

# Bell rings up record times

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It was Laura Bell vs. the clock.  
The clock lost ... again.

Bell, Lakeville High's senior distance star, faced little competition in three of her four victories Wednesday in the Metro League track and field meet at Oxford.

Instead, she focused on posting the best possible times, breaking two league records in the process.

Her efforts helped Lakeville pile up 153 points, the second-highest total in league history, en route to the Falcons' third straight Metro title.

Oxford won the boys' meet by a 138-69 margin over runner-up Linden.

The meet marked the final act in Metro competition for two of the league's greatest runners ever.

Bell became the first Metro girl to win the same two events four straight years, in this case the 1,600 and 3,200. She also won the 200 for the second straight year and ran on the winning 3,200 team for the third straight time, giving her a record 14 first places in her Metro career.

Bell coasted to a record 5:11.0 timing in the 1,600, but faced a strong test from Oxford's Cathie Dodson as she broke her own mark in the 800 with a 2:20.0 effort. Dodson was a close second in 2:20.5, which was also better than Bell's time of 2:20.8 from last year.

"DODSON AND (Lapeer East's Jennifer) Fox both beat me before," Bell said. "I figured I would have to at least run my record time to get the win. It was hot today. The 800 wasn't bad, but the 3,200 was pretty bad."

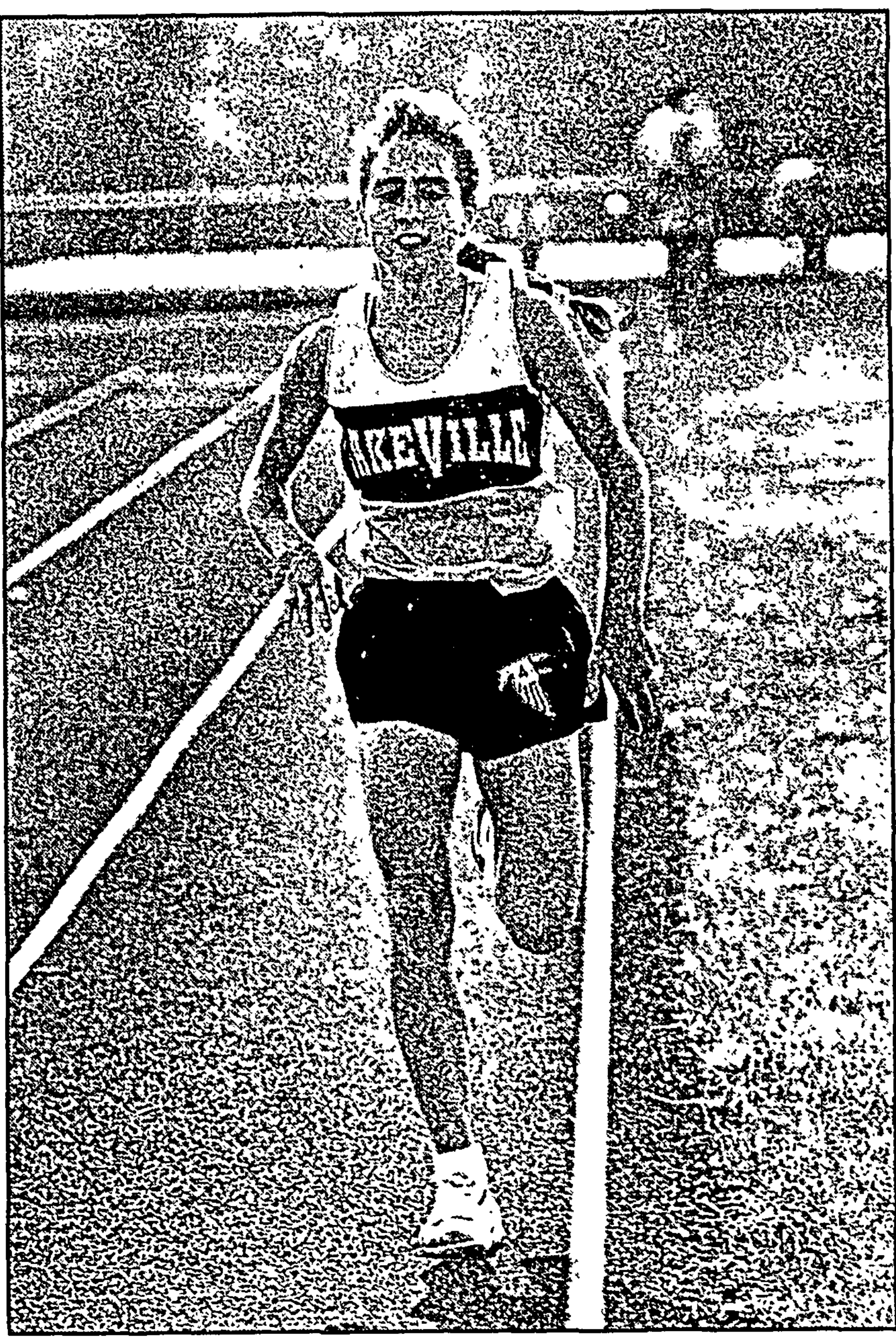
Teammate Kellie Hammond won the 100 for the fourth straight year and her three other victories put her second on the Metro's all-time list behind Bell with 12 first-place medals.

