

GP North Stars Top Spartan Meet

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EAST LANSING — Bill Weidenbach of Grosse Pointe North and Dennis Lewis of Ypsilanti were the track and field stars here Saturday night in the 14th annual Spartan Relays.

Weidenbach, Michigan's premier miler, turned in two sensational races to lead coach Tom Gauerke and his Norsemen to their first team title here since 1970. Grosse Pointe North scored in 10 of the 15 events to win with a top heavy 53½ points.

Weidenbach anchored the Norsemen's winning distance medley relay team (2½ miles) to the fastest time recorded yet this season in national schoolboy ranks. The Norsemen were clocked in 10:17.1 with Weidenbach turning in a 4:13.7 anchor leg.

Weidenbach came back later in the evening to win the open mile in 4:16.36 and was named the meet's outstanding performer.

Lewis, the sensational Ypsilanti high jumper, set a meet record of 6 feet 9½ inches and barely missed at seven feet.

Gauerke got points from 16 of his 19 performers. Ken Humes set a school record of 6-foot-6 in finishing second to Lewis in the high jump. Dan Beck turned in a fine performance for North running the ¼-mile leg on the distance medley in 3:08 and turning in quarter mile dashes of 51.8 and 52.5 on two other relays.

The Spartan Relays served as the final tuneup for the 46th Mansfield Relays, April 16-17, at Mansfield, Ohio.

TWO MILE: 1-Tovin Jones, Livonia Churchill; 2-Ted Unold, Westland John Glenn; 3-Kerry Barnett, Pontiac Central; 4-Hal Rutilla, Farmington; 5-Mike Younglove, Jackson Parkside. Time — 9:30.40.

70-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1-Joe Knisely, Dearborn; 2-Ken Raby, Southfield; 3-Mike Danna, Farmington; 4-Derek Washington, Pontiac Northern; 5-Shelby Johnson, Taylor Center. Time — 8.61.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Ypsilanti (Terry Dogan, David Jones, Urs Kernan, Fred Williams); 2-Flint Southwestern; 3-Pontiac Central; 4-Birmingham Groves; 5-Grosse Pointe North. Time — 2:30.14.

60-YARD DASH: 1-Jerry Malone, Pontiac Northern; 2-Lawrence Claxton, Detroit Denby; 3-Bob Roberts, Grosse Pointe North; 4-Dennis Balino, Ann Arbor Huron; 5-James Murchinson, Lansing Harry Hill. Time — 6.35.

70-YARD LOW HURDLES: 1-Jim Tweedy, Flint Central; 2-Ken Raby, Southfield; 3-Ted Cogswell, Trenton; 4-Al Edwards, Ann Arbor Huron; 5-Dennis Singleton, Northville. Time — 8.29.

880-YARD RELAY: 1-Flint Southwestern (Rod Feaster, Booker Moore, Anthony Battle, Reggie Mitchell); 2-Pontiac Northern; 3-Lansing Harry Hill; 4-Grosse Pointe North; 5-Ypsilanti. Time — 1:33.69.

MILE RUN: 1-Bill Weidenbach, Grosse Pointe North; 2-Tim Proulx, Brighton; 3-Mike White, Jackson; 4-Mike Sax, Grand Rapids Union; 5-Bill Morgan, Birmingham Groves. Time — 4:16.36.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1-Dearborn (Gerald Bokrywka, Bill Stuckey, Tim McKenna, Joe Knisely); 2-Pontiac Northern; 3-Romulus; 4-Tie between Grosse Pointe North and Taylor Center. Time — 29.40.

LONG JUMP: 1-Terry Long, Lansing Harry Hill; 2-Bill Stuckey, Dearborn; 3-Mark Smith, Jackson; 4-Brian Carpenter, Flint Southwestern; 5-Terry Dogan, Ypsilanti. Distance — 21-4½.

SHOT PUT: 1-Mike Petch, Grand Rapids Union; 2-Mark DeWitt, Livonia Churchill; 3-Charles Durst, Adrian; 4-Steve Maldow, East Lansing; 5-Bot Daser, Plymouth Salem. Distance — 41-10.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Grosse Pointe North (Joe Ciarravino, Darrell Graham, Dan Beck, Bill Weidenbach); 2-Walled Lake Western; 3-Flint Central; 4-Adrian; 5-Port Huron Northern. Time — 10:17.08.

MILE RELAY: 1-Pontiac Central (Robert Ford, Jon Crump, Kerry Barnett, Mark Bruente); 2-Ypsilanti; 3-Pontiac Northern; 4-Flint Southwestern; 5-Flint Northern. Time — 3:30.87.

HIGH JUMP: 1-Dennis Lewis, Ypsilanti; 2-Ken Humes, Grosse Pointe North; 3-Randy Hawley, Clio; 4-Tim Brennan, Trenton; 5-Tie between Bob Hollingsworth, Lansing Eastern, and Dan Elliott, Ann Arbor Pioneer. Height — 6-9½ (meet record.)

TEAM SCORES: Grosse Pointe North 53½, Pontiac Northern 34, Ypsilanti 31, Flint Southwestern 31, Dearborn 28, Pontiac Central 25, Trenton 22, Southfield 19.