

# Four for one

## Benet's Weizeorick increases victory total, earns Gus Scott MVP award

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At last year's Gus Scott Invitational at Naperville North, Benet's Jen Weizeorick won three events and finished second in a fourth. To her surprise, she was not named the invitational's Most Valuable Player for her efforts.

"I said, 'Jen, you know how you fix that: You win four,'" Redwings coach Scott Brooks said.

So she did, taking the long jump, triple jump, 100-meter hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles to claim the MVP plaque and help the Redwings to a second-place finish behind New Trier. The Trevians won the meet with 151 points, edging out Benet (150) and third-place Naperville North (145).

"I was seeded first in most of them so my biggest event was the 300 hurdles," Weizeorick said. "I ran my best time ever in that because I wanted this."

It looked as if it would be a battle for first between the Huskies and New Trier after

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the Huskies' Lisa Bonistalli and Maggie DeBerge took first and third in the mile. But both the junior varsity and varsity 1,600 relays for the Redwings finished first, with the Huskies relays taking third and fourth. The difference was enough to allow the Redwings to leapfrog North.

"It was a great meet," Brooks said. "By and large we competed well. There are always things you can look back on and say we could have done differently, but we had so many good performances today."

Benet's 3,200 relay of Jeanine Bentley, Ruth Swedler, Caitlin Novak and Abby Higgins set a school and meet record with their winning time of 9 minutes, 33 seconds, the only new mark set in the girls events. Bentley, Novak and Higgins combined with Jen Brown in the winning 1,600 relay in 4:11.

Waubonsie Valley finished fifth with 82 points and had only one winner in Iris Stin-

son, who captured the 400 in 59.8.

"I got my string. That's all I wanted," Stinson said, clutching the finish line from the race. "I was frustrated from the long jump, then I got fifth place in the 100 and I was even more upset. I said, 'If I'm going to win any race, I'm going to win the 400.'"

Naperville North ran away with the meet on the boys side with 136 points, topping New Trier and Andrew by 29. The Huskies were led by senior sprinter Dwight Carter, who the 100 and anchored the winning 800 relay, which included Nick Booth, Brandon Huggins and Scott Pavel.

The 3,200 relay of Tom DeBerge, Eric Pedersen, Eric Anerino and Kirk Baleske also won for North. The story for the Huskies, however, were their seven second-place finishes, allowing them to accumulate points.

Dan Curran took second to cross country national champion Matt Withrow of Andrew with a time of 9:19. Curran ran just off of Withrow's right shoulder for most of the race and led by a stride at several points be-

fore Withrow made a move with about 500 meters left, cruising to a meet record of 9:15.

"I wanted to go out and just compete with him," Curran said. "That was my main focus rather than a time goal. I ended up pushing him a little bit and he had a lot left on the last lap."

Durrell Williams set a meet record in the 400 with a time of 1:55.5 to help Waubonsie to a fourth-place finish with 95 points. Williams, whose personal best was 1:56.6, entered the meet with his eye on the 18-year-old mark of 1:56.2 held by Naperville North's Ty Thiel.

"I came into this meet to break this record," Williams said. "That's what I came out here to do. (In) the last 100, to tell you the truth, I didn't think I was going to get it. So I just had to give it all I had. It turned out good."

Mike Schubert (shot put), Will Kress (high jump) and Matt McCabe (1,600) were all event winners for Benet, leading the Redwings to a sixth-place finish.