

SPORTS

M'ville boys, St. Paul girls win track and field meets

NORWALK — Monroeville's boys and St. Paul's girls each placed first in Firelands Conference track and field action Wednesday at Whitney Field.

In the boys' competition, The Eagles scored 71 points, while St. Paul checked in with 49.

Plymouth scored 36 points.

On the girls' side, St. Paul out-distanced Monroeville 88.3-52.6 for the win.

Plymouth scored 22 points.

The results are listed below:

BOYS

Team Standings — 1. Monroeville 71; 2. St. Paul 49; 3. Plymouth 36.

Shot Put — 1. Linder (SP) 43-2; 2. Anderson (Ply) 39-9 1/2; 3. Lewis (Ply) 39-3; Stocker (SP) 37-8.

Discus — 1. Linder (SP) 133-11; 2. Lewis (Ply) 127-3; 3. Cooksey (SP) 118-10; 4. Anderson (Ply) 117-7.

Long Jump — 1. Wise (Mon) 21-3 3/4; 2. Coletta (SP) 18-11 3/4; 3. Koch (Mon) 17-4; Pruitt (Mon) 16-9 1/2.

High Jump — 1. Reed (Ply) 5-8; Wendt (Mon) 5-7; 3. Sitterly (Mon) 5-4; Pruitt (Mon) 5-0.

110-Meter Hurdles — 1. Vladoff (Mon) 18.58; 2. Leber (Mon) 19.98; 3. Tyler (SP) 20.57; 4. Wendt (Mon) 21.66.

100-Meter Dash — 1. Wise (Mon) 11.31; 2. Hancock (Mon) 11.50; 3. Keaton (Ply) 11.56; Fries (SP) 11.59.

1600-Meter Run — 1. Schaffer (Mon) 5:23; 2. Rowe (Ply) 5:26.57; 3. Wilhelm (Mon) 5:29.83; 4. Bowes (SP) 5:38.03.

800-Meter Run — 1. Kline (SP) 2:26.7; 2. Wilhelm (Mon) 2:28.12; 3. Hanke (Mon) 2:30.53; 4. Hall (Ply) 2:32.36.

400-Meter Relay — 1. Monroeville (Wise, Wise, Johnson, Hancock) 46.42; 2. St. Paul 46.50; 3. Plymouth 50.73.

400-Meter Dash — 1. Koch (Mon) 54.46; 2. Kurtz (SP) 58.16; 3. Kromer (SP) 57.50; 4. Ryan (Mon) 58.78.

3200-Meter Relay — 1. Plymouth (Lemaster, Rowe, Hall, Schuster) 9:33.84; 2. Monroeville 9:34.32; 3. St. Paul 9:41.05.

300-Meter Hurdles — 1. Grose (SP) 46.91; 2. Vladoff (Mon) 46.98; 3. Pruitt (Mon) 50.09; 4. Leber (Mon) 51.78.

200-Meter Dash — 1. Keaton (Ply) 22.97; 2. Prack (SP) 24.08; 3. Coletta (SP) 25.23; 4. Kurtz (SP) 25.69.

3200-Meter Run — 1. Schwaderer (Ply) 11:53; 2. Schaffer (Mon) 12:02.69; 3. Wilhelm (Mon) 12:45.91; 4. Rowe (Ply) 12:46.

1600-Meter Relay — 1. St. Paul (Kurtz, Kromer, Grose, Fries) 3:48; 2. Monroeville 3:53.

GIRLS

Team Standings — 1. St. Paul 88.5; 2. Monroeville 52.5; 3. Plymouth 22.

Shot Put — 1. Schnellinger (SP) 35-9; 2. Gardner (SP) 32-1; 3. Camp (SP) 30-7; 4. White (Mon) 25.2.

Discus — 1. Schnellinger (SP) 122-11; 2. Gardner (SP) 107-8; 3. Fritz (SP) 98-1; 4. Playko (SP) 97.8.

Long Jump — 1. Ames (Mon) 14-9 1/8; 2. Bockrath (SP) 14-1 1/2; 3. Playko (SP) 13-3 1/2; 4. Adelmann (Mon) 13-2 1/4.

High Jump — 1. Steph Cunningham (Ply) 4-8; 2. Williams (SP) 4-6; 3. Playko (SP) 4-6; 3. Bockrath (SP) 4-4; 3. Adelmann (Mon) 4-4; 3. Karnehm (Mon) 4-4.

3200-Meter Relay — 1. St. Paul (Playko, Allard, Nedveski, Pasechnyk) 11:58.51; 2. Monroeville 13:00.

100-Meter Hurdles — 1. Meyers (Mon) 17.45; 2. Geretz (SP) 17.88; 3. Wilhelm (Mon) 17.97; 4. Graziani (SP) 19.08.

100-Meter Dash — 1. Ames (Mon) 14.04; 2. Shepherd (Ply) 14.09; 3. Widman (SP) 14.10; 4. Cloud (SP) 14.57.

