

Ages Lowered for Midget

Football and Track

By M. JOAN ROUCHER

Proposals to lower the entry age to seven for both midget football and track got the nod from the Recreation Committee Monday night, amidst some misgivings about starting contact sports at too early an age, and about program competing for kids.

Football chairman Ted Hart requested that seven-year-olds be allowed to sign up, because "we have been losing the young age group for four or five years to other sports that would take them at a lower age. The past two years, this has cost us a loss of numbers throughout our other age groups." The starting age for football Super Pee Wees has been eight. Children

may join the soccer program in the second grade.

"Last year," wrote Hart, "we were so low at our Pee Wee level that we had to forfeit our second game."

On behalf of the track and field program, Len Pietrewicz and Norm Leon wrote that "the size of the nine- and 10-year-old group had become too large with just the small number of these (seven and eights) youngsters that have been with us over the last few years." With some informal exceptions, such as younger brothers and sisters, local children have had to be nine to start in track and field.

Track organizers plan a separate

clinic-style program for the seven- and eight-year-old group, with practices twice a week and non-scoring meets on Saturdays. Pietrewicz noted that the Lakeland Junior Track League already had four teams interested in this program — Randolph, Hopatcong, Denville and Mt. Olive.

The new age group would compete in the 50-meter, 200-meter, mile, shotput, long jump, four-by-400-meter relay, and eight-by-50-meter shuttle. Practices would begin April 8 with signups this Saturday.

The football coordinators had not "worked out details," but said they intend "to put these (seven-year-

old) boys in an instructional clinic (possibly flag football) where they will be taught fundamentals and not pressured . . . to start them later and have less practices . . . to have scrimmage games for them, either amongst themselves or occasionally with another team, in their age group, under heavy supervision."

"We hope this will give us a fair share of the available boys up and down the line in our football program," Hart wrote.

Hart said football organizers will meet with parents in April to explain the details and get their cooperation. Signups are scheduled for late May, early June.

Commenting on the two proposals, committee member George Nelson noted, "One letter had a positive program (track), but football really said they were competing for youngsters. I find that disappointing. I'm sad to hear that has to be true."

Nelson believed "there's a useful participation age for each sport.

An early start could be advantageous, he thought, in programs involving leg coordination, like track, soccer, hockey. (Hockey offers skating skills - instruction for ages six and seven.) The young age-group would generally have trouble with sports demanding primarily hand-eye coordination, he said, like basketball and baseball.

Al Shaffer worried about seven-year-olds getting hit. "Even flag football can be a hard game on the line."

Hart replied that "eight-year-olds don't hit that hard," and that "personally, I think football is pads is safer than flag football."

"Football would be cutting its own throats if they throw kids out there and bang heads," commented Don Ayers.

Ayers felt a discussion of standardized entry ages could be a topic for the next meeting of the recreation policy committee, along with residency requirements and male-female eligibility.

With track signups this Saturday and a recreation department flyer on year-round activities about to go to press, the committee decided to vote on the age-lowering proposals Monday night. Al Napolliello and Carl Joseph cast the only nays.

Recreation Track Practices Open Next Week

This month like so many years before, the Randolph midget track and field team will start indoor practices at the Intermediate School for competition in the Lakeland Junior Track and Field League.

Randolph has an unmatched record in recreation track and field — 46 consecutive wins in dual meets since the formation of the league in 1972.

Participation in recreation track was extended for the first time this year to 7-8-year-olds, who'll be offered a clinic program together with separate track meets and a full range of activities.

The recreation track season will open indoors on Tuesday night, March 18 at the Intermediate School, with the 11-14 year olds starting at 6 p.m., followed on Monday night, March 24, with the 9-10-year-olds. The 7-8 clinic program will begin at the high school track on April 8 at 6 p.m.

Children who were unable to sign-up for recreation track due to the heavy snow on registration day may still do so at the start of practice. A parent must accompany the child.

Coordinating the local track program this year will be Norm Leon, an active Randolph recreation volunteer since 1965 who has been associated with the track team since it joined the Lakeland League. Assisting in coordinating local activities is Len Pietrewicz, this year's league president.

Heading up the coaching staffs

for each age groups are: Gerry Lucas and Barbara Hayford, 7-8; George Intille, 9-10; Dave Laird and Gary Schindler, 11-12; and John Hayes and Larry Golan 13-14. In addition, 20 community volunteers assist at all age groups.