Before this year, only Lapeer West's Chris Boehmer (1979-82, long jump) and Ainsworth's Mary Brown (1982-85, 100) had won the same individual event four times. Julie Brooks, who ran for East and Holly from 1979-82, held the previous league mark of 10 career wins in the league meet.

Lakeville's Karri Kuzma set the only record in a field event with her toss of 128 feet in the discus. She also won the shot put, giving her a sweep of the weight events for the third time.

In all, Lakeville captured 10 of a possible 16 events to easily out-distance runner-up Durand's 81 points.

"This is the strongest team we've had," Lakeville Coach Darrell Morton said. "I can't



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Lakeville's Laura Bell runs to a Metro League record 5:11.0 in the 1,600.

speaking for other teams. Fenton has had some good teams in the past. When we combined the boys' and girls' programs, the girls have done the same workouts as the boys."

Durand's Helen Ekleberry and East's Michelle Brundage were the only non-Lakeville athletes to capture two firsts. Ekleberry swept the hurdles, while Brundage won the long jump and ran on the winning 400 relay team.

**OXFORD WAS** nearly as dominant in the boys' meet as Lakeville was in the girls' competition.

The Wildcats scored in all but one of the 17 events, winning six, as they took the Metro title for the fourth time in eight years.

Erik Welch highlighted the victory by winning four events.

Linden's Jason Deese (1,600, 800 and 3,200) and Lapeer West's Nate Pihlstrom (high jump, 110 hurdles, 400 relay) were three-time winners. Mt. Morris' Jane-

iro McIntosh won the 100 and long jump.

## Metro League track

### Boys' meet

Meet results — Oxford (O) 138, Linden (L) 69, Holly (H) 67, Lakeville (LV) 64½, Fenton (F) 52, Lapeer West (LW) 51, Mt. Morris (MM) 31, Lapeer East (LE) 29, Durand (D) 25½

Final season standings — (Dual-meet record in parentheses) Oxford (8-0) 20 points, Holly (7-1) and Linden (6-2) 15 each, Lakeville (4-4) 11½, Fenton (4-4) 10½, Lapeer West (2-6) 7, Lapeer East (2-6) 5, Durand (2-6) and Mt. Morris (1-7) 4 each.

Shot put — 1. Jan Supernault (LE) 51-4½, 2. Scott Gavan (LV) 50-5½, 3. Terry Wilson (O) 47-7½, 4. Kendall Root (H) 44-6½, 5. Chris Maitland (LV) 43-9, 6. Tom Atwell (LE) 43-7

High jump — 1. Nate Pihlstrom (LW) 6-3, 2. Scott Hammond (LV) 6-1, 3. Jon Raymond (L) 6-1, 4. Jason DeWeese (H) 6-1, 5. (Tie) Kevin Michael (D) and John Payer (LV) 5-10

Discus — 1. Gavan (LV) 144-9, 2. Lee Anderson (D) 138-9, 3. Chris Hill (LV) 137-11, 4. Supernault (LE) 131-½, 5. Mitch Lesinski (LW) 129-6, 6. Greg Taylor (O) 123-6½

3,200 relay — 1. Oxford (Mark Goodfellow, Kurt Stephenson, Bill Storauff, Jamie Wellington) 8:19.9, 2. Linden 8:23.7, 3. Holly 8:28.1, 4. Fenton 8:44.0, 5. Lakeville 9:13.3, 6. Mt. Morris 9:33.3

