

May 7-9, 2020 – Games Canceled due to the Pandemic

Due to the worldwide pandemic, the 2020 Games were canceled. To read the Meet Director's cancellation notice, which was featured on NY Milesplit click the link.

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May 12-14, 2021 – Loucks Games 53

Combined:	Newburgh 165	Bronxville 42	Harrison 36	Scarsdale 36
Men:	Newburgh 100	North Rockland 49	Middletown 31	
Women:	Newburgh 65	Ursuline 52	Pleasantville 36	

The first post-pandemic meet was a regional affair. The White Plains School District fully backed the return of the Games, but with certain understandable limitations. The New York State Governor had set up certain zones within the state, allowing for a free flow of business among companies within each zone. Adhering to that guidance, the Games were only allowed to invite teams from seven New York counties (Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester). To minimize the number of people on campus at any given time, a special schedule was created that had the women's events begin the meet, and upon their completion the campus was cleared, then the men's events started. Certain events were eliminated to shorten the window of time that people were on campus. However, the meet adhered to the regular three-day format. In fact, it seemed as if more work was done creating what the meet director called "Loucks Lite" than for the regular Games. But, after almost non-existent seasons of cross country and indoors, despite the fairly empty stands, it was great to see the sight of competition again. The awards for 2020 had never been used, and although paid for, the 2020

meet had been canceled prior to “2020” being stamped upon them. The issuing company, All-Ways Advertising (NJ) was kind enough to store the trophies and medals for a year, stamp “2021” upon the plates and the meet was ready to go. The meet can be summarized in two words, “Newburgh dominated,” although there were several notable performances by athletes from other schools. Two North Rockland athletes were named Outstanding Male Track and Field recipients as Emmanuel Mena won the Shot Put (51’ 4.75”) and the Discus (151’ 3”), and Emmanuel Joseph won the 110HH (14.02 – the second fastest in meet history). Ciara Durcan (Pearl River) set the only meet record (7:20.73 in the 1600m Walk) to ironically be named Outstanding Female *Runner*. Ursuline’s Prizila Negrete won the Shot Put (34’ 0.75”) and the Discus (96’ 10”) and was named the Outstanding Field Athlete. As one opens the Loucks Journal and reads performances that seemed “lacking” compared to other years at Loucks, remember that the athletes of 2021 were not only battling each other on the track and in the field, but also months without training or competition. Despite the nature of the performances, all athletes could consider themselves champions – just for being there.

May 12-14, 2022 – Loucks Games 54

Combined: St Anthony’s 60 Greenwich, CT 37 Cornwall 30, Ridgefield, CT 30
Simsbury, CT 30

Men: St Anthony’s 46 Washingtonville 32 Greenwich, CT 30

Women: Paul Robeson 54 Saratoga Springs 46 Allegany-Limestone 22
Weston 22

The 54th Games were the first full-fledged running of the meet since the outbreak of the pandemic two years prior. The stands were full, the level of competition was

extraordinary and the weather contributed – three sunny days with temperatures in the high sixties and low seventies. The Loucks Games were back! And so were a plethora of great athletes from the Northeast and beyond, led by Outstanding Male Runner Award winner Julian Franjeh of Niskayuna who set a meet record in the Steeplechase (9:08.46), needing that effort to hold off Trinity's Nikhil DeNatale who ran the second fastest time in meet history (9:10.83). The women's Steeplechase produced the third fastest effort in Loucks history as Saratoga Springs' Sheridan Wheeler won with an outstanding time of 6:49.71. The women's One Mile Run was a history maker, and one of the great races in Loucks history. Erin Vringer (Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada), voted the Outstanding Female Runner, won the race with the third fastest pure mile (4:46.83) in meet history, utilizing a fierce kick from the 200m mark, to distance herself from two New York State Indoor Champions, Cornwall's Karrie Baloga (4:48.77 – the fifth fastest in meet history) and Angelina Napoleon (Allegany-Limestone – 4:49.30). Loucks had had great races before, but what made this race historical was the trip made by fourth place finisher Maya Baechler (4:55.14), who traveled from Kitsilano High School in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, making her voyage to White Plains the longest ever made by a Loucks Games competitor. The 54th Games had gotten off to a fast start with a record setting performance in the SMR by Paul Robeson (4:05.15), anchored by Anissa Moore, who also won the 400m (55.37) and anchored the fifth fastest 4x400 in meet history (3:45.65). The meet had many other outstanding performances, including the 142' 2" Javelin throw by Outstanding Female Field Award winner Shea Greene (Weston, CT) the third longest effort in meet history. Outstanding Male Field Award winner, Nicholas Lourenco (St Anthony's) set a meet record in the Pole Vault (16' 2"). Other outstanding performances included the fourth fastest 200m in meet history by Carter Cukerstein (Shenendehowa) and the fifth fastest 3200m in meet history by

Myles Hogan (Fordham Prep), an outstanding 8:47.20, the only Top Ten performance that was not achieved in either of the famous races of 2015 and 2016. Joe Licata (Gill St Bernard's, NJ) was a double winner, taking first place in the Shot Put (63' 0" - #7 all-time Loucks – just behind his brother CJ's #6 effort of 53' 2.5" in 2018) and in the Discus 166' 6". Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger (Nathan Hale-Ray, CT) ran the 8th fastest pure mile in meet history (4:11.96). In the sprints, Andrew O'Donnell (Greenwich, CT) ran the 6th fastest 400m in Loucks history (47.40), while Fitzroy Ledgister (St Peter's Prep, NJ) had the 8th fastest 100m all-time Loucks performance (10.70). Zachary Carifa (Greenwich, CT) scored 3235 points for the 7th highest total in the Pentathlon. Mohonasen's Zionna Perez-Tucker was a double winner, taking first place in the 100m (12.12) and the 200m (24.63). All in all, we had to agree that Loucks was back!