Midget Track Practice Schedule

Indoor practice — March 18-April 4.
Intermediate School, 6-7:30 p.m.

Nine-10-year-olds: Monday & Wednesday.

Eleven-14-year-olds: Tuesday & Thursday.

(No practice March 19 and 26.)

Outdoor practice: April 7-24

High school track and lower lot, 6-7 p.m.

Nine-10-year-olds: Monday & Wednesday.

Eleven-14-year-olds: Tuesday & Thursday.

Seven-year-olds: Tuesday & Friday.

Outdoor practice: April 28-June 12

High school track and lower lot, 6-7:30 p.m.

Nine-14-year-olds: Monday and Thursday.

Seven-year-olds: Tuesday and Friday.

Saturday practice: April to June
High school track and lower lot, 8:30-10 a.m.

Nine-14-year-olds: (check group for correct days).

Midget Track Adds a Pair To Nine-Year Win Streak

The Randolph midget track and field team began its quest for a fourth straight Lakeland League title by defeating Mount Olive and Harding Townships in a tri-meet at Randolph on Sunday. The score was Randolph 312, Mount Olive 109, Harding Twp. 86.

The highly organized meet, under the direction of Norm Leon, accommodated over 400 athletes in the 9-14 age groups. The two wins upped the Randolph undefeated streak to 48 over nine years. Approximately 40 adults helped in coaching or non-coaching capacity during the afternoon.

Winners for the local team included:

13-14 Boys:

Marty Connaughton, 400m, 66.0; 800m, 2:50.5; Jim Bauer, 200m, 27.3; long jump, 16-9.

13-14 Girls:

Wanda Golan, 100m, 14.0; shot put, 23-7½; 400m relay, 56.4. Tanya Smolin, 200m, 28.5; 400m, 65.5; long jump, 14-5; 400m relay, 56.4.

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11-12 Boys:

John Hayes, 800m, 2:31.5; mile, 5:30.7; Chris Shilakes, 100m, 13.7 (second — tied team record).

11-12 Girls:

Taryn Barnes, 100m, 14.4; 200m, 30.3; medley relay, 2:15.9. Kathy Smith, 800m, 2:48.8; mile, 6:03.4; shot put, 26-7½.

In Lakeland track action...

Denville finally tops Randolph

DENVILLE — After eight years of trying, Denville's youth track team finally did something it had never done.

Last Saturday, Denville just edged Randolph in a Lakeland Junior Track and Field League dual meet, 198-194. It was the first time Randolph has lost a dual meet in the eight years of the league's existence.

For years, Randolph and Denville have been the class of the league, both drawing more than 300 children between the ages of nine and 14. Surprisingly, it was the youngsters who proved to be the difference in Saturday's big meet.

"The real strength was the nine and 10-year-olds," said 13-14 coach Roger

Weiss after the meet. They really pulled it out for us. We've got a really good crew of newcomers."

Going into the final two events, Randolph trailed 152-141. With only the 200 and 800-meter events left to run, it looked like Randolph's long-running superiority would go unchallenged. After losing by more than 100 points and 80 last year, Randolph was being pushed, but seemed to have the meet well in hand.

It was the iron-nerved kids who, in the end, won the meet. Of Denville's five triple winners, four came from the 9-10 ranks.

Ten-year-old Anthony DiFlumeri was the winner in the shot put and also helped the winning 400 and 800-meter relay

teams to victory. Chris Mayer (10) was the critical 200-meter winner and had a hand in both winning relays as well. Another member of the winning relay teams was 10-year-old Kurt Ruppeo, who also won the long jump.

Marie Farkis captured the 50 and 200-meter races in the 9-10 bracket and participated in the winning 40-meter relay team as the fourth triple winner from that division.

The standout in the 11-12 class was Carol Manganello who streaked to victories in both the 200 and 400-meter runs as well as being a part of the 800-meter medley relay.

Lauri Schweitzer was also impressive, beat.

running to first in the 800-meter race.

Among the 9-10-year-olds, nobody was better than Denise Deane, who remained unbeaten in dual meet competition with a win in the mile. Owen Harding was the division's boys' winner in that event.

Randolph has a chance for revenge today in the Lakeland Junior Track and Field Track Championships held at 1 p.m. at Randolph High School's track. Teams from 12 towns will be on hand to vie for the big team trophy which goes to the squad which amasses the most points in the three age group categories.

Randolph is the favorite, but Denville has tasted victory and won't be easy to beat.

Junior track league alone in N.J.

