

Spikers claim sixth straight city championship

by Bruce Fishback

The varsity spikers made the most of rule number ten in the track book, which says "We are proud to be Grant Generals," last Friday as they rolled up 93 points and their sixth straight city championship at Madison.

TO CAPTURE the meet the Generals had to claim victory in six events. Although the G-Men captured the meet they had to pay a high price for the crown.

Ed Geist was leading the field in the high hurdles when with

one hurdle left he pulled a muscle. This injury caused him to lose the race and kept him from running in the low hurdles. This was a tough break for the team as, according to Coach Mark Cotton, he would have probably been a double winner.

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT came from Jim Gilbert, who ran seventh in the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash. Gilbert had been sick and out of school for most of the week preceding the meet.

Even with the several injuries and bad breaks the team still managed to outpoint second place Jefferson by 33 points. The

Generals started things off in the 440 relay as Rick Eatmon, Greg Graham, Robert Bates, and Jim Gilbert turned in a 43.3 clocking, which tied the season state best and was good enough for ten points on the Generals' score sheet.

SCOTT JACKSON picked up the Generals' second win of the day by outrunning the field in the mile. Jackson stopped the clock at 4:21.2 while earning a trip to the state meet.

Rick Eatmon, the speedy frosh who has been running varsity all year, earned himself two spots in the state meet—the first in the 100-yard dash, in which he claimed fifth, and second in the 220-yard dash in which he claimed fourth. The usual number to qualify in each event is two but because his 10.1 and 22.1 timings were below the state qualifying standard he is able to run in the state meet.

THE GENERALS then turned to the field events and captured four of the six. Ralph Bakken-sen kept up his record by claiming both the discus and the shot put. He bested his own season record by over a foot as he heaved the shot 59'1". He then went out and flipped the discus 159'7" to gain that crown. A superb job was done by Greg Schukart as he claimed second place behind Bakken-sen in the discus with a toss of 155'5½".

Steve Hopkins gained a city crown in the javelin as he heaved the spear 199'7". "Hopkins' toss was seven inches better than he has done before. This makes him one of the best in the state," stated Coach Cotton.

The G-Men's last state qualifier was Bruce Douthit in the pole vault. He cleared the bar at 13'0". "We had tough luck in the pole vault," commented Coach Cotton. "Barry Heidt was attempting 13'0" and was having a good vault when his pole broke. He had to use a new pole but could not get the feel of it," he concluded.

Tonight the Generals travel to the state meet in Corvallis. "Most of the district winners have eight or nine members going," stated Mr. Cotton. "It should be an interesting meet and a wide open meet," he concluded.

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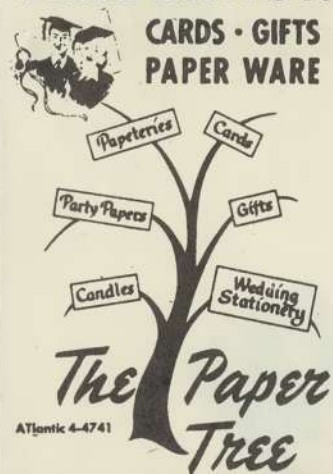


TEAM MEMBERS Greg Graham, Jim Gilbert, Steve Hopkins, Bob Usselman, Ralph Bakken-sen, Rick Eatman, Robert Bates, Pat Walker

and Scott Jackson hold city trophy after meet last Friday. Team captured crown with a total of 93 points.

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Second in district claimed by girls; Rita Harris claims fourth in state

The girls' track season was highlighted this year with successes as the girls claimed second place in the district meet, losing only to Jefferson with a score of 108-90. Eight girls were sent to state.

Carolyn Fitzwater, varsity girls' track coach commented, "We could have won the district meet under a little different circumstances. The placing was decided at the last meet with all the schools in the city participating."

At the state meet, which was held in Springfield, Katrine Burks, Karen Lewis, Debbie Bowles, and Diane Sellers participated in the relay; Karen

Lewis also participated in the 220. Gayla Swanson participated in the shot put; Rita Harris participated in the discus, the javelin, and the shot put for which she came in fourth in the state. "We will be sorry to lose her," stated Miss Fitzwater about Rita. Rita will be graduating this year. Judy Ellmers, a freshman, ran the mile and came in tenth at state. Christi Chiodo ran the 80-meter hurdles.

Miss Fitzwater stated that we had the most girls qualify for state in this district than any other school.

"Every year they are getting better," commented Miss Fitzwater.

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