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Cass Tech ties Flint Kearsley for Huron title

YPSILANTI — Cass Tech High went to the Huron Relays hoping for a second- or third-place finish Saturday. The Technicians of coach Bob Glenn came home as co-champions. Cass Tech tied Flint Kearsley with 35 points each to become the first Detroit Public School League team to ever win in the Relays' 24-year history.

With Marcus Allen running the anchor leg, Cass Tech won both the shuttle hurdle and 880-yard relays, a fact in itself which surprised Glenn.

"I didn't think we could win both of those events," said Glenn. "I expected we'd pick up maybe 30 points at the best."

DEFENDING CHAMPION Grosse Pointe North finished a tight third with 32 points but the big noise was supplied by Glenn and his Technicians.

In the individual events, both Mike Petsch of Redford Union and Chris Koger of Belleville went home with records.

Petsch, headed for the University of Michigan on a football scholarship, threw the shot 61 feet, ¼ inch for his record. He's been working at the event for only two weeks and last year won the state meet with a toss of 57-4.

Koger won the high jump with a leap of 6-8 bettering the old mark by almost two inches. Koger is only a junior who is shooting for a 6-10 effort this season.

Michigan's bottled indoor season moves on next Friday to East Lansing's Jenison Field House and the Spartan Relays.

Huron Relays Class A

Two-mile relay: 1—Amherst (O.) Steele, Jack Main, Rich Kopraska, Dennis Schroder, Jim Mehl; 2—Royal Oak Dendero, 3—Midland. Time—8:10.2. (New meet record.)

Distance medley relay: 1—Flint Kearsley (Rick Hayden, Jim Vowdrasek, Ernie Jecol, Dave Podgocki); 2—Grosse Pointe North, 3—Grand Blanc. Time—10:28.3.

Two-mile run: 1—Charles Broski, Hazel Park; 2—Dave Schrader, West Bloomfield; 3—Mike Moore, Grand Blanc. Time—9:32.

40-yard high hurdles: 1—Marcus Allen, Detroit Cass Tech; 2—Richard Watkins, Pontiac Central; 3—Sidney Fuller, Detroit Northern. Time—07.4.

Pole vault: 1—Paul Babilis, Redford Union; 2—Tim Turner, Bishop Borgess; 3—Jeff Ward, East Lansing. Height—13 feet 7 inches.

High jump: 1—Chris Koger, Belleville; 2—Dave Elliott, Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3—Jim English, Birmingham Brother Rice. Height—6 feet 8 inches. (New meet record.)

Sprint medley relay: 1—Flint Northwestern (Gary Stewart, Philip Miller, Angelo Bradshaw, Ron King); 2—Jackson; 3—Detroit Redford. Time—3:41.4.

Long jump: 1—Cedric Gonzalez, Pontiac Central; 2—Jim Bass, Kalamazoo Central; 3—Mark Smith, Jackson. Distance—21 feet 10½ inches.

40-yard dash: 1—Michael Miller, Flint Northern; 2—Andre Williams, Ann Arbor; 3—Ivan Peoples, Mansfield, O. Time—06.7. (New meet record.)

Shuttle hurdle relay: 1—Detroit Cass Tech (Gurtis Cade, Kevin Sosa, William Armstrong, Marcus Allen); 2—Taylor Center; 3—East Lansing. Time—02.2.

Shot put: 1—Michael Petsch, Redford Union; 2—Dave Walworth, Southfield; 3—Greg Johnson, Mt. Carmel. Distance—61 feet ¼ inch. (New meet record.)

880-yard relay: 1—Detroit Cass Tech (Tim Myrick, Fredel Cason, Marvin Lacey, Marcus Allen); 2—Detroit Murray Wright; 3—Elvira, O. Time—1:34.7.

400-yard relay: 1—Detroit Redford (Randall Woodson, Ahamed Lile, Kenneth Watkins, James Woods); 2—Pontiac Central; 3—Flint Northern. Time—3:28.9.

Team scores: Flint Kearsley 35, Detroit Cass Tech 35, Grosse Pointe North 32, Pontiac Central 30, Jackson 28, Mansfield, O. 19, Flint Northern 19, Amherst (O.) Steele 18, Taylor Center 18, Detroit Northern 18.

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