsley and supplied the impetus to catapult the Hornets on their way to the title.

Dawn Greenman's 112-8½ winning toss in the discus was Kearsley's fourth triumph, the meet's most victories.

Beecher and Davison each won three events, Clio won two and Flushing and Carman one apiece.

Beecher's Sandra Harris put on an outstanding individual effort, winning the 100 dash and running opening legs on victorious 880 and 440 relay teams. She was joined by Tracy Harris, Sharon Massey and Stephanie Price on the 880 unit and by T. Harris, Price and Valerie Kellum on the 440 quartet.

TYRONE ARMSTRONG'S speedsters shot into contention after the 100 dash. Following Harris across the line was Price (3), Sabrina Young (4) and Shari Brock (6) to pick up 21 points.

In addition to victories by Pfeiffer and Donnelly, Davison also won the mile relay with Renee Lobert, Jeanne



Kearsley's Carol Schenk

Long distance standout

Smithson, Laura Yoder and Margaret Adams.

Carman's Joni Cummings successfully defended her 110-yard hurdles title and lowered the record to 15.4. Clio's victories came from Cheri Laycock in the 220 and Teri Balderstone in the 440. Laycock was second in the 100, third in the long jump and ran a leg on the third-place 880 relay squad.

Flushing's Missy Headrick bettered Laycock's 16-10½ record in the long jump with a leap of 17-1.

Swartz Creek was hurt without Kovarik who set marks in the 100 and 220 last year in addition to running a leg on a record-setting 880 unit. With her speedster sidelined with a broken arm, the best Jane Cook's team could manage was four second places.

Zalizny gets an ace

Tom Zalizny of 3830 Beechwood Ave. in Flint used a 9-iron to ace the No. 10, 135-yard hole at Dutch Hollow Golf Club in Durand. Witnessing Zalizny's first ace were Richard Gale, Jerome Jorgensen and Bill Manley.