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RANDOLPH — It's hard to believe, but this is it. The only one of its kind in the entire state.

And it's called the Lakeland Junior Track and Field League.

"That's right. In the state of New Jersey," says Norm Leon, coordinator of the Randolph entry in the midget track program, "This is the only formally organized recreation league with a schedule and dual meets."

With the abundance of talent the league has produced and fed to the high schools in Morris County, there are an awful lot of people who are glad the organization became a reality.

But there was a time when the future of the league was in serious doubt.

"In 1969 we started a boys track program from the kids in the midget football league," recalls Ted Hart, the chairman of the Lakeland track club who is to recreation for kids in Randolph what James Naismith was to basketball. "We went to the A.A.U.'s Junior Olympics, but there weren't any more track events for boys of that age group."

It wasn't until three years later when the league had enough teams to field a spring schedule of dual meets and invitations for the boys and girls in the 9-14-year-old range.

"In 1972 we had our first real season," says Leon, "as a result of all our football coaches getting together (from the local recreation programs)."

In the past nine seasons, Lakeland's (and New Jersey's) only little league for track and field has evolved into a ten team, two division union of almost two thousand youngsters from Denville to Hopatcong.

45-1/4.

"I started in the league two years ago," says the stocky Gangemi, "and I wasn't very good. I came back the next year and I was a lot better. If you're good at something, you stay with it, so I'll continue in high school."

Like so many other Randolph varsity runners and throwers, most recent of those being Nat Aiken, Rena Antanelis, Lisa Golan, and Nick Smolin, based on Gangemi's success in the midget program, the future can only loom brightly for the youngster's career at the high school.

Slender Tanya Smolin, whose older brother Nick has moved his track schedule to Rutgers University since graduating from Randolph in 1979, is another up-and-coming Ram athlete.

After winning Lakeland's pentathlon, the decathlon minus five, three weeks ago, Tanya charged into Sunday's finals and won herself three individual gold medals in the 200 meter dash, the 400 and the long jump. Her time of 27.4 in the 200 also was a league record.

"I used to race against my brother, just fooling around," smiles Tanya. "When I was 9-years-old (she's now 13), I started in the league. My father told me I had a talent and he told me to push myself."

So now Tanya Smolin works out through the entire school year on her running and leaping with the knowledge that there is potential for bigger and better future successes within her grasp.

Various coaches around the league have their own views on what the program can do for the kids.

"At Denville, our philosophy is simple," relates coordinator Al Gianti of the Striders' squad. "The objective is to let all the kids participate. And we have them all run at least four events."

"Any sport where the objective is primarily to win," he continues, "ends up with mostly the 'hot-heads' involved more than the others. In track it doesn't work that way. We also make sure we have the girls participate to the same degree as the boys."

"We want the kids to get and do whatever they can," contends Hopatcong

head coach Ed Koroluk, whose club has sent the likes of Marianne and Joan LaChance of Morris Catholic on to excellent high school performances. "We want them to enjoy competition. The kids trying their best, running in at least a few events — that's the main thing. If they come out they participate."

Len Pietrewicz, in his term as president, has succeeded in a number of areas since taking over in 1976.

"My main ambition was to break things down and get coaches for each age group (9-10, 11-12, and 13-14)," he says. "We've also hired professional officials for three years. It used to be the coaches and there were some squabbles. It's good to have people who've done it before."

"Another thing is the clinic league," Pietrewicz points out, "which we started this year. We used to have up to 150 kids in the 9-10's, and that's the age group where you have the most interest. But if you're not organized you lose interest. With the clinic now we can accommodate the younger kids."

Last Sunday afternoon, most of the kids (the pentathlon and novice finals had been completed earlier) gathered on the infield at the Randolph High School football stadium for the ninth annual Lakeland Junior Track and Field championships.

The host Randolph team, always a dominant force in the league, evidenced by their five previous team titles and a recently ended streak of 51 consecutive dual meet victories, was the favorite. Leading the way in number of entrants with 340 young men and women, the Rams were looking to avenge their loss to Denville of a week before that had ended Randolph's eight year dual meet skein.

Leon explains, "Everyone in the league likes to come to our track because we run a professional type operation — as far as a track meet is concerned."

"All the judges are now paid officials that also work the high school meets," says Len Pietrewicz, president of the league and assistant boys coach for the Randolph varsity.

