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Mackenzie's Dellisa Walton anchored the winning 880 and mile relay teams, and finished first in the 440.

# Fans get a kick out of Boyd's two-mile victory in FP track

By MICK McCABE  
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Standing ovations for two-mile runners are rare, but all of the 2,000 fans were on their feet when Mirian Boyd crossed the finish line Saturday.

Boyd turned in one of the many outstanding performances in the first Free Press Girls State Invitational Track Meet at Warren Fitzgerald High Saturday.

Just a week after winning the state Class A mile and two-mile runs, Boyd recorded her second best time ever in the two mile when she covered the distance in 10 minutes, 39.4 seconds.

"I was a little too fast at the beginning," the Port Huron junior said. "After a couple of laps I started slowing down so I was able to turn it on the last lap."

**BOYD REALLY** didn't need much of a kick at the end. She was well in front of the field.

"I started pulling away about the third lap," she said. "I'm just glad I didn't have to run the mile today because after the two mile, you don't care how fast you run in the mile."

Another outstanding performance was turned in by Dellisa Walton, a junior at Detroit Mackenzie who holds the state record in the 440- and 880-yard runs.

Walton gracefully strided away from the rest of the field and turned in a 54.8 quarter. She also anchored the winning 880

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and mile relay teams.

"I was tight the whole 440," she complained. "I was really surprised at the time, I was looking for a 56."

"I had some trouble in the 880 relay because I just can't come out sprinting," said Walton, who set a national record in the 880 a week ago.

**TRACY ARION**, a junior from Linden, wasn't very optimistic before the meet, but she ran away with the mile, recording a personal best of 5:10.1.

"I didn't think I had much of a chance to win this," she admitted after the race. "But when we got here my coach told me he thought I had a good chance of winning."

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"I would have liked to have run a 5:09 but I'm very surprised and very happy. I just hope I can come back next year and do even better."



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The state girls mile and two mile champion, Mirian Boyd of Port Huron, Saturday breezed to a victory in the Free Press two mile.

# FP girls track gets warm reception

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You don't gain perfection the first time around, but the first Free Press State Girls Invitational Track and Field Championships Saturday proved a satisfying beginning.

Some 2,000 fans came out on a near-perfect day for the sport to see the cream of Michigan's girl track stars step through their paces at Warren's Fitzgerald High.

There was a delightful 12-mile-an-hour wind out of the southwest which probably hurt a couple of the distance performances, but as a whole the meet was well accepted by both the 300 girls from all sections of the state who competed and the fans who responded with a half-dozen standing ovations.

Mackenzie's Delisa Walton, who set a national record last week for Mackenzie High in the state Class A championships, stepped a lively 54.8 in the 440, three-tenths of a second off her own state record.

Molly Brennan of Waterford finished third in the 100-yard dash and then came back to win the 220 in 25 seconds flat.

"I want to thank your paper for putting on this meet and the beautiful medals," Brennan said smiling when



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Penny Neer of North Adams winds up for her record discus thrw — 134 feet, 6 inches.

# Event brings out best in athletes, fans

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called to the pressbox. "I'm going to Michigan State on both an academic and track scholarship but I'm going to remember this afternoon for a long time."

**PENNY NEER** came from the small Lenawee County community of North Adams to throw the discus 134 feet, six inches, the longest throw ever recorded by a high school girl in Michigan.

Neer will enroll next fall at the University of Michigan, where she hopes to make the women's varsity basketball team.

The Free Press featured **Beth Schlickemeyer** of Royal Oak Dondoro in one of

its promotion ads last week. Beth responded by winning the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, three inches. Beth says she is going to Macomb Community College next fall and hopes it sponsors a girls' flag football team.

"She'd rather play football than run track," said coach Emmett Evans.

Josephine Mask of Lansing waited until her last throw in the shot put to win her gold medal. Mask won the event with a toss of 42 feet, 11 3/4 inches to add to her state championship award won a week ago.

Sprinter **Lisa Glenn** of Detroit's Cody High won the 100-yard dash in 10:9 seconds then sustained a leg cramp

while anchoring her 440-yard relay team.

"It was really nothing too serious," said Dr. Vincent Gramowicz, the attending physician. "I expected we'd have more difficulty on this warm day in the two-mile run, but I had to attend to only two girls who had some minor problems with the heat."

**DALE MATHEWS** brought two girls from Suttons Bay, 250 miles to the north, leaving at 4:30 a.m. Saturday.

"Neither of my girls placed, but it was a fine experience for them and we'll be back in another year," Mathews said.

It was a rewarding day for

**Jerry Genter** and his Mason County Central girls from Scottville. Genter brought six girls and five of them took back medals.

There was no team title determined and all but one of the 184 medals was picked up on schedule. **Kathy Brozowski** of Capac forgot to pick up her eighth-place medal in the high jump.

## Free Press girls track results

**HIGH JUMP** — 1-Ellay Hayden, Capac, 5 feet, 8 inches; 2-Paula McGee, Flint, 5-7; 3-Stella Erickson, Jackson, 5-4; 4-Marian Wellam, Inland Lakes, 5-3; 5-Vivian Havel, Novi, 5-3; 6-Jean Ashley, Redford, 5-3; 7-Beth Dildash, Birmingham, 5-3; 8-Kathy Brozowski, Capac, 5-3.

