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Allen paces Cass Tech to Class A track title

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Detroiters schooltyers won eight of the 14 events Saturday in the Class A division of the state high school Class A track and field championships at Flint's Northwestern High and set three records along the way.

Dave Hogan, the flashy sprinter from Detroit Cass Tech, was the double individual winner, taking both the 100- and 220-yard dashes. But the records went to Marcus Allen of Cass Tech, Pari Pretoski of Warren Cousino and Shelby Johnson of Taylor Center.

Allen, a 5-9, 150-pound junior, broke a record when he was clocked in 13.8 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles. Pretoski set a record of six feet, 10½ inches in the high jump and Johnson won the 330-yard low hurdles in the record time of 37 seconds flat.

PAT KELLY of Grand Rapids Union also accounted for a record when he heaved the discus 168 feet 10 inches.

It proved a great day for Detroit Cass Tech. Coach Robert Glenn saw his Technites win the 880-yard relay in 1:28.2, 20 seconds in addition to Allen's hurdles victory, and win its first team title in 52 years.

Cass was with 43 points, Flint Southwestern finished second with 34 and Detroit Redford third with 33.

Glenn said that Curtis Clark's second to the last leg in the 880 relay, in which Allen made up six points to all three relays was the turning point of the meet.

Relay lets Beecher tie for title

MARYSVILLE — Flint Beecher won the one-mile relay in 3:27.7 and then won the meet Saturday, to tie Muskegon Heights for the state Class B boys track and field title. Both schools wound up with 29 points. Top performance of the meet was a 1:51.1 880-turned in by Kelly's Jeff Lewis. No records were broken during the long afternoon.

Mackenzie girls win 'A'

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BRIGHTON — A pair of juniors — Debbie Walton from Mackenzie and Kathy Boyd from Flint Powers Catholic — led the way with most of the honors at the girls' Class A state track and field championships Saturday.

Walton broke the state and national prep record in the 880 run, finishing with a time of 2:07.7. She then broke the state record in the mile with a time of 4:46.5 and the national mark in the 440, with a time of 54.5 seconds.

WALTON'S DOUBLE victory helped Mackenzie to win the Class A team title with 41 points. Flint Northern was second with 36.

Boyd captured her sign two-mile record by nearly 20 seconds in 10:36.8 and then scored a double when she took the mile run in 5:04.4.

"I wasn't strong last year," Walton explained. "Then I developed my strength and my speed automatically came with it.

"I began running when I was 13 with the Motor City Striders. My coach saw that I had a natural long stride and he put me in longer races. Then I developed my speed.

"In the 880, I'm trying to get a good enough time to go to the Outdoor Nationals so I can go to Russia this summer."

IN ADDITION to the efforts of Walton and Boyd, there were several other outstanding performances in the finals. Lansing Sexton's Josephine Mack, who finished second to the discus now ago, came back and won the event this year with a toss of 151-2, which was also a new state and national record. Mack also won the shot put for the second straight year, with a heave of 42-1½.

Elaine Jones of Detroit Chadsey won the 100-yard dash in 10.8 seconds, which would have been good enough for a state record in the 100-meter dash, which is run in metrics. Jones of Detroit Mumford established a state record of 13.8 seconds in the 110-yard hurdles and was only a tenth of a second off the national mark.

Joanna Ballard of Ann Arbor Pioneer took first in the high jump and Chris Jones of Benton Harbor took first in the long jump.

Carmen Rivers of Detroit Mackenzie just edged out defending state champion and record holder Molly Brennan of Waterford Mott to win the 220-yard dash.

Immaculata edges holt in 'B'

OTSEGO — Detroit Immaculata High edged Holt, 33-32, here Saturday for the state girls Class B track and field title. Immaculata's Lisa Collins scoring a double by winning both the 440 and 880-yard runs.

Collins' time of 2:11.7 in the 880 was one of four records set on a warm and windy afternoon.

Tim Willis of Southgate Aquinas set a mark of 14.2 seconds in the low hurdles and Lori Bonsall of Livonia Ladywood was clocked in the record time of 3:00.3 in the mile.

Muskegon Catholic races to Class C title

HASLETT — Susan Bordeaux led Muskegon Catholic Central to victory in the girls Class C state track and field meet here Saturday afternoon, winning the 100- and 220-yard dashes and anchoring the 880 relay team that set a state record of 1:44.8.

Muskegon Catholic Central, which won the Class B title a year ago before dropping a class, finished with 56 points to 50 for runnerup Montrose and 40 for North Muskegon, the 1977 Class C champion.

Miss Bordeaux won the 100 in 11.6 and the 220 in 25.4. But the record she set in the 220 was not the only one set by a North Muskegon runner. Laurie Bolsch set state records in both the discus (127-0) and the shot put (40-9½) and Bloefield's Beth Veldhoff won the long jump with a leap of 17-6, then set a state record by winning the 880 in 2:18.9.

