

# Sandburg's Homoly writes another winning chapter

## Senior distance standout breaks mark in 3200-meter run

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Invationals produce stories within the big story, and that was the case Friday night in Lockport, where Carl Sandburg thoroughbred Andy Homoly simply enhanced his reputation as the premier distance runner in the state.

The slender senior toured 3200-meters in 9 minutes, 11.6 seconds, shattering the 10-year-old record of Sterling's Randy Cross by nearly 11 full seconds.

It was early in the action, but the finish for Homoly, who scratched from the open-1600.

"Andy's back tightened up, and there's no reason to risk injury," explained assistant coach Dave Wierzal. "And, right now, I'm not sure whether he'll run tomorrow (Saturday in Lisle). Andy wanted the feeling of (a career best) running right around 9:10.0, and he accomplished that."

Not unexpectedly, perhaps, Homoly brought out the best in the field in his dramatic, if token appearance, and provided a positive drum beat especially beneficial to Bremen — in particular, Mike Callahan.

Homoly eased away from the pack in the 3200, but a dogfight developed for the runner-up spot, where Oswego's Ben Wolf (9:34.8) prevailed by outstepping Callahan (9:35.3) and Lockport's Jeff Reed (9:38.9), though both entered personal records.

Wolf's teammate, Jamie Palmer, did nail down the gold in the open-1600, caught in 4:29.0, in a stretch kick too strong for Callahan (4:32.4) and Reed (4:34.4).

Bremen's first-year head coach Bill Crater beamed.

Callahan tripped the trigger

while sophomore Dave Walko and junior Matt Gallagher heightened the excitement.

"Callahan's just about there, some speed work away. Walko's something else," explained Crater. "He's only a sophomore. . . running for only the second time since having mono. . . and that's a nice, nice time (4:44.0, open-1600). Gallagher's coming (2:01.4, open-800) and, like Callahan and Walko, he'll be tough for the (state Class AA) sectional."

Another Bremen distance star, Mike Enos, tried, but failed to shake the lingering effects of the flu, on an occasion when the Braves were on a roll.

Armand LeCrone put the punch in Downers Grove South in bringing the Mustangs the championship, on 105 total points, while Oswego (78) pulled up second, followed by Sterling (72), Rich Central (68), Hillcrest (57), Lockport (56), Plainfield (41), Tinley Park (31), Carl Sandburg and Bremen (22), Bradley 19 and Rich East (18).

LeCrone had too much in the hurdles for two of the South Suburbs' finest. In the 110-meter highs, he hit the finish in 14.5 seconds to turn back the challenges of Tinley Park's Jamal Carson (14.9) and Tyron Coxbey (15.1). And, then in the 300-lows, he nosed Coxbey as both stopped the watch at 39.1.

Rich Central junior Lamar McGee stole some thunder from the bigger names by sweeping the sprints, timed in 10.7 for 100-meters and 22.3 for 200.

"It's his first year of track, and

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he's a joy to work with," said head coach Don Richardson. "McGee will run anything — anything you ask. He's something, feisty; a competitor."

McGee was also in on the 400-meter relay, joined by Willie Clark, Robert Wesley and Trent Ross, won by the Olympians in a quick time of 42.7.

Rich Central also added a triumph in the 1600-relay, where Bobby Jamison delivered a 50-second-flat anchor to complement the efforts of Clark, Reggie Harris and Tyrone Trice for a 3:26.3 reading.

Trice stepped into the spot vacated by sidelined George Lacy.

Richardson was pleased, but no more so than Lockport's Jim Yamka, whose foursome of Scott Lakomiak, Darrell Mathis, Cory Romak and Mike Maciulis registered the finest clocking for the Porters since 1982, a second-place reading of 3:27.1.

The combination of Trice, Clark, Harris and Jamison also claimed gold in the 800-relay, clocked in 1:33.1.

Lockport produced a single winner: Courtney Smith, who went 44-feet-10 $\frac{3}{4}$  in the triple jump.

However, the host Porters added an individual runner-up in Lakomiak, who went 20-feet-5 $\frac{3}{4}$  in the long jump, to finish behind Oswego's Brian Engberg (20-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

Carl Sandburg's Don Gee authored a career-best throw of 50-feet-3 $\frac{1}{4}$  in the shot put, but failed to place, but notched a fifth (144-0), one spot back of teammate Paul Kowalski (144-10), in the discus.