

# *Sunday play now permitted for Pennsylvania high schools*

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Pennsylvania high schools now can schedule athletic events and practices on Sundays.

Under threat of a lawsuit, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association repealed its so-called Sunday rule last weekend. The PIAA then adopted a rule that bars teams from playing or practicing more than six days a week.

If a team practices on a Sunday, for example, the players must be given a day off later in the week.

The PIAA was pressured into repealing the law after complaints that the rule discriminated against students who celebrate the Sabbath on days other than Sunday.

The William Penn girls' 1,600-meter relay team won the Olympic Invitational at the Meadowlands on Friday night, and recorded the best high school time in the country this season.

Finishing in 3 minutes, 51.73 sec-

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onds, the Penn team won by more than seven seconds. Runner-up John Jay of Brooklyn took second in 3:58.83. The race featured six of the best teams from the East Coast.

William Penn had been listed as No. 1 in the country even before the Invitational with a 3:54.4 in a mile relay. Converted to 1,600 meters, that equals a 3:53.3.

The relay team members were Geneva Pugh, Shelie Turner, Lakeya Smith and Marcia Rush.

The time also would have been good enough to take second in the college women's race, behind Seton Hall.

The PIAA has revamped its football championship-game format and will shift two of the four title games to the west beginning next season. The two other title games will be played at eastern sites.

For the last two years, the four championship games have been played in the mid-state area, with two games in Hershey and two in Middletown.

The Unionville hockey team overcame a rather large obstacle to record its first shutout of the season Wednesday.

The Indians did not have a goaltender.

Kevin Crotchfelt, the team's only goalie, was in an auto accident on the way to the game against Harriton. Crotchfelt was not hurt, but he couldn't make it to the game.

Crotchfelt's absence also left the Indians without goaltending equipment. Coach Brad McNally was turned down when he asked other coaches — including Harriton's — at the Wintersports Arena in Willow Grove if he could borrow some pads.

"So I just said to the kids in the locker room, 'Look, we've got a couple of strikes against us. We'll just have to go with six skaters up