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Stable is that one of the rival breeders of the impeccably bred yearling were the Scharbauers, who dropped out when Gone West's price reached \$500,000. They were not about to go home empty-handed, though, and used their money to buy four other horses.

One of those turned out to be Alysbea. On Saturday, Stephens will help them find out just how big a bargain they got.

Winning at Belmont is almost a tradition



## Around the high schools

with Darron Kloster

This just in.

Date line: Griffiths Stadium, Saskatoon. Holy Cross High School collects a record 787 points. Stop. Claims 11th consecutive city high school track championship. Stop. Several records shattered. Stop. Warn Regina of extreme power and probable domination at weekend provincials. Stop and send.

Read it and weep, Regina: It looks as if provincial basketball and football titles were not enough. The Holy Cross Crusaders are on the rampage again, and their strength looks blatantly obvious for the provincial track and field championships at Douglas Park on Friday and Saturday. They want it all this year. And with track and field being the last jewel in the provincial crown of high school sports, you can safely bet the Crusaders are going to give it their undivided attention.

Consider their final point total at the Hub City's meet last weekend. The Crusaders beat second-place Evan Hardy (471 points) by 316 points and third-place Walter Murray (413) by 374 points. Regina's top team was Sheldon-Williams, which collared a comparably meek 405 points.

That leaves Regina with little hope of closing the gap on the defending-champion Saskatoon team this weekend. (Last year, the Hub City scored 490 points. Regina hit 312.5.) Furthermore, Regina's athletes were said to have had less time than their counterparts to train this spring because of the construction at Douglas Park. And, of course, compounding Regina's problem is the ever-growing network of private track clubs in Saskatoon.

You call it. Here's a breakdown of what events could make close contests or easy victories at provincials based on Regina and Saskatoon's respective city-meet results.

**The close ones.**  
Senior Boys: 100 metre hurdles — Henry Fong of Campbell (14.3 seconds) and Sean Nihil of Evan Hardy (14.3); 100 metres — O'Neill's Kendall Gross (11.11) and Mike Morrissey of Marion Graham (11.26); 200 metres — Colin Murray of Johnson

(22.6) and Morrissey (22.6); 400 metres — Joell Faard of Sheldon (52.10) and Evan Hardy's Donovan Volk (52.26).

Junior Boys: High jump — Russell Eby of Campbell (1.81 metres) and Rob Smales of Aden Bowman (1.80); 100 metres — Andrew Harrison of Bishop Mahoney (11.6) and Martin's Kevin Holness (11.7); 800 metres — Jeff Fuerstenburg of Walter Murray (two minutes, 1.9 seconds) and Martin's Jim Greenwood (2:03.9); 1,500 metres — Carl Lawson of Riffel (4:16.3) and Fuerstenburg (4:15.11); Long jump — Jeff Grund of Martin (6.06) and E.D. Feehan's Darren Bohmann (6.07); Javelin — Kevin Atanishyn of Holy Cross (45.60) and Campbell's Dennis Svenson (45.30).

Senior Girls: 400 metres — Giselle Wilson of Bishop Mahoney (1:05.20) and Stacey Bouck of Sheldon (1:04.4); Discus — Anne Stodola of Holy Cross (28.90 metres) and Sheldon's Donna Hayward (28.76).

**The not-so-close ones.**  
Senior Boys: High jump — Walter Murray's Errol Lovelace (2.05) and Milan Cacic of Miller (1.83); Javelin — Roddy Ethier of Bedford Road (50.32) and Sheldon Paul of Le-Boldust (44.30).

Junior Boys: 3,000 metres — Lawson (9:29.2) and Chad Fyke of Evan Hardy (9:59.6); Discus — Quinn Magnuson of Holy Cross (38.54) and Miller's Dave Maerz (30.92); Shot put — Magnuson (15.17) and Maerz (12.34); Pole Vault — Jason Rakochy of Holy Cross (4.0 metres) and Thom's Jason Guenther (3.0).