1600-Meter Run — 1. Schwaderer (Ply) 6:27.00; 2. Reichel (SP) 7:01.32; 3. Pasechnyk (SP) 7:01.34; 4. Nielson 7:16.91.

400-Meter Relay — 1. Monroeville (Wilhelm, Ames, Fries, Schaffer) 55.08; 2. St. Paul 55.70; 3. Plymouth 58.63.

400-Meter Dash — 1. Prack (SP) 1:07.70; 2. Waddles (Ply) 1:11.92; 3. Playko (SP) 1:12.40; 4. Karnehm (Mon) 1:13.17.

300-Meter Hurdles — 1. Meyers (Mon) 52.76; 2. Wilhelm (Mon) 53.40; 3. Graziani (SP) 53.63; 4. Parry (Mon) 1:01.20.

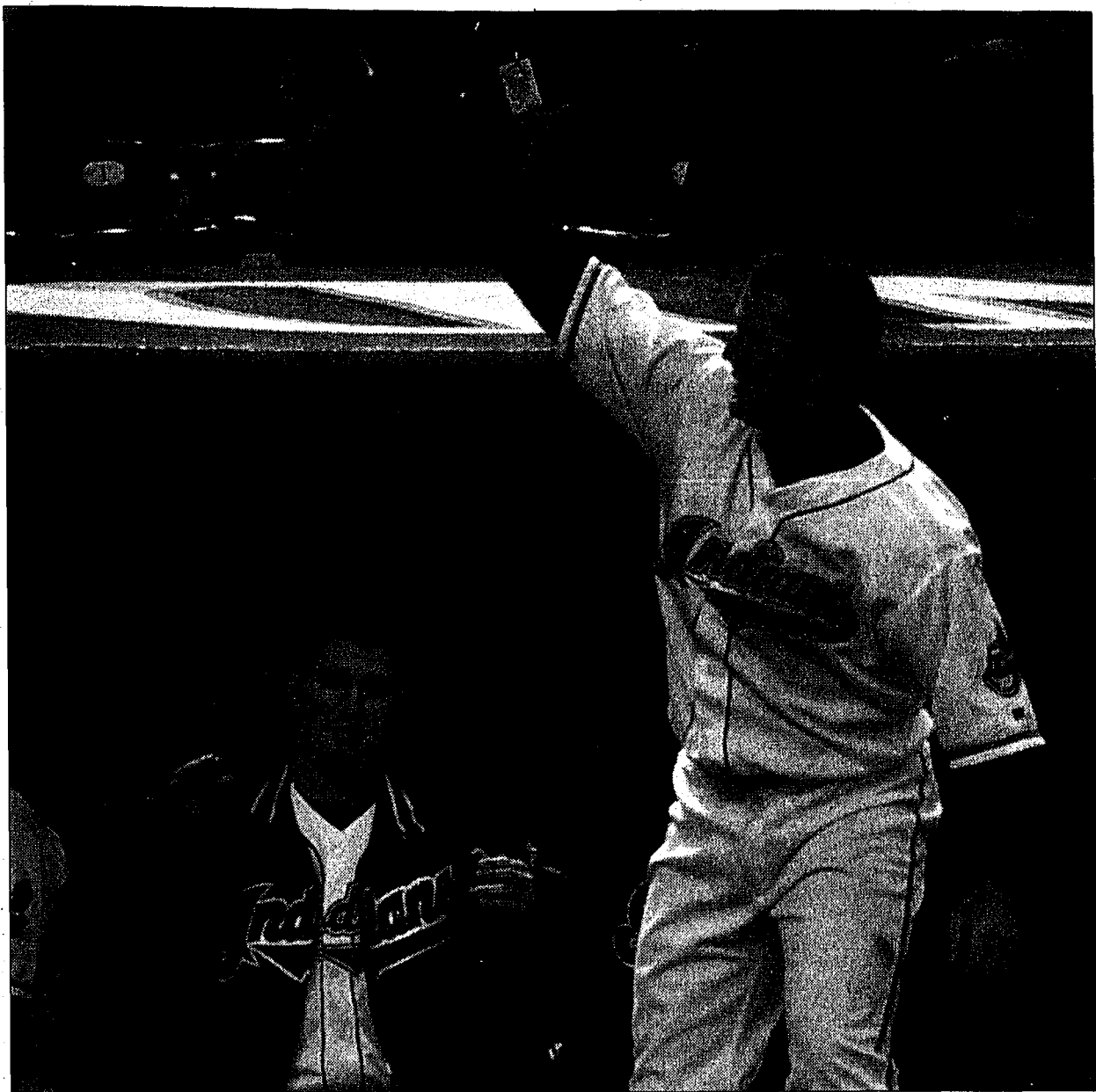
800-Meter Relay — 1. Monroeville (Drown, Richard, Meyers, Wilhelm) 2:02.00; 2. Plymouth 2:03.08.