**LONG JUMP** — 1-Beth Schlickemeyer, Royal Oak, 18 feet, 3 inches; 2-Cynthia Tall, Grand Rapids, 17-8; 3-Kori Gifford, Bloomfield Hills, 17-7 1/2; 4-Laura Frederick, Bedford, 17-6 1/2; 5-Monica Williams, Port Huron, 17-4 1/2; 6-Dexter Chapman, Port Huron, 17-3 1/2; 7-Tonya Lowe, Flint, 17-1 1/2; 8-Jan Betzino, Warren, 16-6.

**DISCUS** — 1-Penny Neer, North Adams, 134 feet, 6 inches; 2-Josephine Mask, Lansing, 129-3/4; 3-Amylita Bohach, Muskegon, 124-8; 4-Diane Arvins, Hastings, 113-9; 5-Sue Lane, Warren Woods, 113-6; 6-Teri Sloan, Richmond, 113-5; 7-Gail Lind, Royal Oak, 112-1; 8-Lisa Shasky, Birmingham, 92-10.

**TWO-MILE RUN** — 1-Miriam Boyd, Port Huron, 10:39.4; 2-Carol Schenk, Flint, 10:59.0; 3-Lisa Laar, Alma, 11:10.4; 4-Beth Huff, Ann Arbor, 11:12.0; 5-Cheryl Schaffer, South Lyon, 11:15.9; 6-Sue McDonald, Ludington, 11:25.7; 7-Sharon Madesa, Ypsilanti, 11:27.9; 8-Nora Green, Shepherd, 11:49.

**80-YARD RELAY** — 1-Detroit Mackenzie (Melaine Tillman, Kim Walls, Carmen Warfield, Debra Walton), 2:56.4; 2-Flint Northern, 3:45.3; 3-Detroit Katarina, 4:44.5; 4-Holt, 4:45.4; 5-Royal Oak Dondoro, 4:45.7; 6-Mason County Central, 4:45.7; 7-Roseville Grable, 4:46.8; 8-Birmingham Groves, 7:48.1.

**880-YARD RUN** — 1-Marilyn Barner, Holt, 2:16.6; 2-Robyn Winnie, Berkley, 2:18.6; 3-Michelle Collins, Farmington, 2:20.7; 4-Joy Parker, Holt, 2:20.9; 5-Ann Roumani, Big Rapids, 2:21.0; 6-Coleen Clement, Holt, 2:21.1; 7-Penny Bennett, Ludington, 2:24.0; 8-Tammy Arlon, Linden, 2:24.2.

**100-YARD DASH** — 1-Lisa Glenn, Detroit, 10:9; 2-Carmen Rivers, Detroit, 11:2; 3-Molly Brennan, Muskegon, 11:24;

**440-YARD DASH** — 1-Dalisa Walton, Detroit, 54.9; 2-Wyonna Mathewson, Holt, 57.6; 3-Allison Wang, Detroit, 57.6; 4-Marian Shoup, Guster, 58.3; 5-Dawn Plasmchak, Monroe, 59.0; 6-Lori Bowen, Ypsilanti, 60.0; 7-Florella McGowan, Detroit, 60.1; 8-Jill Dav, Ypsilanti, 60.6.

**MILE RUN** — 1-Tracy Arlon, Linden, 5:10.1; 2-Brandi Clark, Grand Haven, 5:13.7; 3-Sue MacDonald, Ludington, 5:16.2; 4-Lee Ann Yack, Madison Heights, 5:16.3; 5-Debra Asbury, East Detroit, 5:17.1; 6-Jill Washburn, Rochester, 5:18.2; 7-Nancy Lipponoa, Royal Oak, 5:19.3; 8-Beth Huff, Ann Arbor, 5:20.3.

**440-YARD RELAY** — 1-Detroit Cody (Michelle Bugos, Kim Martin, Michelle Smerit, Lisa Glenn), 3:50.0; 2-Standish Sterling, 5:0.5; 3-Bloomfield Hills Andover, 5:0.9; 4-Royal Oak Dondoro, 5:1.0; 5-Detroit Southeastern, 5:1.4; 6-Hastings, 5:1.6; 7-Birmingham Groves, 5:1.9; 8-Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 5:2.3.

**220-YARD DASH** — 1-Molly Brennan, Waterford, 25.0; 2-Andrea Nranjan, Dearborn, 25.5; 3-Robin Liescomb, Lansing, 26.2; 4-Kori Gifford, Bloomfield Hills, 26.3; 5-Tonya Lowe, Flint, 26.4; 6-Lynn Ciern, Roseville, 26.6; 7-Lisa Glenn, Detroit, 34.6; 8-Gail Siwinaki, Roseville.

**MILE RELAY** — 1-Detroit Mackenzie (Carmen Rivers, Myra Jones, Kim Walls, Dalisa Walton), 2:56.4; 2-Flint Northern, 4:01.7; 3-Holt, 4:04.7; 4-Royal Oak Dondoro, 4:07.3; 5-Mason County Central, 4:08.7; 6-Muskegon, 4:11.0; 7-Davison, 4:14.1; 8-Hastings, 4:15.6.

**SHOT PUT** — 1-Josephine Mask, Lansing, 42 feet, 11 3/4 inches; 2-Annette Bohach, North Muskegon, 42-4; 3-Lori Sirag, Bedford, 41-4 1/4; 4-Ellen Rubach, Ionia, 41-1 1/4; 5-Davida Boozer, Detroit, 39-9; 6-Sue Macaroni, Richmond, 39-7; 7-Jackie Burton, Detroit, 39-1 1/4; 8-Diane Sovinski, Redford, 38-10 1/2.