

GP North track teams show heels in regional meets

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There were state regional track and tennis tournaments Saturday all across the greater Detroit area, but the biggest celebration was at Grosse Pointe North High. Both boys and girls track teams from North won regional titles.

The Norsemen put on a powerful show qualifying 28 individuals for the state championships in 10 events while piling up 96 points. Detroit Central finished a distant second with 29 points. North, where 150 boys turn out for track each spring, won eight of the 16 first places including every field event.

Joe Vier led North, winning the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 4½ inches and the long jump at 21 feet 3¾ inches. Vier also ran a leg on the winning 440-yard relay team.

Deon Hogan of Kettering won both the 100- and 220-yard dashes, Sidney Fuller of Northern turned in a fine 14.4 second effort in winning the 120-yard high hurdles and Leon McCool of Southeastern won the 330-yard low hurdles in 38.4 seconds.

HEIDE FACH LED the Grosse Pointe North girls team with victories in both the mile and 880-yard run while Dominican's Jackie Burton took both the discus and shot put.

Livonia Churchill and Farmington Our Lady of Mercy won championships at Farmington. Mark Biehl of North Farmington won the discus with a heave of 158 feet 10 inches while Sue Heinlein of Mercy captured the two-mile in the splendid time of 11 minutes, 41.3 seconds.

In Class B, Ecorse High won a boys regional at Southgate Schafer with 39 points to 36 for Bishop Gallagher. Immaculata won the girls crown with 46 points.

John Mitroka of Southgate Schafer won both the discus and shot put with his heave of 161 feet 9 inches exceptional in the discus. Kim Willis of Aquinas won both the low hurdles and long jump with her performance of 18 feet 4 inches in the long jump tying the existing state girls record. Rochette Collins of Immaculata won the 880 in 2:42.2 and the 440 in 57.4 seconds. She's the defending state champion in both events.

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