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L-S girls burst on the scene;
Win Mass Class "A" State Championship

DANVERS - If an entire team was to be honored as rookie of the year, the Lincoln-Sudbury girls squad would be the hands-down favorite this season.

Last month, the Warriors sent notice to the rest of Division 1 that they'd be a force in their first season in the state's highest division by capturing the MSTCA Relay Meet. L-S proved that result was no fluke yesterday by winning the Class A title with 45 points at St. John's Prep.

The Warriors won just one individual title but used team balance to edge out Newton South, which finished with 42 points. "This is our first time (in Division 1) and to win the whole thing is just incredibly special," L-S coach Mel Gonsalves said. "I told the girls not too long ago that they were a special team. . . . All the divisions are wonderful, but let's face it, D-1, the competition's just unbelievable. "For us to come walking in, out of the woodwork maybe, in our first season ever, it doesn't get any better than this."

L-S cleaned up in the pole vault, as sisters Fiona and Sophia Romeri and Helen Wen finished first (10 feet), third (9-0) and sixth (8-6), respectively. Junior Jackie Jamulowicz finished sixth in the javelin throw (105-10) but came back to take fifth in the discus (100-6). Sophomore Dana Jamieson also scored in two events, the long jump (17) and 400 meters (58.61 seconds).

Other major contributions came from the following. The girls 4x800, which was if you would say, their "B" team ran 9:56 to place sixth. Emma Mushnick and Kate Donaldson led freshmen Calli Pappas, and soph Lindsay Ryan. Pappas and Ryan are both first year runners.

Even though the result was less than expected, Emily Mephram did contribute 8 points with her second place finish in the 800. Emily came back to contribute a strong lead off leg in the 4x400. That team also contained Molly Binder, Oliva Reed, and Dana Jameison. To win the team title that foursome needed to place 4th, and they did just that by fighting for third most of the race.

The first points of the day came from Kate Donaldson in the Two Mile, while Hannah Ziobrowski and Liz Albanese fought for a top six place most of the race. Even though Hannah and Liz did not score they contributed inspiring performances. In the unseeded section of the two mile two other inspiring performances were turned in by Rachale Potter and Barbara MacNeill. MacNeill was up front all the race. Potter sat and looked comfortable all race long. Rachael took over with 400 meters to go and looked as if the win was hers, but was unable to respond to a very fast kick put forth by the eventual winner, Potter ended up second.