800-Meter Dash — 1. Geretz (SP) 2:45.00; 2. Allard (SP) 2:56.16; 3. K. Wilhelm (Mon) 3:07.88; 4. A. Wilhelm (Mon) 3:08.54.

200-Meter Dash — 1. Bungard (SP) 29.69; 2. Schaffer (Mon) 29.77; 3. Prack (SP) 29.93; 4. M. Shepherd (Ply) 30.65.

3200-Meter Run — 1. Allard (SP) 13:45.95; 2. Schwaderer (Ply) 14:00.43; 3. Pasechnyk (SP) 14:50.51; 4. Reichel (SP) 14:51.07.

1600-Meter Relay — 1. St. Paul (Bungard, Widman, Playko, Prack) 4:40.28; 2. Monroeville 4:42.45; 3. Plymouth 5:18.50.



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Indians' first baseman Jim Thome makes a curtain call after hitting a grand slam off Minnesota Twins pitcher Rick Reed in the second inning Wednesday at Jacobs Field.

Thome cracks grand slam as Indians keep up winning ways

CLEVELAND (AP) — Nine games into the season, Jim Thome finally joined his teammates in all the fun.

Thome broke out of one of his typical April slumps with a grand slam and five RBIs Wednesday night as the Cleveland Indians won their seventh straight game, 9-3 over the Minnesota Twins.

"It's like every April it takes something like that to get me going," he said. "We've been playing so well, it's nice to contribute."

Thome's bat had been about the only thing missing so far this season for the Indians, who improved to 8-1 by winning the first three games of their four-game set with Minnesota.

"I really haven't had good starts when I can just keep going," said Thome, who might have hit 60 homers last season if not for an atrocious first month. "It's something that I've had to fight my whole career."

"But in one day, it can all change."

Thome came in batting just .143 and hadn't hit a homer before connecting in the second off Rick Reed (1-1), who would have been out of the inning if shortstop Cristian Guzman had fielded two easy grounders.

Last year, Thome batted .182 with three homers and 10 RBIs in the season's first month, but .307

with 46 homers and 114 RBIs the rest of the way.

Thome had another chance to hit a second slam, but struck out with the bases loaded in the sixth while swinging for the fences.

"Yeah, I was trying," Thome said. "It's hard not to."

Dustin Mohr homered and Torii Hunter had three hits for the Twins, who never recovered after Guzman's two errors led to six unearned runs.

"You can't give the Indians extra outs or Jim Thome a chance to hit with the bases loaded," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "That's why he gets 100 RBIs every year."

Danys Baez (2-0), making his second career start after pitching in relief last season, gave up three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Indians starters are 8-0 with a 3.04 ERA in nine games. At the same juncture last season, Cleveland starters were 2-3 with a 6.89 ERA.

"I didn't expect 8 and 0," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "But I'll take it. I'll take

every minute of it."

And despite Thome's early funk, Cleveland's offense, which was supposed to have trouble scoring, is averaging an AL-best 6.7 runs per game.

Mark Wohlers, Jerrod Riggan and Charles Nagy combined for scoreless relief over the final 3 2-3 innings.

Reed should have gotten out of the second unscathed, but Guzman, who led AL shortstops with 21 errors last season, made two in the span of three batters as the Indians scored six times to take a 7-2 lead.

With one out, Guzman lazily backhanded Ricky Gutierrez's grounder but had it roll up his glove for an error.

After Milton Bradley singled, Einar Diaz hit a routine double-play ball at Guzman, who may have been screened by Gutierrez before letting it go through his legs.

Norwalk football coaches clinic to be held Saturday

NORWALK — There will be two Norwalk Youth Football Coaches clinic.

The first one is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in Room 4107 of the high school on Shady Lane Drive.

This will consist of dealing with offense.

The second session is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon July 13, also in Room 4107.

This session is slated to deal with defense.

Anyone interested in coaching incoming fifth and sixth grade tackle football programs are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of these meetings is to introduce new coaches to the school's football programs

terminology and teach basics and fundamentals.

■ Graham in all-star game

NEW LONDON — New London's Kelly Graham will play in the girls' all-Ohio game Sunday at Otterbein College in Westerville.

A senior, Graham is on the Division III-IV girls' team. That game will start at noon, followed by the Division I-II contest at 1:30.

The boys' games follow at 3 and 4:30 p.m. Plymouth's Graig Turson is slated to play in the Division III-IV boys' game.

Tickets are \$6 for all four games.

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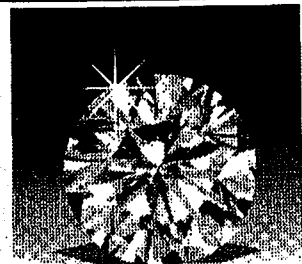
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