Also establishing new state records were Nora Grimes of Sherwood in the two-mile (11:04.1); Jill Anderson of Hazard in the 440 (1:01.1); Lisa Hamilton (14.7 seconds), Beth Lyon of Edmore in the mile (5:17.5) and the Muskegon Catholic Central 4th-yard relay team of Karen Washington, Joan Dasch, Mary Gauthier and Cecilia Tertieo (49.9). Tertieo and Gauthier also joined Cindy Allaire and Bordeaux on the record breaking 880-yard relay team.

Grass Lake outpoints Indian River in 'D'

LANSING — Penny Neer of North Adams won both the discus and shot put here Saturday, the meet's only double winner, but Class D team honors in state track and field went to Grass Lake with 56 points. Indian River was second with 43 points and Morenci third with 39.

Distance records fall in 'C'

MICHIGAN CENTER — (AP) — Distance runner Martin Scholar of Whitehall broke the one-mile and two-mile state Class C high school records, but Detroit Benedictine captured the title Saturday for the second time since 1974.

Whitehall finished a single point behind first-place Detroit Benedictine which had 46 points.

"We didn't do as well as we have done in several meets this year," said Detroit Benedictine coach Jim Walz, "but we did well enough to win and I'm happy. I was especially pleased with the performance of my mile-relay team."

Benedictine's relay team finished fifth in 3:29.2 behind winner Whitehall.

Scholar was timed at 9:20 for the two-mile run, breaking the old record of 9:37.6 set by Jeff Pullen of Leroy Pine River in 1974. Scholar ran the mile in 4:18.1, eliking seven-tenths of a second off the old record of 4:18.8. The old record was set by Michael Burns of Carson City Crystal in 1972 of 4:18.8.

Team Scores — 1, Detroit Benedictine, 46, 2, Whitehall, 45, 3, Clare, 32, 4, Coassopolis, 32, 5, DeWitt, 25, 6, Bloefield, 22.7 Freeland, 18, 8, Muskegon Catholic Central, 18½, 9, Breckenridge, 18, 10, Kewaina, 13.

DePorres dethroned in 'D'

LANSING — Jerry Curtis set records in both the two mile and mile runs here Saturday to lead Akron-Fairgrove High to the state Class D boys track and field title at Lansing Sexton High.

Curtis was clocked 9:26.50 in the two-mile and 4:24.0 in the mile as Akron-Fairgrove finished 56 points to dethrone Detroit St. Martin DePorres, a six-time state champion. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard finished second with 44 points and DePorres third with 42½ points. DePorres was disqualified in two relays.

Ligget breezes to tennis title

KALAMAZOO — University Liggett High of Grosse Pointe scored 27 of a possible 28 points here Saturday in rolling to its seventh straight Class C tennis title. The Liggett has won the title 10 of the last 13 years under coach Bob Wood.

Paul Van Wallaghem captured No. 1 singles and Gar Knight No. 4 singles. Liggett also won the No. 1 doubles team with John Hastings and Jeff Logan winning No. 1 doubles. Herb Hagenmeier and Doug Rose No. 2 doubles, and George Bush and Mike Neu No. 3 doubles. Ann Arbor was second with 15 points and Battle Creek Springfield third with 11 points.

A 1st for Huron

MIDLAND — Ann Arbor Huron won its first Class A boys title here Saturday when George Shepherd and Tom Kumasaka teamed to defeat Dave Arney and Reggie Hall of Flint Northern 6-3 in No. 1 doubles, 6-1, 6-1.

The No. 1 singles title went to Mark Pinchoff of West Bloomfield who conquered Bill Schafer of Portage Northern, 6-4, 6-1. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix was second with 21 points and Grand Blanc and Flint Northern tied for third with 17 points.

E. Gd. Rpds. rules

HOLLAND — (AP) — Victory in five out of seven flight challenges won East Grand Rapids High School the team championship in Class B tennis finals Saturday at Holland High School.

East Grand Rapids claimed first place with 20 points. Cranbrook High School placed second with 18 points, and Ludington High a distant third with 17.

In a 3½-hour first-flight singles match, Mike Stone of Cranbrook, defending state champion, defeated John Willard from Austin High, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6.

Mike Stone, of Cranbrook, overcame Jeff Wickman of East Grand Rapids, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, in second-flight singles.

Third-flight singles competition found Mart Portsky, East Grand Rapids, overtaking Cranbrook's Bill Holmes, 6-3.

Randy Ford, East Grand Rapids, beat Cranbrook's Brick Swirtol 6-2, 6-3 in the fourth-flight singles final match.

Sunday racing is back at Hazel Park!
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