

It's record-breaking day in MEEC track

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The crashing noises coming from Kearsley High's track Tuesday night were just the sounds of records breaking in the Mid-Eastern Eight Conference track meet.

All existing records in the girls' events were broken and 12 of 16 boys' events saw records smashed.

Montrose ended its two-year stay in the MEEC by winning its second consecutive championship in both boys' and girls' competition.

Coach Bill Kobbler's Rams took the boys' title with 53 points. Hamady was second with 49 followed by Byron with 17½, Goodrich 15, Atherton 29, New Lothrop 22½, and Bendle and Holy Rosary with 12 apiece.

In the girls' competition Montrose again out-distanced Hamady for the second year, 76-69. Bendle was third with 22 points followed by Goodrich, 16, Atherton 13, Holy Rosary 10, New Lothrop 9, and Byron 8.

ATHERTON'S JOHN DARGA led the assault on the record book for the boys with victories in the mile and 880. Montrose's Dave Cole took the long jump and also anchored the Rams standard-setting 880 and mile relay teams for the double winners.

Hamady's fabulous Laurie Byrd was the outstanding performer of the meet with victories in the 110 yard hurdles, high jump, long jump and she also anchored the Hawks' mile relay squad.

Byrd's teammate Janet DeNicolo was a double winner with victories in the 880 and mile and she also ran on the mile relay quartet.

The Rams' overall strength was too much though. Pallastean Harris took the 100 and 200 yard dashes and ran on the 880 relay squad. Christy Webber picked up a pair of victories in the discus and shot put.

Montrose's other victory in the boys' competition came from Jeff Glann in the pole vault with a 12-6 mark.

Goodrich picked up three first places. Barry Adkins took the high jump with a 6-4¾ effort. Kipp Owen set a new record in the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.38 and the relay team of Owen, Eric Schrader, Jim Albrecht and Rod Wood won the 480 relay.

BYRON AND HAMADY each took two first places. Keith Maylum of Byron surprised the defending champ in the 330 low hurdles. Don York of Hamady, with a 38.71 showing while York finished second at 39.42. Both times beat last year's record of 40.10.

York got his revenge in the 120 high hurdles however by edging Maylum out 14.71 to a 15.16 clocking. Joel Hollenback was Byron's other winner with a 52.51 time in the 440. The Hawks' Tim Forte raced to a 23.30 victory in the 220 to erase the 23.67 mark of last year.

New Lothrop's powerful Rich Keith



Laurie Byrd
Top MEEC performer

shattered the old discus mark of 131-6 with a heave of 146 feet. Jeff Baldwin was Bendle's lone winner with a 10:17.6 time for the two mile.

In the 880 and mile relays Montrose's teams, anchored by Cole, set new records. The mile was made up of Rick Beardslee, Andy Bragg, Andy

Pyrc and Cole while the 880 squad consisted of Rob Robinson, Phil Green, Shannon Destrampe and Cole.

CATHY MARKLAND'S RAMS won their sixth straight league championship. Montrose and Hamady tied for the most first places with six each but the Rams took seven seconds while the Hawks got only three.

Liz Greene won the 440 for Montrose and also ran on the victorious 880 yard relay team. Greene ran a 61.04 to shatter the old mark of 64.84 and ran the second leg of the relay team consisting of Harris, Media Bragg and Kris Podulka.

Montrose nearly swept all the relay events but was edged by one one-hundredth of a second in both events. Hamady took the mile relay with a time of 4:13.98 to 4:13.99 for the Rams.

The Hawks' winning squad consisted of Ann Wyczalek, Melissa Cook, DeNicolo and Byrd. In the 440 relay it was Goodrich's turn to nip Montrose. Cathy Pilon, Jenny Allen, Sue Nylander and Pat Syrek made up the team which ran a 52.13 to a 52.14 for the Rams.

Mary Mullally was host Holy Rosary's lone victor with a 12:03.8 clocking in the two-mile which broke the old record of 12:35.71

Two duos form winning fastpitch combinations

Tom Hoag and Lee Weeks. Dan Parker and Dave Markee.

They formed winning combinations Tuesday night in the City Class AA-A Fastpitch League at Whaley Stadium.

Hoag was responsible for all six runs and Weeks didn't allow an earned run in a four-hitter as Hirsch Jewelers defeated Buck's Tavern, 4-2.

Parker tripled home two runs and scored the other in a three-run third and Markee allowed only two hits as Markee Electric stopped The Shanty, 3-0.

Hoag needed only two pitches to account for Hirsch's runs. He homered just inside the left-field line on the first delivery by Charlie Smith for a 2-0 lead in the first and hit a first-pitch triple in the third to drive in two more runs.

His fielding error led to Buck's first run in the second and he made a fielding and throwing error to account for the other in the third.

Weeks struck out six.

Hoag, despite limited vision with a black eye via a water skiing accident, also singled for a perfect night at the plate.

Markee hasn't pitched better and his team backed him beautifully to give the Electricians their victory over

Fred Hill and The Shanty.

Jim Dillon via a fielder's choice and Guy Smith (single) were aboard when Parker sliced his third-inning triple. He scored on Randy Stegall's grounder.

The Electricians got four of their five hits off Hill in the third with Dave Haight getting a pair. Mike Clary singled in the third, Wayne McKenzie in the seventh for the only hits off Markee who retired 11 straight batters in one stretch and permitted only one Shanty runner to reach second—in the second inning when he issued his only two passes. Markee's only strikeout ended the game.

PREP SPORTS

BOB HIGGINS took three firsts and Diego Barrios and Phil Mosciski two each as Durand defeated Ortonville Brandon in track, 105-52.

MAUREN MINER of Ortonville Brandon took two firsts but Durand's girls' track team won the meet, 78-57.