110 hurdles — 1. Pihlstrom (LW) 14.6, 2. DeWeese (H) 15.1, 3. Charles Kniffen (O) 15.2, 4. Hammond (LV) 15.5, 5. Kirk Page (LE) 15.7, 6. Bob Nagel (O) 15.9

100 — 1. Janeiro McIntosh (MM) 11.0, 2. Steve McCracken (O) 11.3, 3. Sean Blitchok (F) 11.3, 4. Nate Miller (LW) 11.4, 5. Jeff Boykin (H) 11.4, 6. Keith Rosebush (LE) 11.5

800 relay — 1. Oxford (Lee Fragoso, Rich Marinkovski, McCracken, Erik Welch) 1:31.0, 2. Fenton

1:34.3, 3. Lakeville 1:36.2, 4. Holly 1:37.5, 5. Lapeer West 1:37.7, 6. Mt. Morris 1:38.1

1,600 — 1. Jason Deese (L) 4:32.3, 2. Fred Bedore (D) 4:32.4, 3. Wellington (O) 4:42.3, 4. Goodfellow (O) 4:43.4, 5. Stephenson (O) 4:47.8, 6. Tom Jacobs (F) 4:49.5

400 relay — 1. Lapeer West (Miller, Rich Rennie, Pihlstrom, Jason Kalbfleisch) 44.3, 2. Fenton 45.0; 3. Oxford 45.2, 4. Lakeville 45.8, 5. Linden 46.1, 6. Holly 46.5

400 — 1. Welch (O) 50.8, 2. Fragoso (O) 51.3, 3. Ben Schneider (H) 51.8, 4. Chad Miller (F) 53.4; 5. Nick Klemp (H) 54.4, 6. Matt Wilson (L) 54.6

300 hurdles — 1. Kniffen (O) 40.3, 2. Pihlstrom (LW) 40.9, 3. DeWeese (H) 41.1, 4. Page (LE) 41.4; 5. Hammond (LV) 42.4, 6. Nagel (O) 42.5

Pole vault — 1. Brian Mundy (H) 13-0, 2. Mike Taylor (LV) 12-6; 3. B.J. French (O) 12-0; 4. Randy Huff (L) 11-6; 5. Chad Turscok (LV) 11-6, 6. Anthony Irwin (MM) 10-6

Long jump — 1. McIntosh (MM) 20-1, 2. Raymond (L) 19-11¾, 3. Brett Houghton (F) 19-11½, 4. Rosebush (LE) 19-10¼, 5. Ryan Buckler (L) 18-4¼; 6. Ben Jones (O) 18-4½

800 — 1. Deese (L) 2:03.2, 2. Wellington (O) 2:04.4, 3. Brian Weisdorfer (H) 2:04.6, 4. Phil Cobb (F) 2:06.9, 5. Matt Chappell (F) 2:08.4, 6. Shawn Ragling (LW) 2:09.0

200 — 1. Welch (O) 22.3, 2. McIntosh 22.5, 3. Fragoso (O) 22.5, 4. Miller (LV) 23.1; 5. Schneider (H) 23.4, 6. Steve Patterson (LE) 23.8

3,200 — 1. Deese (L) 10:00.3, 2. Bedore (D) 10:34.8, 3. Stephenson (O) 10:44.8; 4. Aaron Williams (L) 10:50.4; 5. Mark Stanley (O) 11:07.9, 6. Jacobs (F) 11:08.2

1,600 relay — 1. Oxford (Fragoso, Marinkovski, McCracken, Welch) 3:32.4, 2. Fenton 3:34.5; 3. Holly 3:34.6, 4. Linden 3:38.1, 5. Lapeer East 3:38.8, 6. Lakeville 3:45.0

### Girls' meet

Meet results — Lakeville 153, Durand 81, Lapeer East 75½, Oxford 57½, Fenton 49, Holly 41, Linden 24, Mt. Morris 14, Lapeer West 1

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Shot put — 1. Karri Kuzma (LV) 38-8, 2. Barb Parker (D) 34-7½, 3. Denise Rubin (MM) 34-3; 4. Jaime Fenrod (O) 30-7½, 5. Krystle Casteel (LV) 29-9, 6. Angie Lake (L) 29-2