With their overwhelming superiority in numbers, the hometown Randolph Rams eased to their fourth straight team championship, and sixth overall, with dominant performances in the 13-14-year-old age class. Denville, Roxbury (in only their first year of competition), and Hopatcong followed close behind, well ahead of the remaining competition.

Eighth-grader Joe Gangemi, also a football star in the autumn for Ted Hart's midget gridiron team, lead the way with gold medals in the long jump and shot put, where he set a league record with a put of



They may be the high school track stars of the future. These girls relay teams were competing at the Lakeland Junior Track and Field League Championships last Saturday in Randolph. Next year, who knows?

Lakeland junior track results

13-14 team scores

1. Randolph (Rn) 129, 2. Denville (D) 56½, 3. Roxbury (Rx) 46, 4. Mountain Lakes (ML) 42½, 5. Hopatcong (H) 42, 6. Rockaway Township (RT) 27, 7. Mount Olive (MO) 21, 8. Mendham (Me) 20½.

13-14 boys individual results

100 meter dash— 1. Metzner (Rn) 12.4, 2. Saltz (Rn) 12.8, 3. Weiss (D) 13.0, 4. Smith (Rx) 13.1, 5. Millard (Rx) 13.6.
200— 1. Saltz (Rn) 26.2, 2. Oswald (Me) 26.6, 3. Bauer (Rn) 26.9, 4. Smith (Rx) 27.2, 5. tie Hoffman (ML) and Loschiallo (Me) 27.4.

400— 1. Metzner (Rn) 58.6, 2. Hoffman (ML) 58.8, 3. Ryan (H) 59.7, 4. Weiss (D) 60.0, 5. Bauer (Rn) 60.5.

800 meter run— 1. O'Donnell (H) 2:15.2, 2. Pellingner (H) 2:20.6, 3. Chasmar (D) 2:26.1, 4. Rosser (RT) 2:29.5, 5. Middleton (ML) 2:34.3.

Mile— 1. O'Donnell (H) 5:03.2, 2. Pellingner (H) 5:08.7, 3. Rosser (RT) 5:16.0, 4. Dunn (Me) 5:23.6, 5. Middleton (ML) 5:24.8.

400 relay— 1. Randolph 54.2, 2. Denville 56.5, 3. Roxbury 57.0, 4. Mountain Lakes 57.1, 5. Rockaway Township 58.2.

800 relay— 1. Randolph 1:45.3, 2. Denville 1:49.7, 3. Roxbury 1:50.8, 4. Hopatcong 1:56.0, 5. Mountain Lakes 1:56.6.

Long jump— 1. Gangemi (Rn) 16-6¼, 2. Bauer (Rn) 16-2¾, 3. Gerber (D) 16-2¼, 4. Weiss (D) 14-5, 5. Ryan (H) 14-0¼.

Shot put— 1. Gangemi (Rn) 45-0¼, 2. Seery (Rx) 40-5¼, 3. Saltz (Rn) 40-2, 4. Oswald (Me) 39-6, 5. Loschiallo (Me) 36-8¼.

13-14 individual boys results

100 meter dash— 1. Toomsoo (MO) 13.4, 2. Golan (Rn) 13.9, 3. Smith (ML) 14.2, 4. Bannon (RT) 14.3, 5. Wollinger (Me) 14.5.

200— 1. Smolin (Rn) 27.4, 2. Toomsoo (MO) 27.9, 3. Golan (Rn) 28.0, 4. tie Bannon (RT) and MacCarthy (D) 29.8.

400— 1. Smolin (Rn) 64.3, 2. Simkins (ML) 68.3, 3. MacDonald (Rx) 69.9, 4. Lewis (D) 70.0, 5. Falco (D) 70.6.

800 meter run— 1. Sisco (Rx) 2:36.5, 2. Smith (ML) 2:44.3, 3. Boone (MO) 2:46.3, 4. tie Lewis (D) and Gibson (ML) 2:47.5.

Mile— 1. Sisco (Rx) 5:47.0, 2. Keenan (D) 5:58.6, 3. Perrivault (D) 5:58.9, 4. Linn (ML) 6:11.4, 5. Certa (MO) 6:17.9.

Long jump— 1. Smolin (Rn) 14-1¼, 2. Golan (Rn) 14-6¼, 3. Kephart (RT) 14-2¼, 4. Larson (D) 13-1¼, 5. Van Hoorbeke (Rx) 12-9¼.

