

# Laker tracksters have bad luck at relays

MILLINOCKET — Greenville Track Team members had some hard luck Saturday in the Perquis League Relays held in Millinocket. Despite some key injuries early in the game that was costly to the boys and the absence of Judy Richards for the girls, the smallest school there of only 180 students, showed well.

For Steve Lizotte's boys the bad news came early. Sprinter Mike Harris, who had come to the meet seeded third in the 100, second in the 200, and first in the 400, tore a hamstring in the first heat of the 100 yard dash. He may be lost for the upcoming regionals as well. Distance man, Mike Collins ran the two mile in fifth position and then was rushed to the hospital suffering from heat exhaustion after running his best time.

A big surprise was the second place finish of Rod Beckwith in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 43.5 seconds. He also placed sixth in the mile and sixth in the 800.

Top finishers were Robbie Shufelt, who narrowly lost in the pole vault settling for a second. Ed Warman threw the javelin to a third place finish. Davis had a sixth in the long jump and a fifth in the high hurdles.

Foxcroft had Northrup battling MCI's Jacobs in the mile and two mile placing second in each while Chesley the young

freshman had a third in the two mile. Mark Phillips placed in the triple jump as did Chris O'Neill in the 220.

For the Laker girls who posted 57 team points despite the absence of Judy Richards, Jamie Walter had the most amazing performance. In the triple jump she placed third after upping her seasons best by some three feet up to 30 ft 3.5 ins. She accomplished this after jumping off the wrong foot each time. Walter also had a sixth in the 800.

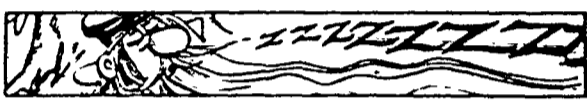
Maria Turmel was the counties only first place finisher with a first in the two mile. She also took a fifth in the 100 and third in the mile. She anchored the mile relay which was just nudged out by Stearns at the finish. Heather Theriault had a fourth in the 80 hurdles while Sandee Appeneal had a fifth in the 440. Robin Wright placed in the mile as did Billie Wolf in the two mile. Appeneal placed in the long jump while Jenny Fitzpatrick tied for fifth in the high jump.

For Foxcroft Academy, Linda Hovencamp gave Turmel a good run in the two mile placing second while taking fourth in the mile. Other showing well for FA were Diane Thomas, and Marie Hovencamp.

The regionals are the Saturday after next at Stearns again with only qualifiers able to attend. The states are the weekend after at Colby.



At the Perquis Relays last week at Stearns Laker Robbie Shufelt placed second in the pole vault.



The average person spends about 20 years asleep



A TOP flight battle of two county runners was waged at the relays last Saturday. Foxcroft's Linda Hovencamp is in front of Laker Maria Turmel but at the finish it was the Greenville senior who took first place. (Harvey)



FUNDAMENTALS are the name of the game and Ben Potenzianno shows good technique in laying one down against Central last week. The Pirates remain unbeaten in league play. (Harvey)

# PCHS clinches "C" lid

Guilford — With a snowballing momentum, the Piscataquis Community High School, (PCHS), baseball team laid claim to the Perquis League Class C divisional championship with still another perfect week. With wins over Central 5-2 and Howland 16-12, the blue and gold repeated as sectional champs and kept their elusive undefeated season possibilities alive. With three games remaining, the Pirates are unblemished at 9-0 in their quest for a first ever undefeated campaign in the 18 year coaching reign of Dave Gaw.

The unbeaten string is good not only for the record books but also for the upbeat hype to the playoffs. Having clinched the league early this year, the Pirate boys will remain up for every game keeping their finely honed edge razor sharp for post season play that will begin in less than two weeks.

Last week at home, PCHS saw Central's ace Roger Whitney for what probably will be the first of three times. The Red Devil was good, boasting experience from a season of legion ball, but the Pirates touched him for four runs in the third and held on to win 5-2. Whitney with his assorted group of pitches that includes a fast knuckleball was the best matchup of the year with Pirate ace, Chuck Gilbert. Except for the rocky third, the pair locked it up in a classic high school pitching duel.

Gilbert was in trouble at the start with Central runners at second and third but promptly struck out the Red Devil's fifth man in the lineup to escape unscathed. PCHS missed breaking the ice in the second after Mike McKenney doubted and reached third on a sacrifice fly. Ben Potenzianno struck out but the Central catcher dropped the ball. While the throw down to first was in progress, McKenney attempted to steal home only to be called out on a very close play at the plate.

PCHS got its runs as injured third baseman, Marc Curtis lashed a tweener double to left center. Littlefield's shot to the gap scored Curtis after an attempt at Littlefield, who took second went into the outfield. Lefty Russ Lancaster then went with

the outside fastball to the opposite field scoring Littlefield making it 2-0. Brian Gaw looped a Texas leaguer over the infield. When Kyle McKenney missed a bunt, Lancaster was cut down at third but Gaw scampered home or another throwing error for the third run. McKenney who had reached first also raced in as the Red Devil defense lost its poise momentarily.

