

TRACK & FIELD

NBHS Runs Away With Conference Titles

BY DOUG RUTTER

North Brunswick's boys and girls track and field teams gained momentum for the upcoming regional meet by capturing Three Rivers Conference championships last Tuesday in Leland.

Joe Crowder and Colin Reeves each took first place in two events as North Brunswick's boys sprinted to a 40-point win. The Scorpions scored 149 points, and St. Pauls placed second with 109.

In the girls' competition, Kerri Cox and Crystal Corbett won two events apiece as the Lady Scorpions coasted to an easy win. North racked up 176 points, and St. Pauls was a distant second with 102.

The conference track titles—the first ever at North Brunswick—should give the Scorpions confidence heading into the Eastern Regional 1A Championships this Saturday at Lejeune High School.

"We're real happy," North Brunswick Boys Coach Bob Grimes said. "We've been pointing toward this all year."

"In the Waccamaw Conference we came in third the last few years behind Whiteville and West Columbia. That was one of our main goals this year to win this conference," Grimes added.

North's boys improved their season record to 25-6, while Coach Garry Bishop's girls ran their mark to 33-3.

"We're on our way to achieving most of what we set out to do at the start of the season," Grimes said.

In last week's conference meet, Crowder won the pole vault and 400-meter run and Reeves took first in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs to pace the Scorpion boys.

Also winning for North Brunswick were Shannon Dorsey in the 800-meter run and Greg Lofton in the triple jump. The Scorpions took first in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter relays.

"I was a little concerned with Fairmont and South Robeson. They did a little recruiting since the last time we saw them," Grimes said.

The veteran coach pointed out that the girls' teams from Red Springs and St. Pauls also had several new faces on the track last week.

In the girls' competition, North's Cox set school records in both the 400-meter and 800-meter runs with times of 1:03.03 and 2:48.3 respectively. Corbett won the triple jump and 300-meter hurdles.

Other first-place finishers for North were Valerie Smith in the 100-meter dash and Vionetta Alston in the high jump. North also won the 800-meter and 3200-meter relays.

Fairmont finished third in the boys' competition with 101 points. The Golden Tornados were followed by Bladenboro with 79, East Bladen with 64 and Red Springs with 44.

Trailing North Brunswick and St. Pauls in the girls' meet was Red Springs with 72 points. South Robe-

son was fourth with 63, Bladenboro had 40, East Bladen 21 and Fairmont 13.

Grimes said both North Brunswick teams have a chance to finish at or near the top in Saturday's regional meet, where Lejeune and Richlands will be the teams to beat in the boys' contest.

"I think we have a chance of doing well. We are a better big-meet team than a small-meet team because we don't have a lot of depth," Grimes said. "I don't know if we can win the region or not, but we can place in the top three or four."

North's boys are led by Crowder, who is one of the top 400-meter runners in the state 1A class. Crowder's time last week was just under 51 seconds. "I haven't see too many other times that would beat that," Grimes said.

Lejeune also is expected to provide the stiffest competition for the North Brunswick girls at the eastern

regional. The Lady Scorpions have split two previous matches with the Devilpups.

"It's going to be a toss-up. Whoever gets the best effort that day will probably win," Grimes said. "Our girls have a little bit better chance than the guys do. They have a chance to win the region."