Team standings ages 11-12

1. Randolph (Rn) 109½, 2. Roxbury (Rx) 69½, 3. Denville (D) 59, 4. Hopatcong (H) 51½, 5. Mountain Lakes (ML) 44, 6.

Mendham (Me) 18, 7. Mount Olive (MO) 15, 8. Rockaway Township (RT) 14, 9. Mount Arlington (MA) 2½.

11-12 boys individual results

100 meter dash— 1. Gilmer (Rx) 13.3, 2. Rosone (MO) 13.6, 3. Shilakes (Rn) 13.6, 4. Miller (H) 14.2, 5. La Blanc (Rn) 14.2.

200— 1. Gilmer (Rx) 27.6, 2. Shilakes (Rn) 27.8, 3. Miller (H) 29.0, 4. La Blanc (Rn) 29.1, 5. Bose (ML) 29.3.

400— 1. Bennett (Rn) 64.1, 2. Leuber (Rn) 64.4, 3. Wolf (ML) 64.7, 4. tie Stybe (Rx) and Siebert (MA) 65.1.

800 meter run— 1. Hayes (Rn) 2:28.8, 2. Makuen (D) 2:35.0, 3. Frank (RT) 2:37.6, 4. Tummy (Rn) 2:38.7, 5. DiGiusseppe (RT) 2:41.3.

Mile— 1. Hayes (Rn) 5:15.5, 2. Leonard (RT) 5:36.5, 3. Gibson (ML) 5:36.9, 4. Makner (D) 5:38.6, 5. Frank (RT) 5:46.0.

Medley relay— 1. Randolph 1:58.2, 2. Roxbury 2:01.0, 3. Hopatcong 2:03.9, 4. Mountain Lakes 2:05.0, 5. Mount Olive 2:05.1.

Long jump— 1. Bennett (Rn) 14-4¼, 2. Miller (H) 13-7¼, 3. Byrnes (D) 13-5½, 4. Brown (Rx) 13-5½, 5. Wolf (ML) 13-4¾.

Shot put— 1. Pascale (Rn) 38-5¼, 2. Honig (H) 34-2½, 3. Swerty (D) 32-10, 4. Williams (MO) 32-9½, Lane (D) 32-2.

Individual results girls ages 11-12

100 meter dash— 1. Heil (Rx) 14.1, 2. Reilly (ML) 14.4, 3. Barnes (Rn) 14.6, 4. Hamilton (D) 14.7, 5. Woods (Rn) 14.7.

200— 1. Williamson (Me) 29.0, 2. Manganello (D) 29.4, 3. Heil (Rx) 29.6, 4. tie Delrolamo (H) and Barnes (Rn) 30.1.

400— 1. Manganello (D) 65.7, 2. Uhrig (ML) 68.8, 3. Reilly (ML) 68.8, 4. Mazzella (Rn) 71.0, 5. Schweizer (D) 71.2.

800 meter run— 1. Sax (H) 2:38.2, 2. Schweitzer (D) 2:41.6, 3. La Regina (H) 2:41.7, 4. Reinman (Me) 2:45.1, 5. Straffin (Rx) 2:45.1.

Mile— 1. Sax (H) 5:44.7, 2. Smith (Rn) 5:44.7, 3. Reinman (Me) 5:51.8, 4. La Regina (H) 5:53.1, 5. Goldshein (Rn) 6:22.0.

Medley relay— 1. Denville 2:04.0, 2. Randolph 2:07.1, 3. Mountain Lakes 2:07.8, 4. Roxbury 2:10.2, 5. Mendham 2:13.5.

Long jump— 1. Mueffertiles (ML) 13-3¼, 2. Woods (Rn) 13-3½, 3. Heil (Rx) 12-8¼, 4. Barnes (Rn) 12-6¾, 5. Cook (Rx) 12-2¼.

Shot put— 1. DiRupo (Rx) 28-5¼, 2. Kortvelyesy 28-4¼, 3. Colgan (Rx) 26-10, 4. Pryor (RT) 26-9, 5. Schindler (Rn) 26-6.

Team results ages 9-10

1. Denville 132½, 2. Roxbury 65½, 3. Hopatcong 54, 4. Randolph 48½, 5. Mountain Lakes 32½, 6. Rockaway Township 25, 7. Mount Olive 24, 8. Mendham 1.

Individual results boys ages 9-10

50 meter dash— 1. Winston (Rn) 7.5, 2. Guerrini (Rx) 8.0, 3. Worbel (D) 8.1, 4. MacLaughlin (Rn) 8.1, 5. Ruppel (D) 8.1.

