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## *Brookline boys, L-S girls celebrate*

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There would be no ifs, ands, or buts this time. No split championships, no half-victories.

A year removed from splitting the girls' Division 1 state indoor track title, Lincoln-Sudbury left room for nobody else last night at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

The Warriors finished with 66 points, far ahead of Newton South (48) and Andover (38). Acton-Boxboro, last year's co-champion, slipped to fourth (30).

The win didn't come easily for Mel Gonsalves's squad, which was among several clubs struggling to compete despite a bug circulating throughout the team.

"They were begging for oxygen," Gonsalves said. "It's been a tiring season. This team is so resilient in dealing with whatever has come at them.

"The kids want to put a product on the track that is respectful and one that really denotes pride in our program. [We have an] unwavering perseverance and a never-say-die mentality."

In the 1,000 meters, Warriors runners finished first (Emily Mephram, 2 minutes 56.94 seconds), fifth (Ellie Hylton), and sixth (Molly Binder) for 13 crucial points.

Two teams bettered the meet record in the 4x800 relay, with Lincoln-Sudbury (9:29.14) edging Newton South (9:32.70).

Lincoln-Sudbury junior Maggie Fleming also took home first in the high jump (5 feet 3 inches) at a meet in which Gonsalves admits his team had to manufacture points. "We were just trying to find a way to nickel and dime," he said.

Gonsalves credited assistant Chris Tarello, who coaches the Warriors' state champion cross-country squad. "A lot of the girls that he works with have really been pulling the wagon today for us. I'm proud of Coach Tarello's accomplishments.

"Every time I can reflect on a great season and have it end this way, where we're the last to leave, it's always a good thing. You don't get lucky, not in track and field. You stand alone. You got to pick yourself up. All those little messages you send to the kids, they sort of emulate and you saw it today."