

## 1998 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### CARMEL WINS FIRST GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE TITLE

Bolstered by a third-place finish in the meet's final event, Carmel charged from third place to the championship June 5 in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Track & Field State Championships.

Earning seven points in the 1600 meter relay, Carmel finished with 40 points to edge defending state champion Pike with 38. Gary Wallace was third with 35, followed by North Central (Indianapolis) with 31 and Fort Wayne Northrop with 28.

It was the first girls track and field state title for Carmel and its state-leading 61<sup>st</sup> IHSAA team championship in 13 different sports. The Greyhounds were coached by Tim Mylin.

Pike went into the 1600 meter relay holding a 37-35 edge over Gary Wallace, with Carmel third at 33. Gary Wallace did not have an entry in the 1600 meter relay and Pike finished ninth.

Carmel won only one event, the 3200 meter relay, setting a meet record with a 9:20.72 clocking. The previous record was 9:21.23 by Carmel in 1996.

The only repeat champion from the 1997 state meet was junior Amanda Bell of Clarksville in the 1,600 meters. There were no double champions.

**WEATHER BRISK BUT DRY** -- The meet was conducted under sunny but brisk conditions. After a wet and blustery day that saw the temperature dive to 51 degrees at 4 p.m., conditions improved in the late afternoon and early evening. The temperature was 56 degrees at 7:30 and wind had subsided. The temperature held steady throughout the evening, finishing at 53 degrees for the final event at 10:40 p.m.

**PARMAN NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE RECIPIENT** -- Kim Parman of Leo High School was named the 1998 recipient of the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award in Girls Track and Field. The senior won the 300 meter hurdles title and finished ninth in the 100 hurdles. She is the first Leo athlete to win an individual state title in girls track and field. Parman is an all-around athlete, earning 10 varsity letters in three sports during her four years at Leo High School. In addition to track and field, she also participated in volleyball and gymnastics. Parman ranked in the top 15 percent of her graduating class, is a member of the National Honor Society and has been admitted to Ball State University's Honors College. She plans to study exercise science. Farm Bureau

Insurance, corporate partner of the IHSAA, presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Leo High School in Parman's name.

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