200— 1. Mayer (D) 30.6, 2. Guerrini (Rx) 30.8, 3. Plocinski (H) 31.2, 4. Guizzardi (MO) 31.3, 5. Pinto (Rn) 32.2.

Mile run— 1. Friedman (ML) 5:35.2, 2. Benton (RT) 5:40.7, 3. Hard (D) 5:49.2, 4. Shermanski (H) 6:02.2, 5. Laird (Rn) 6:07.0.

400 meter relay— 1. Denville 58.3, 2. Roxbury 59.7, 3. Mount Olive 59.9, 4. Hopatcong 61.3, 5. Rockaway Township 64.9.

800 relay— 1. Denville 2:03.6, 2. Randolph 2:08.8, 3. Hopatcong 2:08.9, 4. Roxbury 2:13.4, 5. Mountain Lakes 2:17.9.

Shuttle relay— 1. Randolph 63.7, 2. Denville 64.2, 3. Roxbury 64.4, 4. Mount Olive 65.2, 5. Hopatcong 67.0.

Long jump— 1. Guerrini (Rx) 12-11, 2. Ruppel (D) 12-9½, 3. DeFlumeri (D) 12-6, 4. Bull (Rx) 12-5½, 5. Calfa (H) 12-1¾.

Shot put— 1. DeFlumeri (D) 26-8¼, 2. Walls (Rn) 25-11, 3. Melendez (D) 25-9¼, 4. Sheehan (H) 24-10¼, 5. Plocinski (H) 22-0½.

Individual results girls ages 9-10

50 meter dash— 1. Farkas (D) 7.6, 2. Gessling (H), 3. Humphrey (Rx), 4. Chun (MO), 5. Flora (Rx).

200— 1. Humphrey (Rx) 31.3, 2. Kuphare (RT) 31.7, 3. Farkas (D) 31.8, 4. Chun (MO) 32.2, 5. Buerrier (D) 32.5.

Mile run— 1. Dean (D) 6:01.9, 2. Paddock (RT) 6:31.1, 3. Powers (MO) 6:32.3, 4. Bolan (Rn) 6:43.2, 5. Stricker (Rn) 6:44.5.

400 meter relay— 1. Denville 61.0, 2. Roxbury 61.3, 3. Mountain Lakes 61.8, 4. Hopatcong 62.8, 5. Mount Olive 64.1.

800 meter relay— 1. Hopatcong 2:09.7, 2. Mountain Lakes 2:10.4, 3. Denville 2:12.6, 4. Roxbury 2:14.5, 5. Randolph 2:15.3.

Shuttle relay— 1. Hopatcong 64.8, 2. Mountain Lakes 66.7, 3. Roxbury 67.1, 4. tie Randolph and Denville 67.3.

Long jump— 1. Farkas (D) 12-2½, 2. DiGiovanna (D) 11-7¾, 3. Cogella (Rx) 11-6½, 4. Frendek (Rx) 11-6½, 5. Kephart (RT) 11-5½.

Shot put— 1. Ruppel (D) 21-¾, 2. Novak (H) 20-5½, 3. Hoffman (ML) 19-9, 4. Humphrey (Rx) 19-7½, 5. Maeder (Rn) 19-6.

Overall final team standings:

1. Randolph 287, 2. Denville 248, 3. Roxbury 181, 4. Hopatcong 147½, 5. Mountain Lakes 119, 6. Rockaway Township 66, 7. Mount Olive 60, 8. Mendham 39½, 9. Mount Arlington 2½.

Midget Track's Lakeland Championship

Kept One Local Streak Aik

By DAVID SIROTY

The Randolph recreation track team finished a very successful season by winning the Lakeland Junior Track and Field championship. Randolph, which had its 50-meet winning streak snapped by Denville early in the season, was able to win two of the three age-group divisions in the league finals. The 13-14-year-old group rolled to an easy victory, defeating second-place Denville by 73 points. The 11-12-year-olds walloped second-place Roxbury, while the 9-10-year-olds finished fourth. Overall the Randolph youngsters wound up 39 points ahead of second-place Denville.

