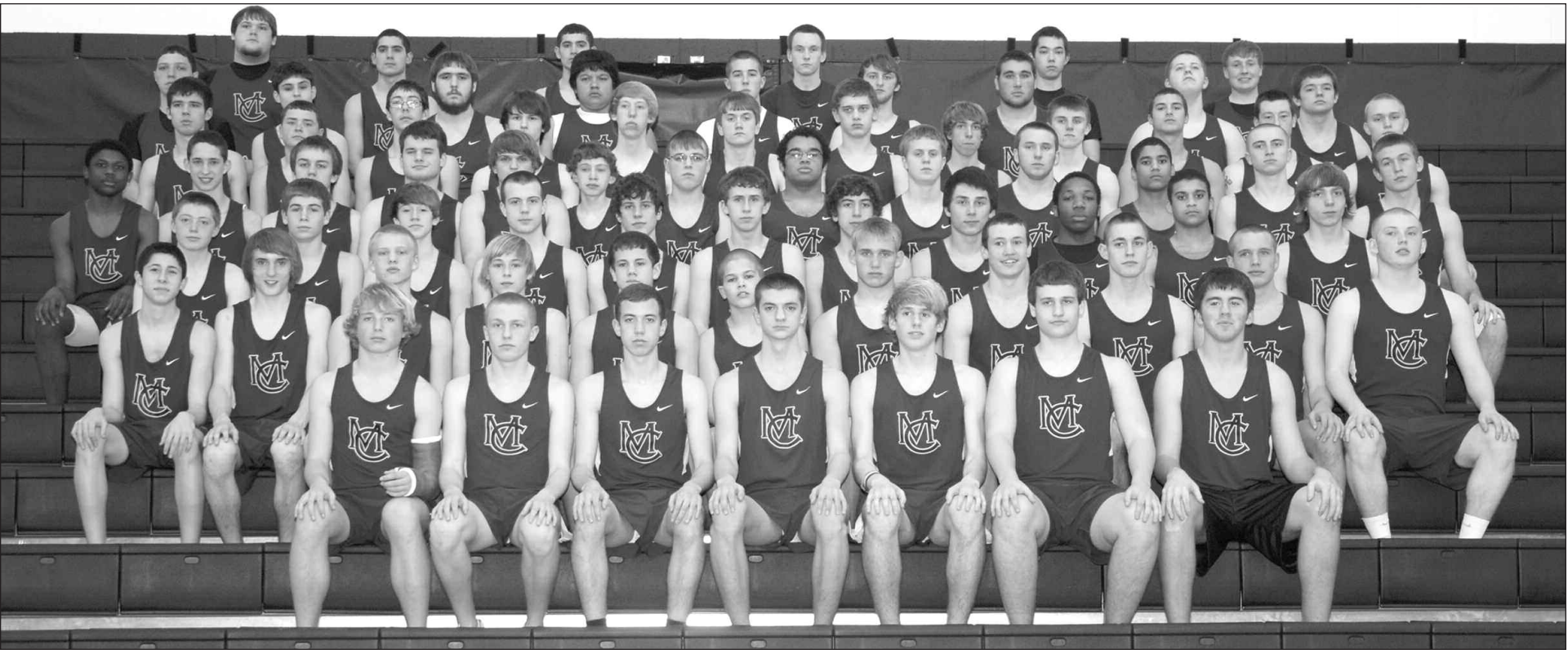
MIFFLIN COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD



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Members of the Mifflin County High School boys track and field team are, from left, front, Andrew Moon, Jon Colwell, Ben Kauffman, Patrick Parker, Jordan Treaster, Addison Monroe and Shawn Marker; second row, Kyle McNitt, Caleb Neff, Blake Hunter, Weston Shugarts, Dan Kauffman, Tim Pearce, Zach Long, Ian McGinnis, Jake Shepherd, Zach Moon and Alex Leight; third row, Keenan Walker, Evan Becker, Darien Knudsen, Seth Barger, Spencer Mumper, Benjamin Knepp, Chase Yetter, David Yale, Harry Lowber, Tiheeb Carrington and Michael Kline; fourth row, Jonah Ciccolini, George Donahey, Zach Dolin, Alan Parker, Ryan Moore, Joshua Aultz, Jacob Kerstetter, Tre Carter, James Wilburne, Derek Heimbach, Kyroon Carrington, Jared Michaels and Zach Williams; fifth row, Chris Falkner, William Jackson, Lucas Baumgardner, Brandon Shawver, Braydon Harpster, Ian Shelly, Nathan Strausburg, Jason Perry, Nathan Baumgarnder, Timmy Beck, Kyle Marker and Darion Pierce; sixth row, Drew Rossman, Joshua Velez, Derek Moore, Carlos Arnold, Justin Gantz, Luke Bender, Kyle Kahley, Nate Jost and Jake Lilley; seventh row, Gage Wagner, Alex Platzer, Aiden Platzer, Shawn Reese, David McKnight III and Richie Royer.

Combined effort is the basis of a new tradition

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AT A GLANCE

MIFFLIN COUNTY HUSKIES
District 6, Class AAA
Coach: Scott Gantz, assisted by Scot Sechler, Bryson Hartzler, Phillip McKnight, Mark Colwell and Megan Tramaglini

LEWISTOWN – Last year, there were two solid track teams in Mifflin County.

The Indian Valley girls continued their streak of Mountain League dominance and put up a sound effort at the end of the season. Lewistown's boys ran unbeaten through the conference and were the better half of that program.

Put together, they will, like all but one of Mifflin County High School's first-year teams, be a program without a league to compete in this year – and will look to build a new tradition, one that doesn't rely on the past.

Huskies' coach Scott Gantz said he's looking ahead, not behind.

"I'd just as soon forget that – the boys part of it, anyway," he quips. The former Warriors coach – who counts his Lewistown counterpart, Al Hepner, as a member of the staff – admits, though, that the merger has taken two good teams and made them better.

"I wouldn't say great at this point," he admits. "We have the potential to do some good things. It's going to take a lot of hard work."

But the pieces are all there. Individually, the Huskies have the entire state contingent back from last year's two schools. Making it to Shippensburg were a pair of Lewistown jumpers – Logan Snyder and Harry Lowber – and distance runner Zach Moon. Indian Valley sent its 4x800-meter relay and Marissa Long individually in the 800.

Long was the lone spring medalist, but she and Moon both collected state hardware wearing purple in the indoor season.

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