

First Annual Tri-State Invitational

Hazel Park, Michigan, May 16:-In less than ideal weather conditions, more than 400 women and girl athletes were attracted to the First Annual Tri-State Invitational Track and Field Championships sponsored by the North Detroit Track Club.

Meet Director Mike Taylor was apprehensive as to what the turnout might be, but 16 clubs from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Ontario turned out to make this the stellar outdoor meet, outside of the Michigan AAU Championships, held for women in the Michigan Association.

Coach Ken Simmon's Michigammas Track Club of Ann Arbor took the Open Division with 56 points to 38 for the skeleton-entry of Mayor Daley (Illinois) Youth Foundation and 32 for the Canton (Ohio) Track Club. This was accomplished despite the disqualification of the Michigammas splendid 880 yard relay team in the final event of the day.

In the Girl's Division, the Motor City (Michigan) Track Club scored 80 points to 54 for the Wolverine (Michigan) Parkettes and 51 for the Pelham (Michigan) Track Club.

The Michigammas had six first places in the 14 events including one of the meet's two double winners in Liz Caldwell who will turn 16 in June. The slender Caldwell copped the 100 and 220 yard dashes in respective times of 11.3 and 25.4 over a straightaway which had felt the effects of more than 100 dash and hurdle heats, plus open mid-distance and distance runs and relays, the majority of which were held in the rain. Both of Caldwell's wins were decisive and she is on her way to establishing herself as a coming sprinter with national recognition not far away.

The other double winner was the venerable Mamie Rallins of the MDYF. She nipped 15 year old Debbie Lansky of the Wolverine Parkettes in the 80m hurdles, 11.5 to 11.6, and came back to win a decisive victory in the 200 meter hurdles.

The Michigammas showed great strength in the field events with 26 points in the three throwing events although being blanked in the jumps.

Francie Kraker set a Michigan AAU 1500 meter mark at 4:51.4 being pushed by 15 year old Jackie Ford of the Wolverines who was clocked in 4:53.6. Fifteen minutes later, Kraker was back on the track and finished third in the 440. Kraker also sped a scintillating lap on the medley relay, but the team was disqualified since Kraker had already run the 1500 and 440.

RESULTS: Open Division: 100, 1-Liz Caldwell (Michigammas) 11.3, 2-Cathy Jones (MDYF) 11.5....4-Toi McCoy (MDYF) 11.8; 220, 1-Caldwell 25.4..3-McCoy 27.0; 440, 1-Nancy Shafer (Canton) 56.6; 800m, 1-Susan Dudley (M) 2:24.+; 1500m, 1-Kraker 4:51.4, 2-Jackie Ford (15) (WP) 4:53.6; 80mH, 1-Rallins 11.5, 2-Debbie Lansky (15) (WP) 11.6; 200mH, 1-Rallins 29.9; HJ, 1-Vann Boswell (Detroit TC) 4'10; LJ, 1-Willye White (MDYF) 17'4; SP, 1-Cindy Jones (M) 36'3; DT, 1-Jones 89'5; JT, Louise Gerish (M) 148'3; 440yR, 1-MDYF 50.0; 880yR, 1-Canton TC 1:56.4.