

End Flushing's Big 9 reign

Davison girls win title

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Team balance Wednesday carried Davison to an exciting Big Nine Conference girls' track championship at Grand Blanc.

The Cardinals won only one event but scored in every event but one to finish with 48 points.

That was one-half point better than Flushing and ended the Raiders' seven-year hold on the championship.

GRAND BLANC, in the running up to the final three events, finished third with 41½ points followed by Powers Catholic 32, Clio 27, Owosso 23 and Kearsley with five. Beecher did not field a team.

The individual star was Powers' Jeanine Smithson. She was the only performer to capture more than one event, winning the long jump, 100 and 110-yard hurdles.

Eight Big Nine records were broken and Smithson had a hand in one, extending the long jump standard to 16-1¾.

Davison's only victory came in the discus where Valeska Simmons earned an automatic record in the first-ever event with a toss of 97-0½.

BILL PERRY'S Cardinals were second in six events and third in four others. Davison was blanked only in the shot put.

Davison was second in all three relays. Nancy Ducape picked up a pair of runnerup ribbons in the 880 and 440 and Kim Fricalassi was behind Smithson in the hurdles.

There were only three and one-half points separating Davison, Flushing and Grand Blanc heading into the final three events.

The defending champion Raiders closed the gap to one and one-half after the 220. Entering the final event, the 440 relay, Davison had 44 points and Flushing and Grand Blanc shared

FLUSHING captured that last relay but Davison nailed down its championship by grabbing second.

"Anything can happen in a relay," Perry said. "There's always a chance of a dropped baton."

Grand Blanc had the most champions, winning five events. Four came in record times.

Claire Smith's 2:24.9 time in the 880 was a record run. Kari Sanborn's 1:01.3 in the 440 was a new standard and little Wanda Stone lowered the two-mile mark to 12:36.9. Smith, Sanborn, Kathy Carter and Sue Adcock won the mile relay in a record 4:15.0.

GRAND BLANC'S other triumph was fashioned by Sue Sincok when she won the high jump at 4-10.

One of Flushing's victories was a meet record, the 880 relay team of Vicki Walden, Sherrie Dorif, Pat Lescelius and Missy Headrick winning in 1:51.7.

Karen Waters took the shot put for the Raiders with a heave of 34-9¾ and Flushing's 440 relay quartet of Walden, Dorif, Lescelius and Headrick was first in 53.2.

Powers' fourth first place came from Brenda Dismond with a 27.5 clocking in the 220 and Clio's Tammy Burch captured the mile in 5:35.7, another meet standard.

The summary:

Team scoring and legend: Davison 48 (D), Flushing 47½ (F), Grand Blanc 41½ (GB), Powers Catholic 32 (P), Clio 27 (C), Owosso 23 (O), Kearsley 5 (K).

Shot put—1. Karen Waters (F), 2. Vickie Luria (F), 3. Vickie Brown (C), 4. Dawn Cook (GB), 5. Melissa Jenniches (F), 34-9¾.

Discus—1. Valeska Simmons (D), 2. Waters (F), 3. Terri LeDuc (C), 4. Laura Doty (GB), 5. Jill Peelman (K), 97-0½ (automatic record).

Long jump—1. Jeanine Smithson (P), 2. Missy Headrick (F), 3. Margaret Adams (D), 4. Tammy Crov (O), 5. Sharon Morgan (F), 16-1¾ (breaks record of 15-9).

High jump—1. Sue Sincok (GB), 2. Amy Hemond (O), 3. Kim Oliver (D), 4. Crov (O), 5. (tie) Jan Carvey (GB), LouAnn Klein (F), 4-10.

880 relay—1. Flushing (Vickie Walden, Sherrie Dorif, Pat Lescelius, Headrick), 2. Davison, 3. Owosso, 4. Clio, 5. Grand Blanc, 1:51.7 (breaks record of 1:54.0 by Kearsley, 1975).

880—1. Claire Smith (GB), 2. Nancy Ducape (D), 3. Barb Friton (O), 4. Luan Loban (F), 5. Lee Ann Lunley (C), 2:24.9 (breaks record of 2:27.7 by Michelle Cantanzaro, Flushing, 1975).

110 hurdles—1. Smithson (P), 2. Kim Fricalassi (D), 3. Merrilee Schenk (K), 4. Linda Raymond (O), 5. Marsha Gasche (C), 16.7.

