

Boys Track Wins Its First Meet In History

Madison High boys track team won their first meet in the history of the high school on April 18 at Mars Hill College.

Some of the exciting points of the meet were Dwayne Buckner, Mark McPeters, and Fran Randall finishing first, second and third respectively in the pole vault; Roger Meadows, Teddy Wells, and Dewitt Bishop finishing second, third and fourth respectively in the 2 mile run; and Dwayne Buckner also placed first in the shot put, never having thrown the shot before the meet.

Mike Hensley also had a good showing by placing first in both the triple and high jump and placing second in the 220 yard dash while finishing third in the 100 yard dash.

the pole vault, Julian Roberts, who was second in the high jump, Steve Garrison, who placed third in both the 100 and 220 yard dash, Gerry Kraus, who was third in the pole vault and Eric Herndon, who placed fourth in the mile run.

Coach Stu Forster commented that they are a "good, hardworking bunch of kids" and said that the team is improving steadily. The squad competed last year not to finish last, but this year is competing for points and places. Coach Forster added that Madison will be very competitive in a year or two.

The boys last home was April 24 at Mars Hill.

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The boys varsity track team came off their fine victory against Mountain Heritage and Avery to do well again at home. In a three-team meet at Mars Hill College against Owen and North Buncombe on April 25, Madison gained a respectable second place against two strong teams. The final score was Owen 73, Madison 53 and North Buncombe 51.

Mike Hensley was again the individual standout, scoring in no fewer than five events.

The Patriots began by sweeping the pole vault one-two-three, with Greg Deptuch, John Thorsen and Gerry Kraus finishing in that order. Dwayne Buckner hurled the

discus 107 ft. 8 1/2 in. to win second place in that event.

In the long jump, Hensley captured second place with a leap of 18 ft. 11 in. The winning leap, by Owen, was 19 ft. 7 in.

In the triple jump, Hensley came through again, coming from behind to take first place at 39 ft. 7 in. Two talented Owen jumpers appeared to have this event wrapped up until Hensley, who was shuttling between the jump and the shot put, made his final effort.

The 100-yard dash was a

strong event for Madison, as it had been the week before. Hensley tied for first with North Buncombe at 10.7, while Steve Garrison placed fourth at 10.8.

In the mile, Madison's young runners did well and showed signs of developing into a very strong team soon. Roger Meadows came in third with a good time of 5 min. 29.29 sec., followed closely by Tim Plaut at 5 min. 30.82 sec.

Madison scored more points in the 880 relay, when Dwayne

Buckner, Tommy Ray, Julian Roberts and Steve Garrison put together a time of 48.6 sec.

In the two-mile run, Dewitt Bishop paced himself well to finish second in 12 min. 07 sec.

Patriots John Landon and Jack Wallin came in third and fourth respectively in the 800 run, with times of 2 min. 23 sec. and 2 min. 23.7 sec.

Finally, in one of Madison's strongest events, Garrison, Roberts, Ray and Buckner won first in the mile relay with a time of 3 min. 46 sec.



ON A FAST PASS, Billy Cantrell gives the baton to Tommy Ray on the first turn of the 440 relay against Owen and North Buncombe. Madison came in second.

Girls Trounce Opponents At Tryon

Madison's Girls track team continued their excellent season with a convincing win in a four-team meet at Tryon April 15. The victory represents the first time the Patriot team has won a four-team meet.

Individual placings in the meet were Rene Cole - first in the shot put, second in the 110 yard dash, third in the shot put, third in the discus; Pam English - first in the 440 yard run, fourth in the broad jump; Denise Thomason - first in the 110 yard hurdles, fourth in the high jump; Sherry Shelton - second in the discus; Laurie

Melvin - third in the 110 yard hurdles; Rhonda Bentley - third in the 110 yard dash; Donna Roberts - fourth in the mile run; Karlyn Ammons - second in the 880 yard run; Susan Chapman - third in the 880 yard run; Lori Hagan - first in the 220 yard dash; Cynthia Payne - second in the 220 yard dash; Rachel Ammons - fourth in the 220 yard dash; and Brittany Plaut - second in the 2 mile run.

All three of Madisons relay teams were first: the team of Robin Holcombe, Rachel Ammons, Lori Hagan and Rhonda Bentley in the 440 relay; the

team of Denise Thomason, Rachel Ammons, Lori Hagan and Rhonda Bentley in the 880 relay; and the team of Karlyn Ammons, Rene Cole, Laurie Melvin and Pam English in the mile relay.

The final scores in the meet were Madison, 69; Landrum, S.C., 47; Polk Central, 31; and Tryon, 28.

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Laurel Plans Tournament, Ham Dinner

The weekend of May 1, 2, 3 and 4 looks to be a busy and exciting one at the Upper Laurel Community Center. From Thursday evening May 1 through Sunday evening May 4, there will be a double-elimination men's softball tournament with the finals being at 3 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Also, at the conclusion of the tournament a drawing will be held for a 1970 Buick car. The proceeds from the car sales will go to help offset the cost of the lighting system that is to be installed within a week or so.

Between 11:30 and 1:30 Sunday, May 4 the citizens of the community will be preparing

and selling a ham dinner at the center. In the past, this kind of activity has proven to be successful. The proceeds from this dinner will go toward the expenses of the center. Everyone is invited to bring the family out for a Sunday dinner and help with the expenses of the center.

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