

EXPECTATIONS FULFILLED

The varsity boys track team wins the district title

"**T**his year was a year unprecedented. It happens once every ten years that a team could have such strong runners," said distance coach Randy Lothrop. The 1992 boys track team went into the season with high expectations and ended it with success and excitement.

The track team shared the district title with the Elder Panthers. Along with head coach Don Testerman, senior Hank Ray was really excited. "I was shocked and elated when I realized that we had tied for first," said Ray. Ray was the district champion in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, and the long jump. The 4 x 400 relay team which consisted of senior Travis Warth, junior Matt Ford, sophomore Jamie Starr, and Ray placed second in a photo-finish with Withrow. Also qualifying for regionals was junior Eric Figgins in the long jump, Warth in the 800, junior Eric Mills in the 300 hurdles, the 4x100 relay team of Figgins, senior Archie Hayden, freshman Anthony Williams, and freshman Kevin St. Clair, and the 4x800 relay team of Warth, junior Mike Pauciolo,

Ford, and Starr. Lothrop went into districts hoping to beat the school record in the 4 x 100 relay, the 4 x 400, 4 x 800 and the 800. In the end, the school record of 3:24.0 was beaten by the 4 x 400 relay team which ran it in 3:19.75.

Lothrop commented, "Everybody improved immensely." At one point in the season the team was ranked fourth in the city. They managed to end their season ranked seventh.

At regionals, Ray qualified to state in the 200, and the 4 x 400 relay team also qualified to state. Even though the 4 x 800 relay team set a school record and placed third (the top four teams advance to state), the team was disqualified for stepping on the infield line.

"I'm hoping that the team (4 x 400) finishes in the top four at state, and that we also set a school record. I want to send this year's seniors away with good memories of our best track season ever," said Starr.

At state, Ray placed fourth in the 200, and the 4x400 relay team didn't qualify for the finals.

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Junior regional qualifier Eric Figgins jumps in the air into the high jump pit, as Coach Allison, freshman Kevin St. Clair, and freshman Anthony Williams watch.



Sophomore Jamie Starr runs a leg of the 3200 relay against Milford. Starr was part of the regional qualifying 3200 relay and state qualifying 1600 relay.



Above, Travis Warth runs in the 3200 relay against Milford. Warth was a regional qualifier in the 800, the 3200 relay, and the state qualifying 1600 relay.

