



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FIRST IN THE 200 METER... Union Catholic Viking sophomore Garrett Ellis, front, placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.43 and also placed second in the 400-meter race with a time of 50.5 to qualify for the MOC.



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THE FIRST RUN OF THE GAME... Senior leftfielder Jess Moskowitz slides in hard and scores after sophomore third baseman Erin Scialabba knocked in the run on a single in the second inning.

Blue Devil Jeff Perrella Wins 1600, 3200 at Group 4 Track Meet

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rain-soaked track. His leap of 41'4" in the triple jump was not enough to qualify for the MOC, as was Nehemiah Burney-Porter's leap of 41'4.75". Rowbotham passed on the 400-intermediate hurdles and placed second in his heat in the 110-hurdles with a time of 15.2, but the sixth-placed time was 15.06.

"I was a little worried about it (rain-soaked track). I took a full-speed practice run over the first hurdle. Couldn't really do that well because all the rain was getting in my eyes but it seemed to let up during the race so I could see a little better," said Rowbotham of his 110-hurdle experience.

Raider sophomore Erin Rossi tied her personal best in the pole vault with a height of nine feet to place seventh. In a recent practice session, she did clear 9'6".

"I got 9'6" in practice this week. I'm happy with nine feet. I haven't done nine feet (in a meet) in a while and that is higher than I ended last year," said Rossi who last cleared nine feet in a dual meet in April.

Raider Lauryn Adams, with a nice toss of 109'9", placed seventh in the discus. Bridget Cornwell crossed second in her heat in the 800 meters but her time of 2:21.34 placed her in 11th overall. Brittney Veeck finished the

event with a time of 2:24.26. Senior Meaghan Kelly was third in her heat but 12th overall in the 400-hurdles with a time of 1:06.79.

Viking sophomore Garrett Ellis, of Plainfield, took top honors in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.43 and teammate Julian Phillips finished sixth at 23.16. Ellis also placed second in the 400-meter with a time of 50.5.

"Garrett and I talked about the opportunity to win both the 400 and the 200. He had an off race in the 400. He had run consistently better the previous three to four weeks," said Viking head Coach Mike McCabe, a former Westfield High School graduate. "Needless to say, second is still good for a sophomore. Garrett and I were excited when he won the 200. Garrett's hard work enables him to be successful."

Viking Brian Guterl placed second in the 1600 with a time of 4:24.78. Shariff Stubbs, James Pierce, Phillips and Ellis placed second in the 4x400 with a time of 3:26.99.

"His time of 4:24 is not his best, but the race went out slow and Brian's finishing kick secured second place," said coach McCabe who also pointed out that his boys Sprint Medley Relay foursome of Phillips, Nick Morrissy, Ellis and Guterl qualified for Nationals a few weeks ago at the East Coast Relays. They have the third fastest time in the state and will be competing at the Nike Outdoor Track and Field Championships on June 16 at North Carolina A & T University.

Viking Jen Seniszyn, of Union, won the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.33 and also placed second in the

100-meter with a time of 12.74.

"Her 200 performance was a bit of a surprise, but she took the race out hard, which gave her the opportunity to be successful. Jen's 100 was a solid race for her as well. Jen has battled injuries all season and her success was attributed to her toughness and ability to run through pain," said coach McCabe.

Viking Kaitly Eppinger, also from Union, cleared 5'4" to place third in the high jump and Alisa Harris placed sixth in the 400-meter with a time of 1:08.6. The Viking girls also finished fifth in the 4x400 with a time of 4:15.02.

"Kaitly had one miss at 5'2", which is what moved her from first to third place. The other two competitors did not miss until 5'6". Kaitly's first attempt at 5'6" was close. We believe that she can clear 5'6" this season," said Coach McCabe.

GROUP 4 BOYS TOP TEAMS:
 1. Old Bridge 77, 2. Ridgewood 39, 3. Pennsauken 37, 4. Franklin 24, 5. Winslow 22.5, 6. Toms River South 22, 7. Irvington 21, 8. Westfield 20

GROUP 3 BOYS TOP TEAMS:
 1. Monmouth Regional 47, 2. Delsea 41, 3. Morris Hills 31, 4. Colts Neck 30, 5. Central Regional 24, 6. Teaneck 23, 7. Northern Highlands 21, 8. Hamilton 19

NON-PUBLIC A BOYS:
 1. Don Bosco 76, 2. Monsignor Donovan 48, 3. Notre Dame 43, 4. Holy Cross 39, 5. Pope John 35.5, 6. Union Catholic 35, 7. Delbarton 33, 8. St. Joseph's (Metuchen), Christian Brothers 28

NON-PUBLIC A GIRLS:
 1. Pope John 129, 2. Bishop Eustace 64, 3. Holy Cross 61, 4. Notre Dame 49, 5. Immaculate Heart 42, 6. Monsignor Donovan 29, 7. Union Catholic 25, 8. Red Bank Catholic 23



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IN A TIGHT HEAT... Raiders Bridget Cornwell, center, and Brittney Veeck, fourth face from right, are in a tight pack in the 800-meter race.

Blue Devils Nipped in 8th, 3-2 By Lions for Sectional Crown

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right-center.

The Blue Devils did manage to keep the Lions locked in their cages until the sixth inning when they roared with a bases-loaded RBI single.

"I just tried to remain calm and cool, throw my pitches and keep them low, and keep them on their feet," explained Brown. "It was a tough loss, but we played outstanding. I thought we were hitting amazing, but things happen."

Moskowitz came to the mound in relief, struck out the next then yielded a walk to bring home in the tying run. Moskowitz fanned the next batter and registered the final out with a pop-up to La Spata.

In the bottom of the eighth, Lion Kate Smyser bashed a two-out double off the leftfield fence and advanced to third on a ground out. Moskowitz's pitch to the next batter sailed high and spun away from Olsen. Smyser dug for home where in a collision with Moskowitz at the plate, the ball was jarred loose, registering the run.

"It's really a tough loss for us but I felt the same way as Brown. I try to keep calm and not really worry about what the other team is saying," added Moskowitz. "I just throw my pitches and get through the game. I was happy to pitch and being a part of this team."

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