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G.P. North grabs another Spartan crown

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EAST LANSING — It takes sprinters and hurdlers, they say, to win the big relay meets. Yet Grosse Pointe North, where 150 turned out for boys track this spring, continues to survive in middle distance and distance runners.

The Norsemen of coach Tom Gauerte successfully defended their Class A title in the 15th running of the Spartan Relays Saturday night piling up 44½ points by scoring in 11 of the 15 events.

It was North's third title here since 1970 and the Norsemen did it without winning a single event.

"We've got a balanced squad and even our sprinters aren't that bad this year," Gauerte said upon receiving the big championship trophy. "I just don't understand it. In our 10-year history of track we have come up with only two sprinters who have broke 10 seconds flat in the 100-yard dash."

Grosse Pointe's top finishers were Dave Dennis, who took second in the two mile and a second-place finish behind Midland in the two mile relay.


Finishing behind North in the team standings was the surprisingly strong Taylor Center team with 37 points, Flint Southwestern 31, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 30, Grand Blanc 29½, Cass Tech 28 and Jackson 25.

Mike Petsch
Marcus Allen of Detroit Cass Tech, Mike White of Jackson and Mike Petsch of Redford Union were the big individual stars.

Allen won the 80-yard high hurdles in 7.3 seconds, anchored the winning 880-yard relay team and a leg on the shuttle hurdle relay team which finished second.

White won the two mile in 9:22.86 and came back an hour later to win the mile in 4:21.87. Allen and White were named as co-winners of the most valuable award.

Petsch, the state's foremost shot putter, set a record when he heaved the ball 61 feet 3 inches, nearly 10 feet further than his winning performance a year ago.



Spartan Relays Class A

<p>SHOT PUT 1-Mike Petsch, Redford Union; 2-Chad Womack, Southfield; 3-Dino Belsky, Lakeshore; 4-Dave Edley, Livonia; 5-Louis Lott, Grand Blanc — 51 feet, 3 inches, (new meet record).</p> <p>POLE VULT 1-Joe Ward, East Lansing; 2-Peter Smith, Redford Union; 3-Lester Lindner, Midland; 4-Carl Thompson, Flint Southwestern; 5-High — 13 feet, 4 inches.</p> <p>DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY 1-Grand Blanc; 2-Midland; 3-East Lansing; 4-Albion; 5-Redford Union.</p> <p>TWO MILE RELAY 1-Midland (Scott Grayson, Wayne); 2-Grosse Pointe North; 3-Detroit Northwestern; 4-Grand Blanc; 5-Taylor — 81:2.</p> <p>80-YARD DASH 1-Tony Ballew, Flint Central; 2-John Wilkins, Ann Arbor; 3-Carl Thomas, Taylor Center; 4-Taylor; 5-Taylor.</p> <p>SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY 1-Detroit Central; 2-Detroit; 3-Grand Blanc; 4-Grand Blanc; 5-Grand Blanc.</p> <p>TWO MILE RUN 1-Mike White, Jackson; 2-Dave Dennis, Grosse Pointe North; 3-Midland; 4-John Moore, Grand Blanc; 5-Taylor — 9:22.86.</p> <p>80-YARD HIGH HURDLES 1-Marcus Allen, Detroit Cass Tech; 2-Davey Johnson, Detroit Central; 3-Robert Washburn, Grand Blanc; 4-Doran, North Farmington; 5-Taylor — 7:3.</p>	<p>40-YARD LOW HURDLES 1-Richard Watson, Taylor Center; 2-Spaul Cassell, Taylor Center; 3-John Watson, Lansing; 4-John Watson, Lansing; 5-Taylor Center — 10:1.</p> <p>40-YARD RELAY Detroit Cass Tech; 2-Taylor; 3-Taylor; 4-Taylor; 5-Taylor.</p> <p>MILE RUN 1-Mike White, Jackson; 2-Fred Ward, Jackson; 3-John Smith, Grand Blanc; 4-Robert Washburn, Grand Blanc; 5-Taylor — 4:21.87.</p> <p>HIGH JUMP 1-Dan Sloan, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 2-Scott Smith, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 3-Dave Bly, Ann Arbor; 4-Dan Sloan, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 5-Chris Koper, Belleville.</p> <p>SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY Taylor Center; 2-Taylor; 3-Taylor; 4-Taylor; 5-Taylor.</p> <p>LONG JUMP 1-Brian Cressler, Flint Southwestern; 2-Dave Harper, Redford Union; 3-Scott Williams, Midland; 4-Brian Cressler, Taylor Center; 5-Dave Harper, Redford Union — 27 feet, 6½ inches.</p> <p>MILE RELAY 1-Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 2-Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 3-Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills; 4-Grosse Pointe North; 5-Taylor — 33:28.</p>
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