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All-State track: A Warrior's share

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BOSTON - Never underestimate Lincoln-Sudbury or Jordan Maddocks.

The Warriors' girls team and Maddocks entered the All-State Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center with alleged did so without one of the state's top runners, 600-meter star Dana Jamieson. With Jamieson still sidelined with a stress fracture, some coaches thought the Warriors would be unable to produce the depth necessary to bring home another title.

Turns out no one can beat even an undermanned L-S, which scored 30 points to tie New Bedford for first place. They also broke the All-State meet record in the 4x800, which Jamieson would normally anchor.

"A lot of coaches were saying, 'Would they be in this position without her (Jamieson)?" said L-S coach Mel Gonsalves, whose team's points all came from underclassmen.

The Warriors' young middle-distance runners carried the team to glory. Junior Molly Binder (3:01.39) and sophomore Jessica Griffin (3:01.92) finished 1-2 in the 1,000, earning 18 points early in the meet to give the team a solid start.

"We just wanted to maximize our points, we wanted to hang with the leaders, then make a move on the last lap," said Binder.

The Warriors also got a key fifth place (2 points) from junior Emily Mephram, who placed in the 600 despite not running in the seeded heat.

Mephram, Binder and Griffin combined with sophomore Calli Pappas to win the 4x800 in a meet-record time of 9:25.20. The win gave the Warriors 30 points entering the final two events, the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

New Bedford's 4x200 team placed second to force a tie between the two teams at 30. Neither had a 4x400 team that was expected to earn points, which prevented any drama in the last event. That may have been a good thing, after the Whalers' 4x200 team placed out L-S' last week. The Whalers were initially disqualified, but successfully appealed, taking a point away from L-S that would have let the Warriors win the Division 1 title outright.