

GATEWAY TITLE TO ILLINOIS STATE

Cedar Falls, Iowa, Febr. 24/25: Led by a powerful distance crew which in turn was led by Canadian Wendy Van Mierlo, Illinois State had no trouble winning the Gateway Conference indoor title over the nine other conference members.

Van Mierlo won the mile, two mile and three mile as the Redbirds gobbled up 1-2 in every race of 1000 yards and longer.

Drake's Holly Johnson was a double winner in the high jump (5'11½) and the hurdles.

Mile, 1-Wendy Van Mierlo (Ill St) 4:49.4, 2-Rosalind Cassidy (Ill St) 4:50.6, 3-Sirpa Niemela (Drake) 4:53.7, 4-Hilda Perez (Ill St) 4:53.4; LJ, Tanya Johnson (Wic St) 18'8; 3M, 1-Wendy Van Mierlo *Ill St) 16:17.31, 2-Sara Schumacher (Ill St) 16:22.96, 3-Nancy Elsberry (N Iowa) 16:37.29, 4-Jenny Upp (Ill St) 16:42.67, 5-Suzie Scheer (N Iowa) 16:58.81.

4x880, 1-Illinois State 9:10.41, 2-Western Illinois 9:16.72, 3-Drake 9:18.64; 4x220, 1-Wichita State 1:41.90, 2-Eastern Illinois 1:42.22, 3-Drake 1:42.88, 4-Illinois State 1:42.96.

60yH, 1-Holly Johnson (Drake) 8.06, 2-Penny Sellers (W Ill) 8.14; 440, Carolyn Blackman (Drake) 55.54; 600y, 1-Gail Stephen (E Ill) 1:21.60, 2-Debra Moss (Drake) 1:21.66, 3-Celile Watson (W Ill) 1:23.93.

1000y, 1-Rosalind Cassidy (Ill St) 2:34.95, 2-Hilda Perez (Ill St) 2:36.21; SP, Rhonda McCaulsland (S Ill) 47'7¼; 300, Denise Blackman (S Ill) 35.75; 2M, 1-Wendy Van Mierlo (Ill St) 10:10.42, 2-Sara Schumacher (Ill St) 10:12.90.

HJ, 1-Holly Johnson (Drake) 5'11½, 2-Erlisha Gwin (Ill St) 5'9, 3-Barbara Hines (E Ill) 5'8; Pent, 1-Renee McElyea (W Ill) 3619, 2-Charlene Dewey (Bradley) 3495.

4x440, 1-Eastern Illinois 3:49.20, 2-Drake 3:50.58, 3-Western Illinois 3:51.38; Scores, 1-Illinois State 165, 2-Drake 82, 3-Wichita State 68, 4-Western Illinois 63, 5-Eastern Illinois 41, 6-Southern Illinois/Carbondale 37, 7-Northern Iowa 25, 8-Indiana State 13, 9-Bradley 13, 10-Southwest Missouri State 8.