

Beecher loses CMU Relays 'B' crown

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Sparta set five records Friday in outscoring defending champion Flint Beecher High in the Class B portion of the Central Michigan University Relays. Sparta captured its first team trophy in 19 years of competition at CMU by totaling 72 points while Beecher had 63. Holly, which set another record, was third with 43½ points, followed by Fenton with 26. Flint Powers Catholic placed eighth

Answers not satisfactory for Tigers

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in failure so far this season.

The starters haven't exactly bathed themselves in honors, but at least they're at .500 with a 6-6 record. Lopez's loss last night makes the so-called firemen a distressing 2-5.

And you can't fault the hitters. Four of them — LeFlore, Kemp, Rusty Staub and Jerry Morales — had three hits apiece, and Kemp and Staub each drove in two runs.

But they would no sooner fashion a lead than the pitchers would dissipate it. The Tigers were ahead, 1-0, after the top of the third, and 3-1 after the top of the fourth. And they were tied at both 5-5 and 6-6.

So what else is new? The game was almost a replay of the previous night's, even down to the first-pitch home run in a late inning (the eighth on Thursday, the seventh last night) off a righthanded reliever.

The victory was the Twins' sixth straight — not to mention eighth in their last nine and 10th in their last 12 — and assured them of remaining in first place in the AL West at least another day.

It also assured them of staying as loose as the Tigers are tight. Even Adams was laughing about his near-fatal gaffe.

"I thought of sprinting the whole 360 feet and getting it over with quick," he said. "God, it was a tortuous run. I'm just glad it wasn't on national TV."

BENGAL ANGLES: Tiger President and General Manager Jim Campbell is here to personally inspect Fidrych's performance... Marshall is laughably far ahead in the Fireman of the Year competition. Based on two points for each win or save, minus one for each loss, he has 25 points, more than double the number of his nearest competitor, Houston's Joaquin Andujar, who has 12... LeFlore seems to be avoiding the kind of slow start that hampered him the last two years. His hitting streak reached 12 games and his average reached .342:

with 16 points and Lake Fenton was 10th with 12.

Flint Holy Rosary placed ninth in the Class C-D division with 18 points. The champion was Detroit Country Day with 66.

BEECHER SCORED in 11 of the 16 events with two victories. The Buccaneers won the 3,200-meter and middle distance relays.

Ken Hawthorne, Zack Mabry and Jon Fralick ran on both of Beecher's triumphant units. Paul Richmond also ran in the 3,200 event and Craig Roman competed in the middle distance.

Had it not been for Sparta, Beecher could have won in four other events. The Bucs finished second in the 800, 400 and sprint medley relays and 100 dash. Beecher equaled or surpassed the record times in three of those events (400, 100 and sprint medley) but in each case finished behind Sparta.

Sparta's records in those events came with times of 1:32.1 in the 800 relay (Beecher was clocked in 1:33.7); 44.3 in the 400 (same as Beecher); 10.2 by Bob Morone in the 100 dash (the same as Beecher's Liorobea Walker); and 2:28.5 in the sprint medley (Beecher ran 2:28.7).

Holly set a record in the 1,600 meter relay with a time of 3:25.8. Its unit of Keith Addis, Ken Taylor, Kevin Pettway and Jim Ashley was clocked 2.55 seconds faster than the former record.

STEVE LORIA of Fenton won the 300 low hurdles with a time of 38.8.

Holy Rosary was led by Carl Martel who won the pole vault by clearing 12 feet.

The summary of area finishers:

Class B

3,200 meter relay — 1. Beecher (Ken Hawthorne, Zack Mabry, Paul Richmond, Jon Fralick) 7:48.09.7. 2. Holly (Tom Lowande, Keith Addis, Jim Ashley, Don Hamilton) 3. Lake Fenton (Marc Hogerman, Rob Hoffman, Brad Smith, Dan Gallagher) 5. Fenton (Dole Keswick, Brian Harris, Chuck Savage, Dave Bruder).

Middle distance — 1. Beecher (Hawthorne, Mabry, Craig Roman, Fralick) 7:51.43.4. 2. Holly (Hamilton, Bob Frownfelter, Kevin Pettway, Mark Seavey) 5. Fenton (Pete Hajec, Savage, Matt Strong, Bruder).

800 relay — 2. Beecher (Brian Mosby, Liorobea Walker, Darth Akins, Van Deloney) 3. Powers (Mike Kousch, Dan Mondeau, Drake Filk, Mark Kujacznski) 4. Fenton (Matt Strong, Paul Kershaw, Tom Lintz, Steve Loria).

400 relay — 2. Beecher (Terry Walton, Mosby, Deloney, Walker).

100 — 2. Walker (Beecher) 4. Deloney (Beecher) 5. Kujacznski (Powers).

Long jump — 2. Loria (Fenton) 3. Roy Tonkins (Beecher).

Sprint medley relay — 2. Beecher (Mabry, Walker, Deloney, Fralick) 4. Holly (Ken Taylor, Addis, Doug Pfau, Pettway) 5. Powers (Greg Desmond, Mondeau, Filk, Kujacznski).

Shot put — 4. Carl Banks (Beecher).

300 hurdles — 1. Loria (Fenton) 2:38.8. 3. Ashley (Holly) 4. Roman (Beecher).

1,600 meter relay — 1. Holly (Addis, Taylor, Pettway, Ashley) 3:25.8. 2. Fenton (Keswick, Hajec, Savage, Loria) 3. Lake Fenton (Hoffman, Hogerman, Smith, Gallagher) 5. Beecher (Mabry, Fralick, Richmond, Troy McKowen).

Discus — 2. Scott Hill (Holly).

Distance medley relay — 4. Holly

High jump — 5. (Ned) Hamilton (Holly).

Pole vault — 2. John Sugar (Powers) 5. Paul Hirn (Powers).

Class D

Pole vault — 1. Carl Martel (Holy Rosary) 11-12-0. 110 high hurdles — 2. Ed Councilor (Rosary). 1,500 — 2. Tom Mullally (Rosary). Distance medley relay — 5. Rosary (Vic Verhaeghe, Councilor, Greg Bennett, Mullally). 1,600 relay — 3. Rosary (Verhaeghe, Brad Pottery, Gary Guidos, Councilor).