100—1. Tammy Burch (C), 2. Deb Gilling (O), 3. Sue Adcock (GB), 4. Aimee White (D), 5. Kathy Triplet (C), 5:35.7 (breaks record of 5:38.0 by Charlene Teels, Flushing, 1975).

100—1. Smithson (P), 2. Brenda Dismond (P), 3. Debbie Baumbach (C), 4. Headrick (F), 5. Ann Tringle (D), 11.9.

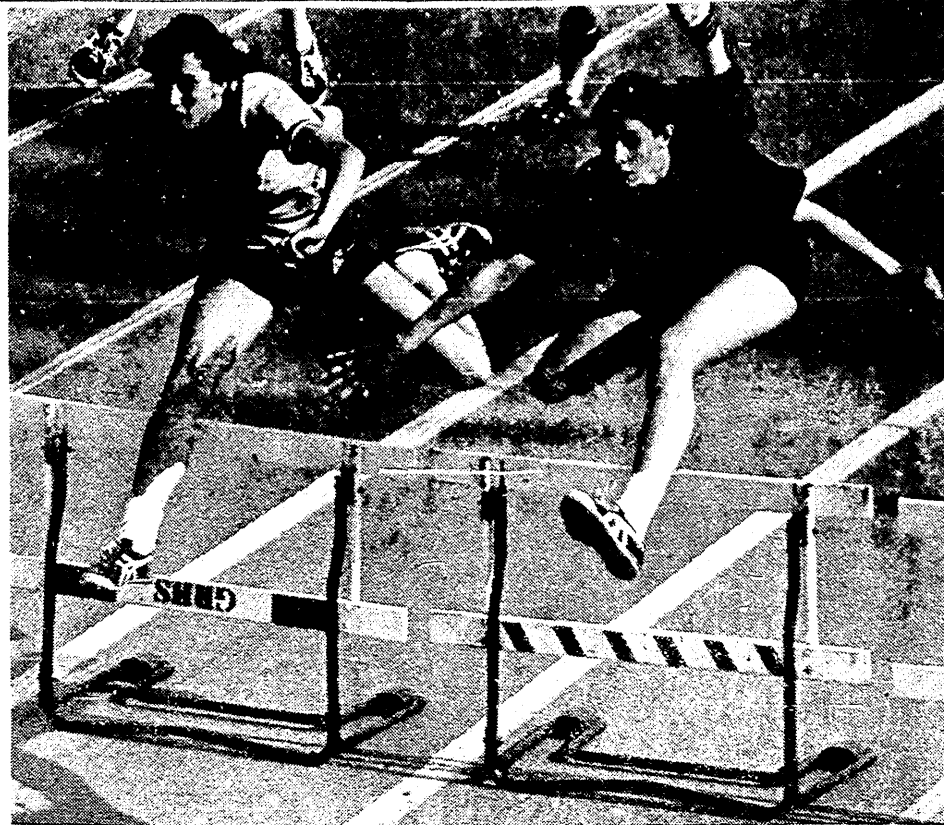
440—1. Kari Sanborn (GB), 2. Ducape (D), 3. Smith (GB), 4. Marica Sumboro (O), 5. Mary Jo Pawlita (K), 1:01.3 (breaks record of 1:02.1 by Cantanzaro, Flushing, 1975).

Two-mile—1. Wanda Stone (GB), 2. Carol Potoczny (F), 3. Tammy Ex (D), 4. Denise Jones (C), 5. Val Heath (D), 12:36.9 (Breaks record of 13:10 by Ex, Davison, 1975).

220—1. Dismond (P), 2. Lescelius (F), 3. Cnab Dolewski (C), 4. Sue Billings (O), 5. Ann Gilbert (O), 27.5.

1000—1. Grand Blanc (Kathy Carter, Adcock, Smith, Sanborn), 2. Davison, 3. Flushing, 4. Owosso, 5. Clio, 4:15.0 (breaks record of 4:26.0 by Davison, 1975).

440 relay—1. Flushing (Walden, Dorif, Lescelius, Headrick), 2. Davison, 3. Owosso, 4. Powers, 5. Clio, 53.2.



Powers' Jeanine Smithson (right) and Davison's Kim Fricalassi battle for hurdles victory

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