

Running scared, Central,

Richwoods finish 1-2

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Richwoods coach Bob LaCroix said he was glad his boys track and field team didn't get right back on the bus Saturday after they read the times turned in by other teams on the program for the 14th annual Central Relays.

"Just about every runner we had came up with a season best," LaCroix said after Richwoods drove off with the second-place trophy in the 12-team meet.

Perennial state powers from East St. Louis (Senior and Lincoln) were somewhat depleted on the ACT college-entrance testing date. "We may not have been the second-best team here," LaCroix admitted. "But, as (1977 state basketball championship coach) Bruce Boyle used to say at Central, 'Yeh, but we got the trophy.'"

Central got the first-place trophy with 62 points against 46 by Richwoods. And if Phil Salzer's Lions weren't the best team in the track relays they were certainly immortal in

the individual field events.

Salzer attributed Central's 38 field points to "talent and (assistant coach) Mike Lawless. With some of the track times turned in, the field was where we had to do it. And we really cleaned up there."

Third-place East Moline had 42 points, all of them on the track where they won a meet-high three of the seven relays.

But the meet was virtually over before anybody set foot on the track in anger.

"At one point we'd outscored Central 27-2 on the track . . . and we knew all along they were gonna beat us by some 20 points overall," LaCroix said.

Central senior Doug D. Huff set the tone of the meet by winning the shot put in 54-3½, almost two feet over his previous best.

After that, throwing an area season best 177-6 to add 3½ feet to the meet discus record was easy for Huff.

There was only one other meet record, but it was also a Peoria Stadium mark. Normal Community senior Sean Funk pole vaulted 15-

0¼, adding 6¼ inches to his 1987 meet standard.

Central claimed four of the six field events, Steve Winters getting a career-best 21-5¼ in the long jump and Taurus Rutherford taking the triple jump in 44-5.

Richwoods' distance runners won a pair of relays. Craig Frazier, David Wood, Mark Monge and Joe Sickles won the 6400 relay, Sickles running the best 1600 split of 4:30. Sophomores Joel Peterson, David Wald, Jason Bowers and Wood combined to win the frosh-soph 3200.

Illinois Valley Central was third in the 6400 relay, but chopped a second off the school record with 18:32.6.

Senior Tobin Peters trimmed eight seconds off his career-best 1600 to get IVC off in 4:18.

"I was really only looking for a 4:20," Peters said after running a time that most years would earn a spot in the Class AA state 1600 finals. "This is the only meet I ever get a chance to run 1600 before having to run anything else."

Peoria Relays

Team Results — 1. Peoria H.S. 42, 2. Peoria Richwoods 46, 3. U.T.H.S. 42, 4. E.S.L. Senior 41, 5. E.S.L. Lincoln 35.5, 6. Geneseo 32.5.

U.T.H.S. Finishers

400 Relay — 1. 42.8 (Oscar Scott, Chris Palmer, Todd Patterson, Chris McCorkle)

Frosh-Soph 3200 relay — 4. 8:44.0 (Jim Murphy, Dominick Rivera, Aaron Pulte, Mike Gelonde)

1600 M. Relay — 1. 3:35.0 (Todd Patterson, Chris Palmer, Brad McCorkle, Tony Gonzales)

800 M. Relay — 1. 1:29.9 (Oscar Scott, Darrell Akers, Chris Palmer, Brad McCorkle)

1600 M. Relay — 2. 3:27.4 (Tony Gonzales, Todd Patterson, Mike Barnett, Brad McCorkle)

Geneseo

High Jump — 1. Todd Akers 6'4"

4. Dean Lewis 6'0"

Discus — 5. Steve Nitz 141'4"

Pole Vault — 2. Steve Durick 12'0"

3. Glenn Kloop 11'4"

Triple Jump — 2. J. Reed

6400 M. Relay — 2. (Mike Hoors, Jason VanVooren, Mike Morris, Phil Walsh) 18:25.0

High Hurdle Shuttle — 4. (Chad Blunt, John McAvoy, Mark Roede, Steve Zobrist) 1:08.2



TRACK

High school boys

Central Relays

At Peoria Stadium

TEAM SCORES

1 Central 42; 2 Richwoods 46; 3 East Moline 42; 4 East St. Louis Senior 41; 5 East St. Louis Lincoln 35.5; 6 Geneseo 32.5; 7 Morton 33; 8 Illinois Valley Central; Normal Community 14; 10 Woodruff 3; 11 Pekin 3; 12 East Peoria 1.

