

Jordan flows to 2 titles in in FP meet

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Tina Jordan's strategy was obvious. Jordan was hanging back in second place in the 880-yard run of the third annual Free Press State Girls Invitational Track and Field Meet at Warren Fitzgerald High Sunday waiting for the right moment.

That came with 220 yards left in the race. The senior from Detroit Mumford was a step behind Pershing's Wendy Truvillion when she began her devastating kick.

Jordan quickly caught Truvillion, but Truvillion was not about to quit. She stayed with Jordan and regained the lead when the pair rounded the final turn.

But Jordan found something extra and surged ahead just before the finish line.

JORDAN WALKED UP to Truvillion and the pair embraced as the rain fell — Jordan, the top middle-distance runner in the state, and Truvillion, who is only a sophomore and may be the best some day.

The victory in the 880 was the second of the day for Jordan. Earlier, she won the mile run, the same event she won at the Class A

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Rain slows down FP girls invitational meet

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There was a smile on the rain-soaked cheeks of Cheryl Wixson as she climbed to the pressbox at Warren's Fitzgerald High to claim her medal for finishing seventh in the 880-yard run of the third annual Free Press state girls invitational track and field meet.

Wixson, her parents and coach, had come all the way from Farwell, a small community 20 miles northwest of Mt. Pleasant, to compete in the storm-delayed meet which had to be postponed eight days.

"I couldn't come on June 7," Cheryl explained. "It was graduation weekend but I'm happy to have come today despite the rain and wind. I had to get up at 7 a.m. to make the trip."

When Cheryl entered high school she thought she'd like to be a cheerleader but two years ago turned to track. "I still enjoy leading the cheers for the guys in football and basketball," she said, "but I'm also happy to have won this nice medal."

BRYAN WESTFIELD, coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer, brought his team to the meet for the first time.

"We did well and we had a good time

despite the lousy weather," said Westfield. Pioneer, which had placed in all three relays in the state Class A meet two weeks ago, did even better over the water-logged Fitzgerald High course winning all three events.

Naturally the sloppy going and the poor footing made record runs virtually impossible but Tina Jordan, the flashy distance runner from Detroit Mumford High, turned in commendable efforts in winning both the mile in 5:05.6 and the 880-yard run in 2:22. She was the meet's only double winner.

One of the day's big upsets came in the two-mile when unheralded Sue Paquette of Hazel Park turned back favored Amy Thomas of Dearborn by better than five seconds. Paquette was clocked in the excellent time of 11:14.4.

Hazel Park's Sue Paquette was a surprise winner in the two-mile run, winning the event in 11:14.4.

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state championships two weeks ago.

In spit of a constant rain, Jordan did turn in some respectable times — 2:22.0 in the 880 and 5:05.6 in the mile.

"It was bad out there," Jordan said. "It was really bad. The rain was hitting me in the face. I knew I was going to win the 880, I wasn't going to let her beat me.

"It's all in your mind. Before the race I kept saying to myself, 'I don't want to run. I don't want to run.' But then Wendy ran so well it made me go. I said 'I can't let her beat me.'"

There haven't been many people beating Jordan this year. In the mile only Dearborn's Amy Thomas has beaten Jordan this year. That was in the Class A regional and the pair were matched again in this meet.

Jordan stayed on Thomas' heels for the first three laps and then turned it on in the last quarter. She had a much more difficult time in the 880.

"Wendy is only a sophomore," Jordan said. "After the race I just grabbed her and hugged her. She's going to be something."

JORDAN WASN'T EVEN running when she was a sophomore.

"One of my friends got me interested in track," she recalled. "I was never interested in it. I was running but everybody was beating me. Then, all of a sudden, I got determined. I knew I could do better and I started to win. I run with Wendy on the Detroit Cheetahs in the summer."

Jordan said she is considering attending Western Kentucky or Villanova next year and in the back of her mind is 1984.

"I'd like to go to the Olympics," she said with a smile. "I think it's a realistic goal. I know I can do it. I can do anything I put my mind to."

She proved that Sunday in the rain.

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Free Press Invitational
Sunday's results in the third annual Free Press state girls invitational track and field meet at Warren's Fitzgerald High:

1-mile run: 1-Tina Jordan, Detroit; 2-Kavla Skelly, Midland; 3-Amy Thomas, Dearborn; 4-Kelly Champagne, Livonia; 5-Wendy Lombardi, Clawson; 6-Sherrie Jelsone, East Detroit; 7-Kathy Barnum, Ann Arbor; 8-Annette Walbiav, Dearborn. Time — 5:05.6.

800-yard relay: 1-Ann Arbor Pioneer (Barbara Ellis, Tara Cope, Kim Gordon, Joni Fitzgerald); 2-Detroit Central; 3-Oak Park; 4-Detroit Pershing; 5-Royal Oak Dondero; 6-Ann Arbor Huron; 7-Detroit Cody; 8-Detroit Mumford. Time — 1:46.4.

440-yard run: 1-Angle Sibby, Mumford; 2-Laria Turner, Mumford; 3-/Robin Pokol, Royal Oak Shrine; 4-Devonne Shephard, Benedictine; 5-Carol Peilli, Garden City West; 6-Joyce Cummings, Pershing; 7-Annette Sanks, Detroit Central; 8-Crvstal Chunev, Denby. Time — 58.9.

440-yard relay: 1-Ann Arbor Pioneer (Kim Gordon, Tara Cope, Shannon Lee, Joni Fitzgerald); 2-Ann Arbor Huron; 3-Oak Park; 4-Detroit Pershing; 5-Detroit Central; 6-Lutheran West; 7-Detroit Cody; 8-Pontiac Central. Time — 52.2.

220-yard low hurdles: 1-Kim Williams, Cass Tech; 2-Vai Belevender, Royal Oak Dondero; 3-Melinda Miller, Brighton; 4-Lisa Jackson, Detroit Central; 5-Lisa Littleton, Detroit Central; 6-Kathy Maher, Grosse Pointe South; 7-Loretta Reeves, Detroit Central. Time — 30.0.

800-yard run: 1-Tina Jordan, Mumford; 2-Wendy Truvillion, Pershing; 3-Kavla Skelly, Midland; 4-Cindy Gorniac, Ann Arbor Huron; 5-Mary Pierce, Jackson; 6-Jean Gibson, Hazel Park; 7-Cheryl Wixson, Farwell; 8-Almee Landry, Rochester. Time — 2:22.0.

220-yard dash: 1-Michell Morris, Oak Park; 2-Chara Smith, Bay City Central; 3-Donna Smith, Lutheran West; 4-Phyllis Jackson, Detroit Denby. Time — 25.9.

Two-mile run: 1-Sue Paquette, Hazel Park; 2-Amy Thomas, Dearborn; 3-Kelly Champagne, Livonia; 4-Anita Brown, Livonia; 5-Jane Wilson, Grosse Pointe South; 6-Ingrid Rader, Ann Arbor Pioneer; 7-Susan Brown, Brighton; 8-Laura Weyand, Wayne. Time — 11:14.4.

1-mile relay: 1-Ann Arbor Pioneer (Joni Fitzgerald, Shannon Lee, Tara Cope, Barbara Ellis); 2-Royal Oak Dondero; 3-Detroit Central; 4-Detroit Pershing. Time — 4:14.2.

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