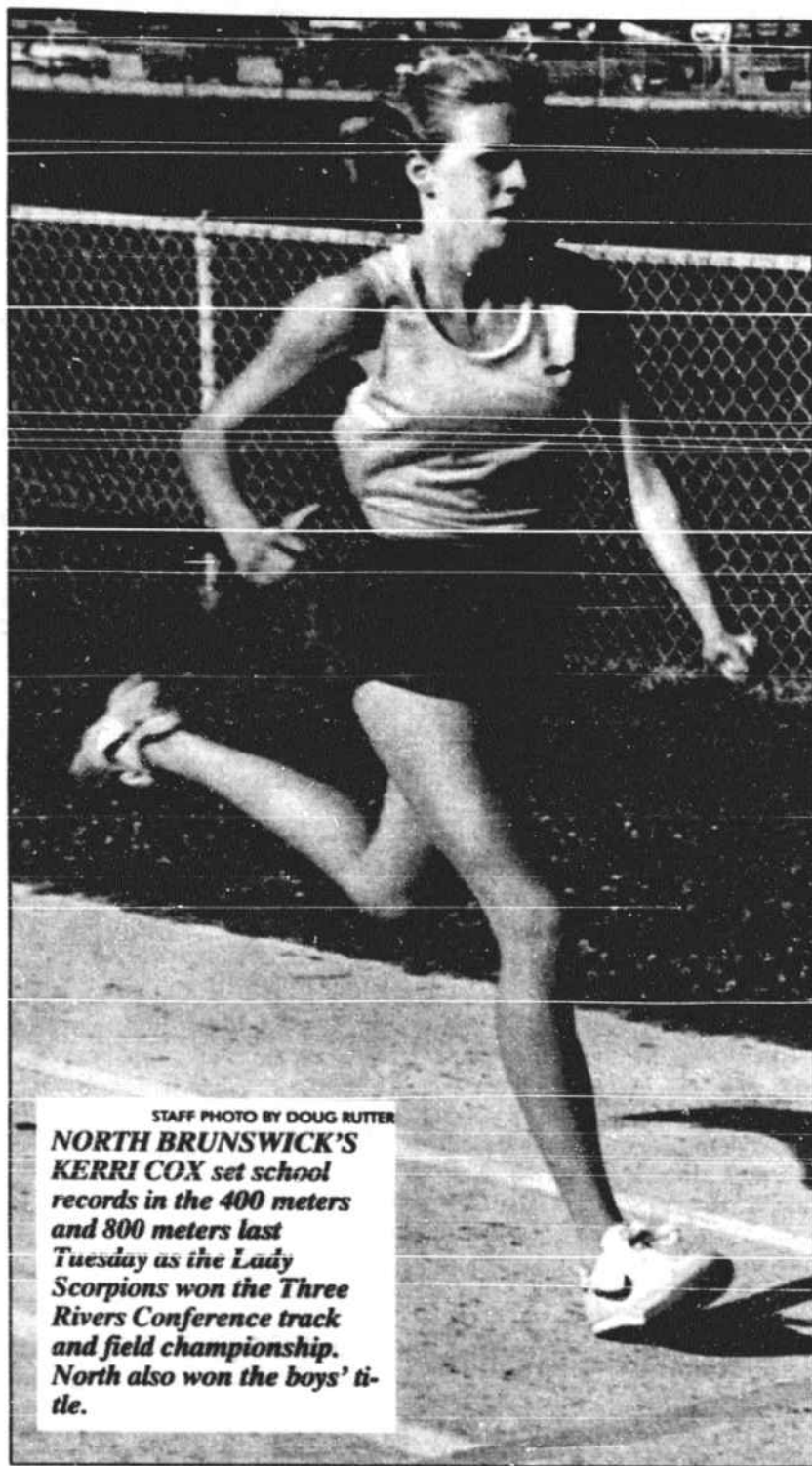
BOYS RESULTS

High jump: Page (F), 5-10; **Long jump:** Brown (SF), 19-1; **Triple jump:** Lofton (NB), 37%; **Shot put:** McArthur (RS), 47-6; **Discus:** Hicks (F), 127%; **Pole vault:** Crowder (NB), 11-6; **110-meter hurdles:** Taylor (B), 17.41; **100-meter dash:** Thompson (F), 11.17; **1600-meter run:** Reeves (NB), 4:57.3; **400-meter run:** Crowder (NB), 50.83; **300-meter hurdles:** Taylor (B), 45.1; **800-meter run:** Dorsey (NB), 2:10.6; **200-meter run:** Galbreath (RS), 23.16; **3200-meter run:** Reeves (NB), 11:16; **400-meter re-**

lay: Fairmont, 45.45; **800-meter relay:** St. Pauls, 1:35.2; **1600-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 3:44.9; **3200-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 9:24.6.