TRACK RELAYS

4400 — 1 Richwoods (Frazier, Wood, Monge, Sickles) 18:22.3; 2 G; 3 IVC (Peters, White, Williamson, Johnson) school record 8:32.4; 4 M; 5 E.S.L.

800 — 1 East Moline (Scott, Palmer, Patterson, McCorkle) 1:29.9; 2 E.S.L.; 3 E.S.L.; 4 C; 5 R.

1600 — 1 Richwoods (Peterson, Wald, Bowers, Wood) 3:27.4; 2 N; 3 E.S.L.; 4 E.M.; 5 I.

1600 medley — 1 East Moline (Akers, McCorkle, 2nd Palmer, 2nd Patterson, 2nd Gonzales) 3:35.1; 2 E.S.L.; 3 R; 4 C; 5 I.

High shuttle — 1 Central (D. Huff, C. Sotome, Fields, Brown) 1:04.4; 2 M; 3 N; 4 G; 5 P.

800 — 1 East Moline (Scott, Palmer, Akers, McCorkle) 1:29.9; 2 E.S.L.; 3 C; 4 E.S.L.; 5 M.

1600 — 1 E.S.L. Senior (Suave, Whitten, Whitley, Hammond) 3:24.7; 2 E.M.; 3 R; 4 I; 5 L.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put — 1 D.D. Huff (C) 54-3½; 2 Gorrison (E.S.L.); 3 Franklin (R); 4 Brown (C); 5 King (M.O.).

Discus — 1 D.D. Huff (C) 177-4 (old record 174-6 Doug Koch of Morton 1984); 2 Gorrison (E.S.L.); 3 D.P. Huff (C); 4 King (W); 5 Nitz (G).

Long Jump — 1 Winters (C) 21-5½; 2 Kelly (E.S.L.); 3 Wayne (E.S.L.); 4 Corbin (C); 5 Adams (E.M.).

Triple Jump — 1 Rutherford (C) 44-5; 2 Suave (E.S.L.); 3 Reed (G); 4 Luce (R); 5 Fulton (E.M.).

High Jump — 1 Akers (G) 6-4; 2 Winters (C); 3 C. Sotome (C); 4 Lewis (G); 5 Andrews (M).

Pole Vault — 1 Funk (N) 15-0¼ (old record 14-6 Funk 1987; stadium record) 2 Donick (G); 3 Gorrison (E.S.L.); 4 Kline (G); 5 Wells (R).

Relay
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Peoria Central Invitational Relays 4/16/88 Conditions: 65' Perfect

Shot: Seei 46-6 Talbot 45-11

Discus: Nitz 141-4 (5th) Eaker 128-9

High Jump: Akers 6-4 (1st) Lewis 6-0 (4th)

Pole Vault: Dorick 12-0 (2nd) G. Klopp 11-6 (tie 3rd)

Long Jump: Reed 19-0 Dierick 18-8 3/4

Triple Jump: Reed 42-8 (3rd) Dorick 38-5

(2nd) 6400 Relay: Harris 62-2:14-3:25-4:34.2 VanVooren 64-2:16-3:31-4:39
18:25 Morris 65-2:19-3:30-4:46.8 Walsh 65-2:12-3:21-4:28.1

400 Relay: Zobrist - 11.78 Smith 10.88 Mayer 11.65 Fleming 10.45.25

F.S. 3200 Relay: VanVooren 63-2:11.7 Henderson 66-2:20.1
Walsh 67-2:17.0 Boerdmann 59-2:04.8