Senior Girls: 1,500 metres — Marian's Bobbi Waite (4:56.8) and Sherry Kosokowsky of Holy Cross (5:17.5); Javelin — Wendy Gilbert of Sheldon (39.42) and Sheri Senger of Holy Cross (30.72).

Junior Girls: 400 metres — Evan Hardy's Michelle Rank (59.21) and Tracy Dulmage of Campbell (1:03.9); 1,500 metres — Lisa Stretten of Sheldon (4:56.3) and Aden Bowman's Kerrie Wlad (5:06.97); Discus — Brenda Beavis of Bishop Mahoney (32.90) and Scott's Alison Hatcher (27.99).

## Champs defending title

Basil Schmuck, Mark Minarik, both of Regina, and Sunny Chan of Saskatoon, the defending national team kata champions who placed fifth in the 1986 world karate championships in Australia, will be representing Saskatchewan at the 1987 national blackbelt championships June 11-14 in Halifax.

Also attending the championships as representatives of the Saskatchewan Karate Association are Mark Alberton of Regina, Jim Baumgartner of Esterhazy, David Doncaster of Regina, David Ho of Saskatoon, Don Rousson of Kindersley, Dave Smith of Roseton and juniors Todd Jarotski of Yorkton and Robert Segovia of Saskatoon. Accompanying the team will be coach Rick Jorgensen of Regina, manager Wilf Miller of Yorkton and officials Graham Guthrie of Swift Current and Kent Allen of Saskatoon.

The Saskatchewan team will compete in individual and team categories in kata (formal exercise) and kumite (sparring) events.

## Date change for Pro-Am

The date for the provincial Crown Life Pro-Am championship has been moved to July 27. The event will still be held at the Regina Golf Club.

Originally scheduled for Aug. 13, the change was made to allow Saskatchewan club pros to compete in the Canadian Professional Golfers Association championship scheduled at the same time in Winnipeg.

Qualifying has already begun at most clubs throughout Saskatchewan. All team rosters must be submitted to tournament chairman Harold Dunlop by July 17. Dunlop, Saskatchewan Golf Association secretary-treasurer, can be contacted at 30 Deborah Cres., Saskatoon, S7J 2W8, or by calling 374-7789.

More information is available from Kelly Johnson at 525-6146.

## Special times ahead

By Bob Jamieson for The Leader-Post

**SWIFT CURRENT** — In less than three weeks, months of organizing and planning will become reality as this city plays host to the 1987 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games.

About 300 mentally handicapped athletes from across the province will be in this year's games, which are being held for the first time in an Olympic village type of setting.

During the two-day event, the athletes will compete, and be housed, fed, and entertained all at one site, the Swift Current Comprehensive High School.

Organizer Mark Ketter says this format will add an element of social interaction to the games, and "lay the groundwork for future possibilities."

Besides a banquet, a dance, and other social activities, this year's Special Olympics will feature more than 50 track and field events, a swim meet, and an opportunity for athletes to take part in a fun event, the Super Athlete Competition.

This event includes professional hockey players Dean Kennedy of the Los Angeles Kings, and Marc Habscheid from Team Canada, along with repre-

sentatives from a number of amateur teams in the province.

Hockey players, particularly those in the National Hockey League, have had a close affiliation with the Special Olympics since 1969, when the first Canadian games were held in Toronto.

In fact, the entire Special Olympics program has its roots in Toronto, thanks to a doctor named Frank Hayden who began developing fitness programs for the mentally handicapped in 1961.

Ketter says the games are not only a way to involve the participants in fitness and sports, but they are also "an effective vehicle to demonstrate the training skills, the enthusiasm, and the dignity of our athletes."

"For some of the athletes, simply being there and having the opportunity to participate in a quality sporting event more than meets their needs," he said.

"I think it varies," he said. "For the athletes that do want to move on and become higher skilled, we provide that opportunity. We also don't exclude the athletes who only get involved in sports once or twice a year."

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