

Rehfeldt, McKibben capture crowns at track classic

Rockford Christian runner, hurdler lead area competitors.

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BLOOMINGTON —

Rockford Christian's Justin Rehfeldt and Courtney McKibben won titles Friday at the Class 1A Illinois Prep Top Times Indoor Track Classic at Wesleyan University.

Rehfeldt was a double winner, finishing first in the 1,600 (4:30.32) and the 3,200 (9:39.50). His teammate Ryan Jepson also placed sixth in the 1,600 (9:54.60).

McKibben won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.60 seconds, while Byron's Paige Knodle was third (8.74).

Girls: Knodle 2nd in pole vault

Knodle tied for second in the pole vault at 10 feet, 6 inches. Bloomington Central's Sarah Bell won with an 11-foot effort.

Byron's 1,600 relay took second (4:12.46) in a close finish with Eureka (4:11.82).

Winnebago's 3,200 relay was third (10:24.14). Porta won the event at 10:05.74.

Byron's 800 relay finished third (1:50.08), while Rock Falls was fourth (1:50.29). Sherrard took first at 1:48.81.

Oregon's Lynea Axelson was fourth in the 800 (2:24.68), won by El Paso's Julie James (2:22.35).

Erin McCarey of Byron took sixth in the 3,200 (12:23.83), won by Freeburg's Kristen Busch (11:28.64). Busch also was first in the 1,600 (5:24), while Winnebago's Tessa Hoefle placed fifth (5:31.02).

Chloe Wild of Byron tied for sixth in the high jump (5-0).

Eureka's Kelsey Holman cleared 5-6 for first.

Boys: Smith hurdles runner-up

Winnebago's Jon Smith was second in the 55 hurdles (8.02) while Oregon teammates Nick Gallardo was fourth (8.05) and Jeff Wehmhoefer fifth (8.06). Annawan's Turner Ewing won the event (7.78).

Christian Life's Jordan Peyton went 6-5 to finished third in the high jump, won by Herrin's Zach Riley at 6-7.

Winnebago's A.J. Thomas was third in the shot (52-5), won by Havana's Sam Kachanuck (53-3).

Winnebago's 800 relay was nipped at the line by Herrin for first (1:34.48). Harvard was sixth (1:36.43).

Nathanael Rittmeyer of Winnebago tied for fourth in the pole vault (13-0). Rochester's Matt Bane went 16-0 for the victory.

Harvard's Coty Kramer was sixth in the 200 (23.39), won by Steven Davis of Reed Custer (22.48).

Cody Boarman of Shelbyville took first in the 400 (51.13), while Brian Diaz of Rock Falls placed third (51.89).

The 2A and 3A meets are today at Wesleyan University.

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