

Mason High's Cindy Howell leaps 15 feet, 6 3/4 inches in the long jump at Friday's Spartan Relays at Jenison Field House. She finished second.

Mason's Relays finish best ever

Captures third in 21-team field

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Mason High's girls track coach Jim Glazier won't have to worry about his team's stranglehold on the Capital Circuit for a long while if the Bulldogs' performance Friday at the Spartan Relays was any indication of things to come.

Leedy several strong performances by Mason's underclassmen, the Bulldogs, who have captured the last two league titles and 23 conference dual meets in a row, finished third in the Class B meet at Michigan State's Jenison Field House. It was their best finish ever.

Sturgis and Flint Beecher tied for first with 53 points apiece. Mason was second and Okemos finished eighth. The Class B meet featured 21 teams.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the way our younger kids performed," Glazier said. "I was also pleased by the way they held up against real strong competition and the pressure from going against so many teams."

Mason's sophomore Cindy Howell was the Bulldogs' top finisher, taking second place in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet, 7 3/4 inches. Howell also ran a leg on the runner-up sprint medley team (3:08.6), which included junior Donna Willis and freshman Suzanne Llane and Wendy Sparks.

But the youth movement didn't stop there. Freshman Miley Hills finished third in the shot put (34-1) while sophomore Wendy Hahn finished fourth in the two-mile run and sixth in the mile.

Okemos was led by Denys Adams, who won the two-mile run (11:25) and also ran a leg on the winning distance medley team. Also competing on that team were Vonnice Dood, Tammy Hollander and Carol Junick.

There were several outstanding area individual performances in the Class C-D meet in which Detroit Country Day won with 68 points and Pickford second with 48. Bath was third with 41. Haslett took fifth with 24 points and Perry ninth with 12.

There were 25 teams in the Class C-D meet. Haslett's Lori Lerch won both

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the 60 hurdles (8.39) and the long jump (16-2 3/4). The Vikings' shuttle hurdles relay team of Lerch, Cindy Moultsason, LeAnne Tormala and Jackie Johnstone finished second with a time of 38.79. Lisa Kloss of Perry won the two-mile run with a time of 12:21.73 while teammate Wendy Schmidt captured the high jump (5-2).

Bath's Sarah Neely won the shot put with a distance of 37-9 1/2. The best distance medley team of Alicia Witchell, Kim Bruck, Christy Abendroth and Deb Nichols finished second with a time of 13:47.16.

Devil's Kelli McKinley was runner-up in the long jump with a distance of 15-5 1/2.

Scoreboard

Class B
Top 10 Team Relays — Flint Beecher 83, Mason 41, Okemos 39, Ypsilanti Lincoln 31, Montpelier 31, Sturgis 29, Okemos 25, Alpena 24, Bath 22.

Top mile — Denys Adams (Okemos), 11:25.24. 4. Heather Hahn (Mason), 12:24.27.

High jump — Wendy Schmidt (Perry), 5-2. 4. Tom Howell (Mason), 4-10. 5. Beth Cady (Canton), 4-10.

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