

Vaulters Neutz, Wilkins Pace CHS In Meet

DOWAGIAC — Pole vaulters Chuck Neutz and Jo-Jo Wilkins soared a combined total of 24' to take the Cardinals' only first place in the Roadrunner Relays held here Saturday as both the Coldwater High School boys and girls track teams were in action.

Neutz, the Coldwater High record holder who has been leading area vaulters all season, cleared the bar at 12'6" and Wilkins turned in a strong 11'6" performance to enable the Card duo to lead the pack. The 24' total represents a record for relay competition in the pole vault for the Cardinals, besting the previous mark of 23' set in 1979 by Neutz and Steve Hourtlenne.

Jim Billsborrow's boys squad also managed medals in the shot put relay, where Mike Stahly and Rich Cole had a combined heave of 81'8 and a half inches, the two-mile relay, and the distance medley relay. Stahly put the shot 41'11 and a quarter inches while Cole, like Stahly an underclassman, managed a 39'9 and a quarter heave to

give the pair a third place standing.

Distance runners Bret Norton, Ron Bercaw, Craig Simmerman, and Steve Uhl, each running half-mile legs, finished second to Grand Rapids Union in the two mile relay. The quartet turned in a time of 8:35.5 to finish five seconds behind the winning foursome. Uhl, Norton, Bercaw, and Chris Newman combined to finish third in the distance medley event, again finishing behind the Grand Rapids school.

Bob Mullally's Lady Cardinals again competed without the services of Lisa Kellogg, lost for the season, but welcomed back Julie Schorfhaar who helped Coldwater to a third and fourthplace finish in two events. The team of Schorfhaar, Kathi Miller, Cathy Page, and Cynthia Sellers ran a 4:29.1 to finish third in the mile relay, while Schorfhaar, Miller, Page, and Shelly Heater finished fourth in the 800 meter relay in 1:54.9. Angie VanBuskirk and Julie Bettinger just missed a third place finish in the long jump when Bettinger leaped 14'11" and VanBuskirk sailed 15'2".

The Coldwater girls will be at Bronson tonight while the boys will entertain Marshall and Harper Creek for a double dual meet Tuesday at 4:30 at Cardinal field.