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St. Joe thinclads take 2 firsts at indoor meet

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SOUTH BEND - St. Joseph thinclads took two firsts while finishing fourth among 15 teams in the South Bend Classic indoor track and field meet here Monday night.

St. Joe finished with 59 1/2 points in the meet at Notre Dame's Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. Northwood took the title with 77 points, while Sturgis had 74 and Wawasee 66.

St. Joe coach Ron Waldvogel was happy with the finish, seeing that none of the Bears were in more than one running event. "We probably could have made a run at winning it," stated Waldvogel, "but nobody doubled up. I wanted to see how the young ones would compete."

Probably St. Joe's most impressive win was by Pete McDowell in the two-mile run. He won by almost half a minute with a time of 9:57.90.

The other St. Joe first was by Brian Kubicki in the shot put with a heave of 49 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

The Bears also got a second from Brent Lignell in the long jump (20-6) and a second from the medley relay team of Scott Soorus, Chad Kessman, Brad Wick and Tony Perron in 7:55.0.

Perron's anchor run marked his return to competition after missing most of the past year with a stress fracture.

"I am quite pleased with the way we are looking," concluded Waldvogel.

Three other southwestern Michigan teams competed in the meet. Edwardsburg had 20 1/2 points and Buchanan 10. Brandywine was blanked.

Edwardsburg got a first place in the two-mile relay from Todd Gizzi, Brad Apel, Shaun Neff and Brian Renaldi in 8:59.10.

The Class A portion of the meet will be held tonight at the ACC.

Area teams entered are Benton Harbor, Dowagiac and Niles.

Team Scores - Northwood 77, Sturgis 74, Wawasee 66, St. Joseph 59 1/2, Constantine 50, Marian 37, New Prairie 36, Parchment 36, Jimtown 27, LaVille 25, Edwardsburg 20 1/2, Buchanan 10, White Pigeon 10, Brandywine 0, Hamilton 0.

60 Yard Dash - 1. Eberly (Wawasee) 6.50, 3. Lignell (St. Joe) 6.70.

Shuttle Hurdles Relay - 1. Northwood 33.90, 5. St. Joseph 35.40.

60 Yard High Hurdles - 1. Conrad (Northwood) 7.59.

Shot Put - 1. Kubicki (St. Joe) 49-6 3/4, 5. Bean (SJ) 45-5

1/4.

High Jump - 1. Smith (Sturgis) 6-3, 4. Darre (St. Joe) 5-11, 6. Marvel (Edwardsburg) 5-8.

Two-Mile Run - 1. McDowell (St. Joe) 9:57.90, 5. Smedley (Buchanan) 10:35.40.

4 X 3 Relay (Heat 1) - 1. Northwood 4:44.90.

4 X 3 Relay (Heat 2) - 1. Constantine 4:46.11, 3. Edwardsburg 5:11.41.

Long Jump - 1. Russell (Parchment) 21-6 3/4, 2. Lignell (St. Joe) 20-6, 4. Konopinski (Edwardsburg) 19-9 3/4.

Medley Relay (Heat 1) - 1. Marian 8:15.5, 2. Buchanan 8:19.11.

Medley Relay (Heat 2) - 1. New Prairie 7:50.36, 2. St. Joseph 7:54.93.

Sprint Medley Relay (Heat 1) - 1. Northwood 2:31.27.

Sprint Medley Relay (Heat 2) - 1. Wawasee 2:33.81.

Two-Mile Relay (Heat 1) - 1. Wawasee 8:57.76, 4. St. Joseph 9:37.92.

Two-Mile Relay (Heat 2) - 1. Edwardsburg (Gizzi, Apel, Neff, Renaldi) 8:59.09.

Sprint Relay (Heat 1) - 1. Northwood 1:17.85, 4. St. Joseph 1:26.87.

Sprint Relay (Heat 2) - 1. Parchment 1:16.99.

Pole Vault - 1. Trospier (Jimtown) 12-0, 5. Beizans (St. Joe) 11-0.



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