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

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Standing ovations for two-mile runners are rare, but all of the 2,000 fans were on their feet when Miriam 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, 38.4 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 Delisa 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 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."

"I thought we started out too slow, and then I got boxed in on the second lap and that got me mad. So I just took off after that."

— Mile winner Tracy Arion

"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



Free Press Photo by HUGH GRANULIN
Mackenzie's Delisa Walton anchored the winning 880

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The state girls mile and two mile champion, Miriam Boyd of Port Huron, Saturday breezed in a victory in

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