The 4-0 lead was at Gilbert needed as he breezed through five strong innings with a lot of defensive support at the right times. Potenzianno made a good throw to third to nail an attempted steal. Gilbert, who is amazing, needed help to finish from Gaw. Although Central got two on some shoddy fielding, and had the tying runner at the plate in the last at bats, Gaw closed the door.

One notable coaching move insured the win in the sixth when PCHS had a runner at third. Gaw made his move telling his first base runner to leave at his sign. When Whitney started his move to the plate, Gaw gave the green light. The move caused Whitney to flinch from his normal motion and umpire Roger Clapp called a balk sending home the fifth Pirate insurance run. The final was 5-2 and set the stage for this week's rematch at Guilford on Thursday.

Howland and the Pirates opened with hot bats in the next game on Thursday a both clubs scored eight in the first two inning chasing both starters. Gilbert relieved Lancaster and went rest of the way allowing four additional runs. Howland tallied but pitching well enough with two day rest to win 16-12. It was Gilbert's fifth win of the season and twelfth in a row covering a two year span. Gaw supplied six runs batted in with a double and single while Potenzianno drove in two with a double and two singles.

As The Observer goes to press, the blue and gold is at Lee with a home game with Central slated for Thursday. After Memorial Day, a lone game will Central on the road just before the playoffs maybe, the last obstacle enroute to an unbeaten regular season.

# Graf elected president of boosters

GUILFORD — At a busy annual meeting May 18, the Pirate Sports Booster Club elected John Graf as president. Other officers elected for the coming year were Paul Stearns, vice president, and Dorene Graf, secretary-treasurer.

Robert Littlefield, Guilford town manager, was invited to select a winner of the spring fund raising project. The result was Brent Scott of Dexter received two 10-speed bicycles furnished by the Western Auto Store, Guilford.

The budget was approved for the 1982-83 year with \$2,000 planned for special projects. Five hundred dollars of this has already been earmarked for safety mats at Piscataquis Community High School (PCHS) gym. A donation was also set aside for use at the senior party.

Annual reports showed poor attendance by club members but Mrs. Graf reported it was still a successful year. She said enough money was raised to fund various projects such as sports banners for the field hockey team and golf team, name tags for the varsity basketball warm-up jackets, uniforms and practice shirts for basketball teams, \$1,000 donation to the athletic department for work on the softball field, Pee Wee Basketball awards banquet, entry fees for the varsity basketball teams to the YMCA tournaments in Bangor, and summer sports camp scholarships to one girl and one boy along with the Doug Drinkwater Grier's Basketball Camp Scholarship. The club also sponsored the addition of new scoreboards in the PCHS gym.

A membership drive is now underway. Booster members will be calling on people to renew their memberships.

An amendment was made to the club's constitution, changing meeting dates to the third

Wednesday of each month in the hope there will be less conflict with other activities and bring more members to meetings. It was reported the softball field needs more work, but it should be ready by next spring. A great

deal of hard work was accomplished at the field by club volunteers and Rusty Street with his donation of time and equipment. Mrs. Graf reported.

Two hundred dollars will be used to do repair work

on the soccer field from booster funds but the money will be reimbursed by the athletic department. A possible project for the Guilford Field Day will be discussed after more information is available.

# Aerobics dance class offered

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Piscataquis District YMCA will be offering a special session of Aerobic Dance beginning June 2 through July 21. Classes will meet each Wednesday night in Central Hall, Dover-Foxcroft from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for eight weeks.

The instructor will be Joan Baird and a charge will be made for the course. Anyone wishing to register or to obtain further information on the classes call the YMCA at 564-2801.



IVY CURRIER, 12, above, half-pound; 15-inch, trout. Blanchard, had good luck at her favorite "secret fishing hole" Tuesday, May 18. She caught the one and a half-pound, 15-inch, trout which she proudly displays at the sixth grader at Guilford Middle School used a worm as bait.



THIS big brooky caught by Walt Kimball at the mouth of Roach River in Spencer Bay measured 19 ins. and weighted in at 4 lbs 2 ozs. Kimball fishing with Ernie King Sr. were staying at Casey LaCasse's camp.

# Parker loses state finals

GARDINER — The Girls State Tennis Finals were played in Gardiner May 22 with 32 girls participating. Temple Parker played the number two seeded Elisa Whittier of Edward Little High School, Auburn, in the first round and lost in two sets. Whittier continued through four more rounds to lose in the finals.

Parker reportedly played her best tennis at the finals but could not match Whittier's consistency.

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# Monson court is ready

MONSON — Monson Recreation Committee announces the tennis court in Monson is ready for anyone wishing to play tennis. There is no charge for the court.

The committee will soon buy a new net for the tennis court which is located adjacent to Monson Elementary School.

The court was recently fenced and the Monson Fire Dept. has hosed down the court to clean it after the winter snow runoff.

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