

Dedication brings Success!

Pounding, grueling, sweating, and driving for success. These words describe some of the things track runners go through.

The girls track team began their season conditioning in late February. Coach Scott Fetzer commented, "As a first year coach of the girls track program, I was optimistic. I knew we were a very young team but believed our key returning starters would provide a lot of success." After competing in many dual meets, the girls ran in the Sycamore Invitational, in which they finished a close second.

Individually, the 3200 meter relay team consisting of Nikki Jackson, Stephanie Hutchison, Amy Willinger, and Kim Kelley, placed 2nd in the GMC. Also in the league meet, Mandy Hester placed 3rd in the shotput and Gail Pinales placed 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles. Regional qualifiers were Hester in the shotput and discus and Willinger in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Fetzer felt the team's highlight of the season was the varsity team ranking 5th in the city voting and the JV team having an undefeated season with an 8-0 record.

Winning honors was the 3200 meter relay team of Jackson, Hutchison, Willinger, and Kelley, receiving All-League 2nd team, Hester All-League honorable mention in the shot, and Pinales All-League honorable mention in the 100 meter hurdles. Berry received Most Valuable Sprinter, Hester received Most

Valuable Field Events, and Willinger received Most Valuable Distance Runner. Also, Nikki Siegla and Kate Huyvaert received Senior Awards, Hutchison received Most Improved, and Bevin Beers received the Coaches Award.

As second year head coach of the boys track team, Coach Testerman set goals for the team that would bring them great accomplishments. Not only did members of his team qualify for regionals, but Junior Hank Ray qualified for state.

"Hank is a real hard worker," stated Testerman, "he is very serious about his running." Ray was the regional champ in the 200 yd. dash and 2nd in the 100 yd.

dash. Then at the state meet he placed 4th in the 200 yd. dash.

Testerman said that another leader for the team was Senior Jeremy Warden. "He was really a super senior. Jeremy was a good runner as well as being a great leader." Warden was part of the 1600 relay who was .3 of a second away from the school record. Matt Ford, Travis Warth, and Ray were his teammates.

Other standouts for the team included Senior Mike Funk who went to regionals in the 110 m. hurdles and Junior Warth who qualified for regionals in the 800 m. run.

Looking to next year, Testerman expects good things from the team. "Jeremy's leadership will be missed, but we have some good underclassmen who will bring great things to the team."

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"I was very pleased with the overall effort of our girls. They worked hard and put all of their effort into winning and making our program successful."

-Coach Fetzer



Teamwork brings success! Stephanie Hutchison hands off to Amy Willinger in the 3200 meter relay during a meet against Mt. Healthy.



Concentration! Senior Nikki Siegla gets in position to throw the discus as far as she can during a meet.

Stride out! Freshman Keith Kuhnell runs his hardest during his leg in the relay during a dual meet.

