

# Waterford track showing improvement

It's been more than a decade since Waterford Kettering's Kevin Reabe brought notoriety to Waterford Township for his track performances.

Reabe still owns the fastest prep 880-yard run time (1:50.9) in Michigan and had done better than 4:12 in the mile and 49.8 in the 440.

The Waterford area has had little to brag about in track since then, but Kettering coach Earl Hook can feel encouraged after his Captains' performance at the highly competitive Oxford Invitational Saturday.

Kettering finished a respectable sixth with 21 points on the strength of three first-place finishes. Darryl Troxell, who owns the state's second best effort in the shot put (60-2¾), won that event and took the discus while Scott Campbell finished first in the pole vault with a 13-6 leap.

"I came here with the idea of winning," said Campbell, who along with Birmingham Seaholm's Jim Roth owns Oakland County's best performance in his specialty.

"I figured it was about time because during my other meets, I'm always doing four events. I wanted to go at least 13-6 because I'm shooting for 14-0."

Kettering's Pat Retsel took sixth in the high jump while guppy sophomore P.J.



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Osika clocked 2:02.8 to finish sixth in the 800-meter run, and anchored the Captains' 1600 meter relay team.

Even so, track and field in Waterford is still quite a way from respectability, but things are looking up.

**OTHER NOTABLES** — Oxford continues to assert itself as one of the top teams in Oakland County. The Wildcats took second in the B division, well behind Detroit St. Martin DePorres, a Class D school which could easily compete well in Class A competition.

Mike Lanfear won the 400-meter dash, Paul Niemi clocked 37.7 in taking second in the 300-meter hurdles, Chris Gambol heaved his best toss in winning the discus, Chico Furneaux took second in the 100-meter dash while the Wildcat 400, 800 and 1600 meter relay teams all placed among the top three finishers.

Avondale's Chuck Snyder dropped his times in taking second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.2) and placing fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (39.85). Teammate Jeff Roberts won the long jump (20-1¾) and took third in the 100-meter dash (11.6).

Avondale's girls' team solidified its position as the top Class B school in the county with a third place finish in the Romeo Invitational Friday.

Sandi Rohe took first in the 110-yard hurdles (15.6) and teamed with Jean Tingley, Kay Buckhaultler and Paula Buckhaultler to win the 440-yard relay (50.7) and the 880-yard relay (1:45.6).

Nancy Thacker set a school record in finishing sixth in the mile (5:37.6), Kathy Kaehler was third in the high jump (5-2) and Shawn Shepard won the discus (110-9½).

**THE SHOWDOWN** — Milford primed itself for its Greater Oakland Activities League encounter with Rochester Tuesday by tying for first with Warren Mott in the Troy Athens Relays Saturday. Both teams finished with 49 points. Athens was third with 44. Rochester and Milford are undefeated in the GOAL.

The Redskins took first in the shuttle hurdle relay (Lynn Davidge, Michelle

Brancik, Sandy Wolfe, Lisa Mondro); two mile relay (Lisa Metzen, Beth Gilmore, Tina Powers, Wendy Taylor); discus and shot put relays (Jenni Clutterbuck, Angie Dean, Maria Allgeier).

Milford's boys' team also geared up for Rochester (both teams are unbeaten in the GOAL) by taking second overall.

Jeff Olvin, Joe Morris, Rob Helberg and Tim Zaremba teamed to win the four mile relay (18:44.3).

Troy won the boys' crown with Doug Pfau running legs on the winning 440 and mile relay teams while Bradd Morse, Al Meachom and Derrick Perry teamed to take the discus relay title.

## BOYS' RANKINGS

1. Pontiac Northern; 2. Troy; 3. Oxford; 4. Milford; 5. Oak Park 6. Lakeland; 7. Holly; 8. Rochester; 9. Brother Rice; 10. Royal Oak Dondoro.

## GIRLS' RANKINGS

1. Pontiac Northern; 2. Pontiac Central; 3. Avondale; 4. Rochester; 5. Milford; 6. Troy Athens; 7. Royal Oak Dondoro; 8. Walled Lake Western; 9. West Bloomfield; 10. Oak Park.  
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