The 13-14-year-olds were paced by Joe Gangemi, Mike Metzner, and Kevin Saltz, in the boy's division and by Tanya Smolin and Wanda Golan in the girl's division. Gangemi was a triple winner, winning the long jump, the 800 relay, teaming with Metzner, Saltz and Jim Bauer, and the shot put, with a meet-record hurl of 45-0. Metzner

was victorious in the 100, 400, and the 800 relay, while Saltz won the 200 and 800 relay, finished second in the 100 and third in the shot put. On the girl's side, Smolin was a quadruple winner in the 200, 400, long jump and 400 relay team, along with Golan, Terry Nuss, and Krysta Knecht, which set a meet record of 54.2 seconds. Golan, besides the 400 relay victory, finished second in the 100 and long jump, and finished third in the 200.

The others who helped Randolph's cause in this age bracket were boys: Jim Bauer, a member of the 800 relay team and fifth in the 400, and Perry Goldsheim, who finished sixth in the 800 and mile. The girl contributors were: Elize Gobins and Karn Kerrigan, first and fifth place winners in the shot put.

The 11-12-year-olds were led by John Hayes and Glenn Bennett in the boy's division and by Taryn Barnes on the girl's side. Hayes won the 800 and the mile, while Bennett won the long jump and the

400. Barnes led the girls with a third in the 100, a fourth in the long jump and a fifth in the 200.

The other contributors in the 11-12-year-old age bracket were: Chris Shilakas, second in the boy's 200 and third in the 100, Kurt LaBlanc, third in the 200 and fifth in the 100. Joe Pascale finished first in the shot put, Patrick Tumme finished fourth in the 800 and sixth in the shot put, and Alex Lauber finished second in the 400. On the girl's side Kris Woods finished fifth in the 100, Carey Schindler finished fifth in the shot put, Carolynne Mazzella was fourth in the 400, and Cathy Smith and Elise Goldsheim finished second and fifth in the mile.

The 9-10-year-old Randolph youngsters did not fare as well as their older teammates, but still finished fourth out of the nine teams entered in the championships. Jamauh Wilson won the 50 yard dash in a time of 7.5, while Alex MacLaughlin finished fourth. Evan Pinto finished fifth in the 200, Craig Laird finished fifth in the mile and

Chris Walls finished second in the shot put.

On the girl's side, Beth Bolan and Kate Stricker finished four-five in the mile. Kristian Gresko finished sixth in the long jump and Andrea Maeder finished fifth in the shot put.

This was Randolph's sixth championship in nine years and the fourth in a row. The youngsters did a great job all season long and will have their awards night on Monday, June 16, at the Intermediate School, starting at 7:30.

Junior Track Olympics On Tap

ELIZABETH — Moscow will be the last thing on the minds of most of the athletes participating in tomorrow's New Jersey AAU Junior Olympics at Williams Field. Most of the boys, ages nine to 13, will never make it to the international competition. For most of the athletes, tomorrow's meet may be the only "state" meet in which they take part.

Athletes from Dover, Mount Arlington, Roxbury, Randolph, Mount Olive, Denville and Hopatcong have qualified for the state competition by winning a district championship at Dover or Randolph.

There were many noteworthy performances at the two local district meets, but the most outstanding performance was turned in by Andy O'Donnell of Hopatcong. O'Donnell, who will be entering high school in September, was looking to break the magic 5:00 mark, and came away with the 12-13 title and a 4:47.5 clocking.

Sherri Sisco of Roxbury won an exciting duel in 5:37.1 and will also be at the meet. The other miler from the area will be Randy Valentine of Dover, who took his race in 5:29.3. Only the oldest age group runs the mile. The younger groups compete in the 880.

Other Dover athletes traveling to the states will be 10-11 880 runner Shelly Lockette, Cathy Harris in the 10-11 shot and long jump, and Carolyn Malloy in the 12-13 440.

The only Mount Arlington winner was Christine Greenwood, who won the 10-11 50-meter dash. Ken Metzner of Randolph and Kai Toomsoo of Mount Olive won 12-13 100 meter dash title. Rob Rosone of Mount Olive won both the 50 and 100 titles for Mount Olive.

The schedule of events includes not only the dashes and various distance runs, but also the shot, long jump and high jump. Each of the six age groups will also have a 400-meter relay.

Janotta 'Nets' Victory

EAST ORANGE — Area tennis players were one-for-three in New Jersey Women's 35's action yesterday at the East Orange Tennis Club.

Marlene Janotta of Mountain Lakes and her partner, Eleanor Wright of Suffern, N. Y., won their second round doubles match by the convincing score of 6-2, 6-1. However, Janotta and Wright advanced at the expense of another local player, Sue Cassella of Parsippany, who was teamed with Delores Kranowski of Clifton.

