

Elliott Runs 4:15.9 Mile In Central High Relays

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Steve Elliott, Michigan's foremost high school distance runner, has learned one thing this season. It was through his own evidence against Saturday in the bright sunlight at Central High.

Elliott learned one thing again: that if you're going to meet the good times — if you're going to reach your goals — you've got to run alone, turn it on all the way and stop worrying about someone putting you to a record.

THE PONTIAC Central's performance was in a race by himself — a race against the clock — as he turned in an excellent 4:15.9 mile in the second annual Central Relays.

Although his time was less than three seconds off the state Class A record, he was not satisfied. He slowly returned down the stragglingly shaking but lead and repeating: "I've got to do better . . . this was not good enough."

Elliott held a 20-second edge over his nearest rival and the 3,000 fans who watched in the brilliant sunlight gave him a standing ovation as he crossed the finish line.

But there were others who stood out on this almost perfect day for track.

Anita Lee and Angela Johnson teamed up to make Cass Tech High look like a shoo-in in the girls' Class A meet next month. Miss Lee, who has been winning consistently since

she was a sophomore, captured the high jump at 5 feet 4 inches, the long jump at 17 feet 9 inches and the 100-yard low hurdles in 14.4.

But those who marvelled at Miss Lee wondered if at some future day Miss Johnson might be an even brighter star. A 16-year-old freshman, Miss Johnson won the 100-yard dash in 17 seconds flat.

Ron Davis of Northern stamped himself as one of the state's finest hurdlers when he won the 120-yard high in 14.4 seconds. Edwin Poundsater of Inkster, the favorite, finished fourth.

ELLEN WILLIS of Peshing won the girls' half mile in 2:27.8. Tom Favre of DeLaSalle was the surprise winner in the shot with a heave of 23 feet, 11 1/2 inches.

Mike Thompson, a junior from Bishop Gallagher, topped the half mile in 1:58 flat. Thompson hopes to get down to 1:56 before the spring turns into summer.

A Warren Coasian two-mile relay team of Jim Durbin, Larry Cronka, Gary Staniewicz and Larry Hogan won in 8:43, while Cooney set a record of 1:38 1/2 in the 80-yard relay with a quartet of William Copeland, Kenny Swain, Robert Coleman and Delverence Foley carrying the baton. Coleman came back to win the 100-yard dash with a wind-aided 9.3 second effort.

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MT. PLEASANT — Flint Southwestern High won the Class A title in the 35th annual Central Michigan Relays on Saturday in the closest finish ever recorded.

Southwestern, writing a record of 1:28.3 in the 88-yard relay, won the title with 29 points. Detroit Cass Tech, Michigan Dale and Saginaw all finished in a tie for second with 26 points.

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Top Seeds Move Up In Doubles 3 Derby Colts Take Beating

The top-seeded team in the Michigan mixed doubles championship survived opening-round and quarterfinal matches at Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Saturday. But the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds were upset victims.

Rudy Hernandez of St. Clair Shores and Fred Fulkner of Southfield moved into Sunday's semifinals with a 5-2, 7-5 victory over Roger Koenig and Rylee Bailey of Chicago in their quarterfinal match.

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The favored Hernandez-Fulkner duo will meet Mark Conti of Oak Park and Debbie Mascarin of Grosse Pointe in the first semifinals match at 10 a.m. Conti-Mascarin defeated Chuck Brandard of Bay City and Karen Charlton of Grosse Pointe in their quarterfinal test, 7-5, 7-5.

In the noon semifinals match, John Trump of Mt. Clemens and Kris Fulgenti of Grosse Pointe will meet Brian Markos and Kathy Krackstein of Grosse Pointe.

Trump-Fulgenti upset the No. 3 seeds, Toler Warr of Ann Arbor and Sue Eastman of Chicago, 7-5, 6-1, in the quarterfinal.

Markos-Krackstein advanced to the semifinals 6-4, 7-6.

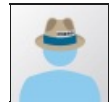
Westland John Glenn High edged Dearborn High on Saturday, 40-39, in the 10th annual Dearborn Elite Relay. Bobo Borgese finished third with 29 points.

John Glenn got a first in the long jump relay from Harry Pulvino, Terry Bixler and Tom Jakobson, and the three came back later to team with Fred Stobornier and win the 400-yard relay in 1:31.8.

Groves Wins Relays
Birmingham Groves High, winning ten freis and scoring 16 of the 12 events, successfully defended its Brother Rice Relays title Saturday. The Falcons won with 31 points with Pontiac Northern finishing second with 20. Brother Rice third with 21 and Lakeview and Toros tied for fourth place with 17 points.

A Brother Rice four-mile relay team of Joe Marger, Steve Menger, Ed Strohbach and Doug Book won in 18 minutes, 29.8 seconds while the Crown's shuttle hurdle relay foursome of Jim Lawa, Steve Scheldt, Dan Nookes and Jim Klearner won in 10:55.5 seconds.

Six records were set on a near perfect day for track.



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