

Second league meet leads to close second-place finish

Seven events won by The Seton Keough High School, Baltimore, highlighted the second IAAM group indoor track and field meet on Dec. 14 at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex.

Seton Keough senior Erin Brooks paced the comeback with first-place finishes in the 300 meter (42.3), the long jump (17-10.5), and the triple jump (37-11.5). That triple effort combined with wins from the Gators' Colleen Shea in the 800 meter, Katie Sacker over 3,200 meters, Chelsea Tavik in the shot put and the 4×400 relay team.

Both top-ranked McDonogh School and third-ranked Seton Keough had entered the next day's Howard County Winterfest Invitational, also at the Prince George's complex. But with an impending winter storm approaching, both schools abandoned the invitational and concentrated on their league meet.

Those decisions resulted in a tight battle, eventually won by McDonogh with a 139.17 to 137.5 final score over Seton Keough.

Thirteen other schools battled for the leftover points with Mount de Sales Academy (30.5) edging out Archbishop Spalding High School (30.33) to take third place. Also scoring were Maryvale Preparatory School (25), the Institute of Notre Dame (23.5), Notre Dame Preparatory School (20), The John Carroll School (20), and The Catholic High School of Baltimore (6).

High jumper Lacey Shuman of Maryvale again led the individual performances as she cleared her all-time IAAM mark of 5-feet-4-inches for the second meet in a row.

Also with event wins were Mount de Sales' Becky Boulay, 500, 1.23.5; and NDP's Erin Laschinger, 1600, 5.33.7. Laschinger also placed second in the 800 by only a tenth of a second behind Shea.