

SSHS Girls Track Strong at District 7B Meet

By Caroline Jenkins

On Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14, the Blackhawks battled at the District Track meet, placing second overall.

On the first day of the meet, the Blackhawk girls were in first place after eight of 17 total events. Jessa Linford and Sarah Madinger both had strong performances. Jessa placed first in the high jump, clearing 5' 2" and she placed first in the 100m hurdles with 16.47. She was second in the triple jump with 33-7.5, conceding the win to Sarah Madinger who jumped 34-9. This was only fitting as Sarah placed second after Jessa in the high jump. Sarah jumped 5' 2".

On Saturday Sarah took fourth in the 100m with 13.66 and she placed second in the long jump with 15-5.5. Jessa placed second in the 300m hurdles with 49.40.

On day one of the meet Mariah Childs placed third in the 100m hurdles with 17.49 and Kim Brekke came in fourth in the 400m with 64.82. Mariah then placed third in the 300m hurdles on Saturday. She commented "I feel good about the race, it was a great improvement. And I'm looking forward to running at Divisionals."

The girls placed second in the 400m relay, edged out by Loyola whose sheer number of athletes puts them at an advantage.

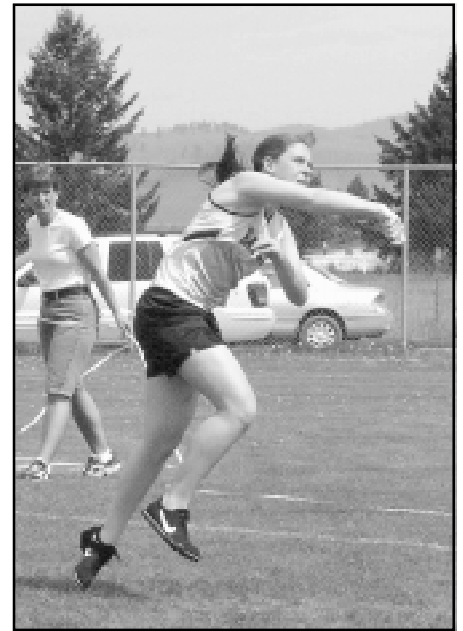
Caitlin Stone ran the 1600m on Friday, placing second to Kara DeWalt from Darby. Caitlin and Kara have been battling it out all season in the distance runs and despite Caitlin's lead for most of the race, Kara came through at the end.

Caitlin would have her moment, though, on Saturday when she took first in the 800m with a meet record time of 2:20.22. DeWalt came in third. Caitlin also took first in the 3200m with yet another meet record time of 11:27.38, edging out DeWalt by 20 seconds!

Caitlin felt that she went out too fast in the 1600m on Friday, and she wanted to pace herself better for these two races. It obviously worked!

Kaylee Williams and Lindsay Richards placed fifth and sixth in the javelin with 95-3 and 94-1, respectively. Senior Katrina Webb placed sixth in the discus with 90-5. And the Blackhawks came in third in the 1600m relay.

Those athletes that placed in the top five for their events are moving on to Divisionals on May 20 and 21 in Polson.



SSHS Senior Kaylee Williams throwing javelin. Kaylee placed fifth.



Mariah Childs (L) and Jessa Linford in the 300m hurdles.

Sarah Madinger (second from left) in the 100m on Saturday. Sarah placed fourth in the event with 13.66. She will be competing in Divisionals.



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Ben Stratton in the 1600m.



Jerry Greenwood running in the 100m.



Senior Katrina Webb placed sixth in the discus with 90-5.



Russ Penner throwing shotput.



Kim Brekke competing in the 200m.



Sarah Madinger placed second in the long jump with 15-5.5.