

Spring Valley wins District One track

Spring Valley established itself as the king of District One track Thursday evening by clipping Preston by a mere one-point margin in the District One qualification meet held at Jefferson Stadium.

The Wolves wound up with 44 points, Preston was right on their heels with 43, and Chatfield and La Crescent tied for third with 31 points each.

Caledonia, defending District One champs for the past two years, had to settle for fifth place with 28 points, Rushford was next with 17, Peterson compiled 13, Mabel-anton collected a dozen, and LeRoy-Ostrander had 11.

Rounding out the scoring for the 16-team meet were Lewiston with seven points, Spring Grove with six, Houston with five, Wykoff and Harmony with two apiece, and Lanesboro with one.

Spring Valley had four individual winners in Rod House, Kent Nickel, Tom Hughes, and Jack Churchill. Preston and Chatfield each had three individual winners, and the Bluejays also took the 880-yard relay.

Preston's sophomore speedster, Greg Hoff, was the lone entrant to take two firsts in the competition. Hoff nipped Caledonia's Paul Koenig with a sudden thrust right at the tape to win the 100-yard dash in a time of 10.6.

Hoff, who made quite a name for himself as a guard for the Bluejays' basketball team, later won the 180-yard low hurdles in 21.5 after a flying start out of the blocks. He nosed out Marty Kujawa of Chatfield who had won the high hurdles earlier.

Another Preston sophomore, Andy Bunge, turned in probably the most remarkable performance of the day. Bunge set a new district record in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:10.4, and then claimed he still had plenty of strength left.

Bunge also ran a brilliant quarter-mile leg to give Preston a sizable lead in the mile relay, but it was Hoff who had to get the lead back on the anchor leg. Hoff overtook his Spring Valley opponent on the back stretch only to have Jerry Von Arx of La Crescent nip them both with an incredible burst of speed in the final 30 yards.

The Wolves' Nickel won the high jump with impressive leap of 6-2, Hughes went 11-6 to take the pole vault, and Churchill won the open 440 in a time of 53.4.

Chatfield's Greg Kujawa fought off Charles Beltlich of Caledonia for the last one-half lap and won the mile run in a fine clocking of 4:40. Kujawa, a junior, recorded a 4:40.6 earlier this season.

La Crescent won both the mile relay and the sprint medley relay. Caledonia's Koenig took the 220 and was third in the long jump to House of Spring Valley.

Dennis Kjos, a freshman from Rushford, retained his unbeaten status in the two-mile run by finishing with a strong kick and a record time of 10:32.5.

Team Totals: Spring Valley 44, Preston 43, La Crescent 31, Chatfield 31, Caledonia 28, Rushford 17, Mabel-Canton 12, Peterson 13, LeRoy-Ostrander 11, Lewiston 7, Spring Grove 6, Houston 5, Grand Meadow 3, Wykoff 2, Harmony 2, and Lanesboro 1.

120-Yd. High Hurdles — 1. Marty Kujawa (Ch); 2. House (SV); 3. Sikkink (P); 4. Johnson (Ch); 5. Albert (C); T—16.2.

100-Yd. Dash — 1. Greg Hoff (P); 2. Koenig (C); 3. Richards (C); 4. Churchill (SV); 5. Baudoin (GM); T—10.6.

Mile Run — 1. Greg Kujawa (Ch); 2. Beltlich (C); 3. Carrier (H); 4. Abraham (H); 5. Peterson (L); T—4:40.0.

880-Yd. Relay — 1. Preston; 2. La Crescent; 3. LeRoy-Ostrander; 4. Mabel-Canton; 5. Spring Valley; T—1:37.6.

440-Yd. Dash — 1. Jack Churchill (SV); 2. Wold (MC); 3. Larson (SV); 4. Albert (C); 5. Tews (L); T—53.4.

180-Yd. Low Hurdles — 1. Greg Hoff (P); 2. Kujawa (Ch); 3. Luft (LC); 4. Sikkink (P); 5. Johnson (Ch); T—21.5.

880-Yd. Run — 1. Andy Bunge (P); 2. Anderson (R); 3. Peterson (SV); 4. Graskamp (W); 5. Dilrich (L); T—2:01.4.

Sprint Medley Relay — 1. La Crescent; 2. LeRoy-Ostrander; 3. Lewiston; 4. Caledonia; 5. Spring Grove; T—3:50.8.

220-Yd. Dash — 1. Paul Koenig (C); 2. Vogeler (MC); 3. Sikkink (P); 4. Johnson (Ch); 5. Gunderson (SV); T—24.7.

Two Mile Run — 1. Dennis Kjos (R); 2. Benson (P); 3. Colbenson (R); 4. Mori (GM); 5. Ward (Ch); T—10:32.5.

Mile Relay — 1. La Crescent; 2. Preston; 3. Spring Valley; 4. Rushford; 5. Chatfield; T—3:38.2.

Shot-Put — 1. Tom Zawacki (Ch); 2. Ham (LC); 3. Henthorne (LC); 4. Starz (H); 5. Feino (R); D—45-10½.

Discus — 1. Stan Sveen (P); 2. Schumacher (LC); 3. Linden (P); 4. Filch (SV); 5. Lindahl (R); D—121 ft.

High Jump — 1. Mike Nickel (SV); 2. Jones (LO); 3. Palen (C); 4. Tews (L); 5. Helgeson (LC); H—6-2.

Long Jump — 1. Rod House (SV); 2. Wirth (SG); 3. Koenig (C); 4. Johnson (Ch); 5. Churchill (SV); D—20-2¾.

Pole Vault — 1. Tom Hughes (SV); 2. Snyder (P); 3. Olson (Pe); 4. Williams (MC); 5. Luft (LC); H—11-6.