

At Penquis Relays

Thinclads skid on slick track

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The conditions were more appropriate for the Penquis League Pig Chasing Championships but instead the Penquis Relays, the annual get-together of the circuit's track teams, legged past slippery footing at Mattanawcook Academy Saturday. As expected the Dexter Tiger boys and the Nokomis Warrior girls won their respective titles but Piscataquis County individuals fared well, especially the surprising Foxcroft Academy Ponies.

Jim Drinkwater and Debbie Davis, the Ponies' coaches, came to the Relays with a goal of "self improvement". Every Pony must have believed the coaches' theory as FA finished a strong fourth in the boys competition and the girls placed second with an impressive performance behind the powerful Warriors.

As they have done all season, Randy King and Dave Milner sparked the Ponies in the jumping events. King pulled off perhaps the day's biggest upset when he inched out Dexter's Joe Goulette for the long jump crown. Meanwhile Milner followed a third place finish in the high jump with a soaring victory in the high jump. The FA pair were 2-3 behind Goulette in the triple jump.

As King and Milner skidded off the jumps, PCHS' Matt Holland anchored

his feet in mud to win three third place finishes in the javelin, shot put, and discus. The Pirate accumulated all of PCHS' points during the Relays.

Marie Roy, Phyllis Blanchard, Susan Ingraham paced the Pony girls to their runner-up effort. Roy won the 880 run, Blanchard pulled away from the field to win the mile event, and Ingraham spurred to a sensational victory in the 80 yard low hurdle.

The Penquis Relays also marked the debut of the Penquis patriots girls track squad. Coached by Neil Hamlin, the Pats racked up 10 points, led by sprinter Kathy Zwicker. Hamlin mentioned that his squad had only been practicing for a little more than a week and the Relays was their first competitive meet.

Greenville got three outstanding efforts from Julie Lindermugh and Heidi Wortman, who won two events each, and Jim Davis, a victor in the 120 high hurdles. Lakers Joe Richards and Chip Cochrane also excelled during the meet.

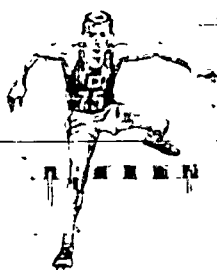
It wasn't the nicest day to have a track meet but despite the miserable weather, all track members seemed to enjoy themselves. Either that or there were a lot of funny things going on in all those school-buses during the rain.

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MEASUREMENT IN THE MUD — PCHS track coach Rusty Sweeney [kneeling] gets the call help during this measurement as two Greenville Lakers, Henry Gilbert and Kevin Stade [right] wait for the javelin competition to resume. Sweeney's star athlete, Matt Holland, gained three thirds in the weight divisions.



GET UP SUSAN! — Under the watchful eye of FA track coach Jim Drinkwater [left], Pony Susan Ingraham stretches for extra inches in her long jump try. The Foxcroft junior managed a sixth in the long jump and she outclassed the field in the 80-yard low hurdles, winning the event.



LAKER LEAP — Julie Lindermugh finds no trouble as she clears the high bar during Saturday's Penquis Relays in Lincoln. The Laker girl won the high

jump event and helped her squad to a fourth place finish behind Nokomis, Foxcroft, and Stearns.