1600 Medley Relay: Leamen 54.0 Mayer 23.65 Fleming 23.07 Alexander 5' 2:10
3:46.8

(4th) H.H. Shuttle Relay: Blunt 16.57 McAvey 18.90 Reade 16.37 Zobrist 16.68.10

800 Relay: Bennington 24.95 Smith 24.41 Mayer 23.3 Fleming 23.11
1:35.91

1600 Relay: Reade 53.5 Morris 53.6 Harris 52.3 Leamen 52.3
3:31.8

{ * Great Team Effort }

Peoria Central Invitations1

Team Scores

1. Peoria Central 62
2. Peoria Richwoods 46
3. United Township 42
4. East St. Louis Sr. 41
5. East St. Louis Lincoln 35 1/2
6. Geneseo 32 1/2
7. Morton 15
8. Bloomington Normal 14
- Illinois Valley Chlothcothe 14
10. Peoria Woodruff 3
11. Pekin 2
12. East Peoria 1

High Jump

1. 6-4 Akers Gen
2. 6-2 Winters Peo C.
3. 6-2 Sazone Peo C.
4. 6-0 Lewis Gen
5. 6-0 Anderson Morton

Triple Jump

1. 44-6 Ritherford Peo C.
2. 42-10 Scruggs ESL
3. 42-8 Reed Gen
4. 42-7 Labbe Rich
5. 42-1 Hooper ESS

6400 Relay

1. 18:22 Richwoods
2. 18:25 Geneseo
3. 18:32 I.V.C.
4. 18:35 Morton
5. 18:42 E. St. Louis Sr.

Discus

1. 177-6 Huff Peo C.
2. 165-1 Garrison ESL
3. 144-8 D. Huff Peo C.
4. 142-0 King Wood
5. 141-4 Nitz Gen

Shot Put

1. 54-3 1/2 Huff Peo C.
2. 54-2 3/4 Garrison ESL
3. 49-4 Franklin Rich
4. 49-1 1/2 Brown Peo C.
5. 47-11 1/2 King Wood

Pole Vault

1. 15-0 1/4 Funk Normal
2. 12-0 Durick Gen
3. 11-6 G. Klopp Gen
- 11-6 Gringston ESL
5. 11-0 Wells Rich

Long Jump

1. 21-5 1/2 Winters Peo C.
2. 21-2 Kerby ESL
3. 20-5 Wayne ESL
4. 20-2 Cutton Peo C.
5. 19-10 Adams E. Peo

400 Relay

1. 42.76 United Township
2. 43.94 East St. Louis Sr.
3. 44.15 East St. Louis Lin
4. 44.54 Peoria Cen
5. 44.85 Richwoods

F.S. 3200 Relay

1.	8:27.4	Richwoods
2.	8:35.1	Nornal
3.	8:41.6	E. St. Louis Lin
4.	8:46.2	United Township
5.	8:47.1	I.V.C.

High Hurdle Shuttle Relay

1.	1:03.36	Peoria Cen
2.	1:05.87	Morton
3.	1:06.02	Richwoods
4.	1:08.37	Geneseo
5.	1:09.96	Woodruff

1600 Relay

1.	3:26.7	E. St. Louis Sr
2.	3:27.8	United Township
3.	3:29.4	Richwoods
4.	3:30.0	I.V.C.
5.	3:31.4	E. St. Louis Lin

1600 Medley Relay

1.	3:35.2	United Township
2.	3:35.5	E. St. Louis Sr
3.	3:37.0	Richwoods
4.	3:44.0	E. St. Louis Lin
5.	3:44.1	Morton

800 Relay

1.	1:29.9	United Township
2.	1:32.0	E. St. Louis Sr
3.	1:32.8	Peoria Cen
4.	1:32.8	E. St. Louis Lin
5.	1:34.3	Morton