Cassella didn't have much luck in singles play either, where Peggy Kluck of Baldwin, N. Y. disposed of her 6-3, 6-4 in quarterfinal play.

Lakeland Track Team Fares Well In Olympics

ELIZABETH — The Lakeland Junior Track and Field League, the only midget track league in the state, came back from the New Jersey AAU Junior Olympics (9-13) Saturday with wealth of medals. The Lakeland athletes had qualified for the association championships in the District 1 competition several weeks ago at Randolph.

Local athletes won six championships in addition to several second and third place medals. Among the top performers were Tanya Smolin of Randolph, who won the 12-13 high jump at 4-11 and placed second in the 400 at 1:02.9. Joe Gangemi won the 12-13 shot with a put of 41-5 and was second in the long jump at 16-11.

One of the best individual performances was turned in by Shari Sisco with a winning 5:03.1 clocking in the 12-13 1500. David Berrier of Denville was the boys high jump winner with a leap of 4-6, and Randolph's Taryn Barnes took the girls 10-11 50 meters in 7.5.

The other local winner was the 9-under boys 400 relay team which won in 1:01.7. The Randolph crew was second in two relays with Taryn Barnes anchoring the 10-11 quartet of Keri Schindler, Michele Goodson and Maureen Wood in :57.3. Randolph was also second in the girls 9-under at 1:03.9.

Bill Metzner of Randolph was second in the 100 meters at 12.4 for 12-13 year olds.

Among the individual placers in the 9-under class were Sean Sherman of Mount Olive, who was second in the 50 (8.0) and in the long jump (13-1), and Danielle Fondiller of Denville, who was runnerup in the 800 (2:49.3).

Rob Rosone of Mount Olive was a double runnerup in the 10-11 class with silver medals in the 50 (7.1) and 100 (13.9). Keri Schindler was second in the shot (27-3). Jill Hansen of Denville won the girls high jump at 4-2 and LaRegina of Hopatcong was second in the girls 800 at 2:38.4. The Mount Olive boys relay team was second at 56.8.

Hudson Makes Butterflies Work To His Advantage

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HACKETTSTOWN — Thirteen year-old Brad Hudson has run in bigger races, and his potential indicates he'll run in even more important ones before he's through, but that doesn't mean he wasn't psyched for yesterday's Hackettstown Run.

Like a horse that has trouble settling down in the starting gate, Hudson was a bundle of nervous energy before the 6.2 mile (10 kilometer) race. While the rest of the 165-member field patiently waited for the starting gun, Hudson couldn't stand still. He shot out in a 15-yard sprint, hustled back to the line and then paced the from side to side while a race official reviewed the course.

Hudson, who lives in Califon, later explained that his pre-race antics were part of his warming up exercises, but there was more than a hint of anxiety in his stalking.

"Every race is the Olympics to him," noted Georgeana, Brad's mother.

The Olympics are Hudson's ultimate goal, and if he can keep up the pace he's set for himself in his early career, he just might make it.

Yesterday Hudson turned in a 33:42 effort to finish first in the male 19-and-under category and fourth overall in the Third Annual Hackettstown League of Women Voters Run, which was won by Hudson's Mine Mountain Road Department running club of Bernardsville teammates Kevin Young of Mount Olive and Pete Carroll who finished hand-in-hand in 32:54 to tie for first.

That clocking represents Hudson's second best time in 10K, but his Hackettstown finish probably isn't even among the top five achievements of the seventh grader's four year-old career.

He already holds three certified and one uncertified U.S. age group records. He set records for 12 year-olds in the Midland Run (1:13:41 for 20K) and Utica AAU Championships (54:25 for 15K) last year. This February he turned in 51:56

clocking to set a 15K record for 13-year-olds in the Road Runners Club AAU Championships in New York.

This year's Midland Run was something of a bittersweet experience for Hudson. He had to be pleased with his time of 52:05, good for 88th place overall and third in the 15-and-under category.

But what might have loomed as the brightest spot of the day proved to be a bit of a downer for Old Turnpike School student. He got to meet his idol Lassie Viren, the "Flying Finn" who finished second in the Midland Run.

"I got his autograph, but then somebody stole my book," said Hudson with a frown. "I'm just gonna have to look around for it."

Ever since seeing Viren win gold medals in both the 10,000 and 15,000 meters at Montreal Olympics in 1976, Hudson has known what his longterm goals are. He wants to do the same thing. He's aiming for the 1992 or 1996 games.