## Maple Valley girls triumph

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For the second consecutive year, Maple Valley has been a step ahead of the pack at Jenison Fieldhouse ... actually, several steps ahead.

SPARTAN RELAYS The Lions' giris' track team repeated as champions of the Spartan Relays Friday, totaling 55 points. Fowler was runner-up

with 42.

Class A action begins today at 9 a.m. at Jenison, with Sexton expecting to make a strong bld for the title.

Maple Valley's sprint medley relay team of Jennifer Phenix, Retha Byrd, Stephanie Bouwens and Janet Boldrey set a new Class C-D meet record with the time of 3 minutes, 7.2 seconds.

Coach Gary Hamilton said he was pleased with his team's performance, but not completely surprised.

"I thought they would perform preity well," Hamilton said. "One of the reasons we're so strong is because we have five assistant coaches helping in different areas. It really helps when you have coaches in every area that work with a kid on an individual basis."

But Hamilton knows that it took more than just good coaching to repeat as champions at the relays.

"The kids have a great attitude and they work really hard," Hamilton said, "plus we're talented, and you can't do anything without that talent."

Tracy Kawgoz showed her talent in the shot put, winning the title with a throw of 35 feet, 8 inches.

The Lions also got a big performance from Janet Boldrey, with a fifth-place finish in the 55 dash and a second in the long jump. Cindy Furlong added a fourth in the 3,000 and seventh in the 1,600, Tammy Ashley had a fifth in the 800.

The relay team took second in the 1,600, sixth in the distance medley relay and an eighth in the shuttle relay.

Powler got two first-place finishes, including one from Beth Wieber in the high jump, where she set a new school indoor record with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches. The other first came from the distance medley relay team of Kim Simmon, Jenny Schmitt, Laura Irrer and Sheri Thelen.

Irrer also took sixth place in the 1,600 and Thelen took seventh in the 800. Kerry Feepkey finished eighth in the 55 hurdles, and the shuttle relay team and the 1,600 relay team each took third.

Corunna's girls won the Class B title. Corunna placed in six of the 13 events, including Michele Radcliffe's first-place finish in the 1,600 meter run and second-place finish in the 800.

Kenda Watson added the only other placing, finishing fourth in the high jump. The relay teams did the rest of the work, as Corunna took second in the distance medley relay, sixth in the shuttle relay and eighth in the 800 meter relay.

Corunna coach John Wilcox said he thought his team would do well, but never expected the top finish. "Realistically, we were looking for placing some-



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Archie Swanner of Fowlerville placed fifth in the semifinals of the 50-meter high hurdles.

where in the top five, but this was a pleasant surprise," Wilcox said.

Corunna took the title by edging out Yale 361/2-341/2. Dearborn Robichaud took third with 33 points behind a strong performance of Rita Harden, who won the 55 dash and 55 hurdles.

In the boys' competition, Corunna took fifth in Class B behind Flint Beecher, River Rouge, Oxford and Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Corunna's Scott Davis placed third in the high jump and fourth in the long jump, Tim Lynch took sixth in the 55 hurdles, Troy Smith took third in the pole vault, and Matt Ames finished fourth in the 1,600.

The shuttle relay took third place, the distance medley relay finished fifth and the 1,600 relay squad took eighth.

Tyrone Wheatley of Dearborn Heights Robichaud was the only person to set an official meet record running the 55 dash in 6.33 seconds.

Fowler's boys finished second in Class C-D behind Reese. The Fowler relay team of Ryan Irrer, Garrick Pohl, Terry Schneider and Tom Becker took first in the distance medley relay, while Becker took third in the 1,600 and Ted Feldpausch finished third in the 3,200.

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