GIRLS RESULTS

High jump: Alston (NB), 4-6; **Long jump:** Ross (RS), 14-3½; **Triple jump:** Corbett (NB), 30-8; **Shot put:** Ray (RS), 33-8½; **Discus:** Ray (RS), 85-3½; **100-meter hurdles:** McCollum (SR), 18.99; **100-meter dash:** Smith (NB), 12.75; **1600-meter run:** Garcia (SP), 7:01.1; **400-meter run:** Cox (NB), 1:03.03; **300-meter hurdles:** Corbett (NB), 56.4; **800-meter run:** Cox (NB), 2:48.3; **200-meter run:** Grissett (SR), 27.28; **3200-meter run:** Garcia (SP), 16:21; **400-meter relay:** South Robeson, 50.21; **800-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 1:53.03; **1600-meter relay:** South Robeson, 4:42; **3200-meter relay:** North Brunswick, 12:41.3.



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER
NORTH BRUNSWICK'S KERRI COX set school records in the 400 meters and 800 meters last Tuesday as the Lady Scorpions won the Three Rivers Conference track and field championship. North also won the boys' title.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

North Wins 11th Straight

North Brunswick's softball team continued its impressive run through the Three Rivers 1A/2A Conference last week with a pair of wins over Tar Heel and East Bladen.

Pitcher Jenny Crowder (13-1) yielded just two hits as the Lady Scorpions defeated Tar Heel's Lady Panthers 2-0 last Thursday in Leland for their 11th straight win.

Regina McKoy belted a solo home run in the first inning and went 2-for-3 as North improved to 10-0 in the conference and 16-3 overall. Cassandra Pierce also had two hits.

Last Tuesday in Elizabethtown,

McKoy went 4-for-4 at the plate and North Brunswick defeated East Bladen 10-6.

Michelle Bennett drove in four runs, and Ashley Burton and Cindy Holt had two hits apiece for the Lady Scorpions, who haven't lost since April 9.

North Brunswick, which has won 13 of its last 14 games, was scheduled to play at St. Pauls on Tuesday and host Bladenboro on Thursday.

On May 17, North Brunswick will play at Red Springs. The Lady Scorpions wrap up the regular season May 19 at home against South Robeson.

North's Mintz No-Hits Panthers

On April 12, North Brunswick High School baseball player Matt Mintz watched his brother, Paul Mintz, pitch a one-hitter against Three Rivers Conference foe Tar Heel.

Last Thursday, Matt did Paul one better, pitching a no-hitter to lead the Scorpions to an 11-0 victory over the same Panther squad.

Mintz (1-2) recorded eight strikeouts as the Scorpions won their eighth straight game and improved to 10-0 in the Three Rivers Conference and 14-5 overall.

The senior right-hander notched the third no-hitter of the season for the Scorpions, who recently got consecutive no-hitters from junior Casey McBride.

A second-inning walk was all that kept Mintz from pitching North Brunswick's second perfect game of the season.

Jeff Clark led North Brunswick offense, going 3-for-3 with two RBI. Jeremy Child had two hits and drove in two runs, and John Sweeney also had a pair of base hits.

In Three Rivers Conference play last Tuesday, Paul Mintz fired a one-hitter as the Scorpions defeated visiting East Bladen 6-1.

A double down the right field line with two outs in the seventh inning

Mintz Moved To Triple-A

Former North Brunswick High School baseball star Stephen Mintz was promoted Sunday to the San Francisco Giants' Class AAA team in Phoenix, Ariz.

A right-handed relief pitcher, Mintz had a 3-1 record and 1.97 ERA this season for the Giants' Class AA team in New Yorkport, La.

ruined Mintz' bid for a no-hitter. The senior left-hander had 13 strikeouts and improved his season record to 6-0.

McBride had two doubles and drove in three runs to fuel the North Brunswick offense.

The Scorpions were scheduled to host St. Pauls on Tuesday. North travels to Bladenboro Friday night.

Game Summary #1

N. Bruns. 0 2 5 2 0 0 2—1110
Tar Heel 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 3

Game Summary #2

E. Bladen 0 0 0 0 0 1—114
N. Bruns. 2 0 3 1 0 0 X—641

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