Discus — 1. Kuzma (LV) 128-0 (breaks Metro record of 120-4½ set by Lapeer West's Shelly Dagle in 1980), 2. Casteel (LV) 109-6½, 3. Lake (L) 107-4½, 4. Parker (D) 96-7, 5. Kristy Cranmore (L) 94-5; 6. Megan Dimmer (LE) 92-7

Long jump — 1. Michelle Brundage (LE) 17-1¾; 2. Jennifer Fox (LE) 15-6; 3. Jenny Peyer (O) 15-5; 4. Tera McClellan (LV) 15-0¾, 5. Kelly Summer (D) 14-9, 6. Lisa Coram (O) 14-4½

High jump — 1. Kelly Spencer (H) 4-11, 2. Sara Warner (L) 4-9, 3. Tracy Fox (F) 4-9, 4. Jaime Simon (F) 4-9, 5. Dani Porsch (D) 4-9, 6. Jamie Root (LV) 4-7

3,200 relay — 1. Lakeville (Laura Bell, Julie Root, Emily Kaiser, Stacy Hutchcraft) 10:21.0, 2. Lapeer East 10:31.5, 3. Durand 10:33.8, 4. Holly 10:40.4, 5. Fenton 10:42.1; 6. Linden 11:35.8

100 hurdles — 1. Helen Ekleberry (D) 16.5, 2. Dana Upthegrove (LV) 16.9, 3. Linda Whitaker (O) 17.7, 4. Amy Lorts (D) 18.0; 5. Hollie Maxfield (O) 18.0; 6. Candy Johnson (F) 18.5

100 — 1. Kellie Hammond (LV) 12.4, 2. Julie Russell (LE) 13.1, 3. Porsch (D) 13.1, 4. Sara Dunn (D) 13.4, 5. Lanie Hall (L) 13.5, 6. Kelly Rowe (O) 13.6

800 relay — 1. Lakeville (McClellan, Becky Ring, Laura Greyerbiehl, Hammond) 1:49.0, 2. Lapeer East 1:50.5, 3. Durand 1:53.5, 4. Fenton 1:54.8, 5. Oxford 1:56.2, 6. Linden 2:04.3

1,600 — 1. Bell (LV) 5:11.0 (breaks Metro record of 5:16.4 set by Fenton's Lynn Walters in 1980), 2. Cathie Dodson (O) 5:26.5, 3. Mary Mick (H) 5:39.7, 4. Ju. Root (LV) 5:47.1, 5. Jenny Weisdorfer (H) 5:50.1, 6. Fox (LE) 6:00.2

400 relay — 1. Lapeer East (Kari Korpalski, Brundage, Rachael Curran, Russell) 52.4, 2. Oxford 52.8, 3. Lakeville 53.3, 4. Durand 53.9, 5. Fenton 55.3, 6. Linden 58.2

400 — 1. Hammond (LV) 59.1, 2. Stephanie Crelley (F) 1:02.3, 3. Janet Mihalyfi (O) 1:04.6; 4. Marie Brace (LE) 1:05.8, 5. (Tie) Bennie Boisseron (O) and Cindy White (LE) 1:06.1

300 hurdles — 1. Ekleberry (D) 50.1, 2. Korpalski (LE) 50.5, 3. Upthegrove (LV) 50.5, 4. Davina Jimenez (F) 51.0, 5. Renay Durrance (D) 51.5, 6. Patty Brennan (LV) 51.8

800 — 1. Bell (LV) 2:20.0 (breaks record of 2:20.8 set by Bell in 1990), 2. Dodson (O) 2:20.5, 3. Ju. Root (LV) 2:24.4, 4. Fox (LE) 2:29.5, 5. Jenna DeWeese (H) 2:37.7, 6. Weisdorfer (H) 2:38.7

200 — 1. Hammond (LV) 25.7, 2. Keneshia Bryant (MM) 26.1, 3. Spencer (H) 27.0, 4. Porsch (D) 27.0, 5. Brundage (LE) 27.4; 6. Hall (L) no time

3,200 — 1. Bell (LV) 12:08.8, 2. Michelle Mayhew (F) 12:43.8, 3. Mick (H) 12:48.4, 4. Debbie Barton (H) 13:10.0, 5. Kaiser (LV) 13:24.1, 6. Olivia Lake (D) 13:37.1

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