May 11-13, 2023 – Loucks Games 55

Combined: Saratoga Springs 63 Elmont 47 Cornwall 41
Men: Newtown, CT 33 St Anthony's 20 St Peter's, NJ 20 Stonington, CT 20
Women: Saratoga Springs 55 Ursuline 53 Cornwall 39

Despite falling over a barrier, Karrie Baloga (Cornwall) set a national record in the 2000m Steeplechase (6:22.85) and was rewarded for her blistering pace by being named the Outstanding Female Runner of the meet. Joshua Mooney (Stonington, CT) ran 14.09 in the 110m High Hurdles (#3 all time at Loucks) to be named the Outstanding Male Runner of the meet. Mooney also won the Javelin with a great toss of 186' 11". The Outstanding Male Field Award was won by new meet record holder Brian Walsh (Mendham) who won the Pentathlon with 3403 points (15.61/1.85m/12.47m/6.44m/4:47.00), while the Outstanding Female Field trophy

was awarded to Ursuline's Prizila Negrete who won the Shot Put (41' 3.75") and the Discus (120' 5"). In winning the award for the second time (2021/2023) Prizila became the eighth person to win the Outstanding Award twice (Johnson 89/91, Minott 93/94, Pfister 94/95, Broaddus 02/03, Layne 05/06, Reese 07/08 and Grey 15/16). On Thursday meet records were set in the SMR by Horace Greeley (3:28.97) and by Guilderland (3:55.95), the latter powered by the 400m of Kendall Barnhart (56.18) and the 800m of freshman Addison Vellekoop (2:08.94), breaking the existing record by more than 9 full seconds. Friday saw the meet's first athlete compete from the State of Wisconsin, and freshman Charlize-Trinity McKenzie (Cedarburg, WI) represented the Badger State well, taking third in a very hotly contested 800m and running the tenth fastest time in meet history (2:08.62), her efforts being topped by event winner Kate Putman (Cicero North Syracuse) who ran 2:06.50 (#3 all-time Loucks) and by runner up Angelina Napoleon (Allegany-Limestone) who ran 2:06.95 (#5 all-time Loucks). On Saturday Napoleon turned the table on her future North Carolina State teammate, winning the Mile in 4:46.38 (the third fastest pure mile in Loucks history), while Putman finished third (4:48.80 – the 8th fastest pure mile). Splitting the two was Saratoga Springs' McKinley Wheeler who finished second with an excellent time of 4:46.73 (the fourth fastest pure mile in meet history). Twin sister Sheridan Wheeler finished behind Baloga's national/meet record in the Steeplechase, with the second fastest time in meet history 6:27.80. Zariel Macchia (William Floyd) won her second consecutive 3200m (10:17.16), moments after Antonio Camacho-Bucks (Centennial, MD) survived a diving attempt at the finish line by silver medalist Aidan Cox (Coe Brown, NH) 8:58.32 to 8:58.35. Samantha Mynio (Washingtonville) clocked 7:22.63 to win the 1600 Meter Walk with the second fastest time in meet history. Other Top Ten cracking results included Ashley Fulton's (Elmont) 24.03 in the 200m (#9), Jacob Cookinham's (Bishop Stag, MA)

toss of 63' 9.75" for the fourth best ever in the Shot Put, Amelia Benjamin (Ellenville) cleared the high jump bar at 5' 8", which was the fourth highest mark in meet history, and Pole Vault winner Amelia McBain (Saratoga Springs) and second place finisher Emma Keating (Pompton Lakes, NJ) each clearing the bar at 12' 0", the third best height in Loucks history. The Women's Pentathlon had three of the top ten performances in history as Jadyn Mullen (Alexander Central) won with 3267 points (#5 all time), Melissa Gueye (Valley Stream South) was second with 3231 points (#8 all time) and Rome Free Academy's Imani Pugh finishing third with 3226 points – good for ninth place all time. Both the women and men's 4x800s cracked the Top Ten lists, with Saratoga Springs' 4x800 Women's Team finishing at 9:06.78 (3rd all time), while Ridgefield's Men ran 7:47.04 for the fifth fastest time in history.

May 9-11, 2024 – Loucks Games 56

Combined:	Guilderland 77	Bloomfield, CT 57	Windsor, CT 44
Men:	Iona Prep 38	Taconic Hills 30	Windsor, CT 28
Women:	Guilderland 76	Bloomfield, CT 33	Ursuline 28

Shortly after the last runner crossed the finish line, the heavily worn Mondo track, first installed for the 2008 Games, hosted its last Loucks Games, destined to be replaced. Neil Howard (Taconic Hills) was named the Outstanding Male Field Athlete, setting a meet record in the Pole Vault (16' 3") and winning the Long Jump with the 9th best effort in meet history (23' 9.5"). With his win in the 400 Hurdles (5th best all-time Loucks 52.68), Howard became the first male athlete (3rd overall) to win three individual events at the same meet. Upstate powerhouse

Guilderland became the first team in meet history to win three varsity relays (SMR, DMR, 4x800) in a non-covid limited meet, propelling them to an easy victory in the Women's and Combined team titles. Van Furman (Tri Valley) set a meet record (9:07.94) in the 3000M Steeplechase. Combined with his sixth place 9:02.96 effort in the 3200M, he was named the meet's Outstanding Male Runner. Sophia McInnes (Bayport-Blue Point) won the Mile (4:51.22) and was third in the 800M (2:11.1) and was named the Women's Outstanding Runner. Bethel (CT)'s Talia Graham's effort of 12' 6" in the Pole Vault (tied for the second best mark in meet history) won her the Outstanding Female Field Athlete.