

Huskies race to 2nd county track crown

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SOUTHFIELD — Oak Park, Lake Orion's Tracy Pettingill and Detroit County Day's Geoffrey Craig took some of the sting out of Pontiac Northern's sprint attack at the 22nd annual boys' Oakland County Track and Field Meet Friday at Southfield High.

However, the Huskies' superior depth still overwhelmed the competition as Northern easily won its second straight county title.

Northern finished with 94 points while West Bloomfield and Oak Park tied for second with 42. Oxford followed with 39, Waterford Kettering had 32, Southfield had 27 and Lake Orion had 26.

The Huskies' Dale Washington won the 110 meter hurdles in 14.2 and turned back a challenge by Oxford's Paul Niemi in the 300 meter hurdles to take that event. Washington clocked a county record 37.4 while Niemi followed in 37.6.

"I felt faster than a 14.2 in the highs," said Washington, who finished four meters ahead of Niemi (14.6). "It could've been one of my best races."

Teammate Jeff Mack, who entered the meet with the county's third best effort in the long jump, won that event with a 21-11 leap. Southfield's Freeman Donloe, who has jumped 23-2 this year, was second at 21-9½.

"I tried to psyche myself only for him (Donloe)...plus he was jumping at home," said Mack. "I was trying hard to beat him."

Mack and Washington also ran legs on the Huskies' winning 800 meter relay team which

clocked a county-record 1:29.0. Nelson Johnson and Kim McCoy also ran legs on that team.

Northern's Steve Gallero, Hank Brooks, Reggie Williams and Mack teamed to take the 400 meter relay in 43.4.

Herman Spate picked up more Northern points by taking fourth in the 110 meter hurdles (15.1) and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles (39.6).



Dan Kenwell releases discus

Detroit Country Day's Geoffrey Craig came from behind to sting Northern's McCoy in a fast 400 meter dash. Craig was clocked in a county-record tying time of 48.6 while McCoy finished second in 48.8. Craig finished a close second to Pettingill in the 200 meter dash. Pettingill, who tied the county record in the 100 meter dash with a 10.9, edged out Craig by less than one-tenth second in winning the 200 in 22.2.

In the 100, Pettingill overcame a slow start, closed the gap and moved past the field in a mighty rush near the end of the race.

"When I came out, I was complaining to myself," Pettingill said of his 100 race. "I almost wanted to give up but I could see myself getting closer. I wanted to win it for my

dad. He's probably my toughest critic."

West Bloomfield got stellar performances by Dan Kenwell, who won the shot put (58-5½) and the discus (161-9), and Mark Shaw and Tom Grabowski.

Shaw shaved more than 10 seconds off his fastest time in scoring an upset victory in the 1600 meter run. Shaw was timed in a county-record 4:16.6.

"I just came out to do the best I could," he said. "My third lap has been my weakest lap so I pushed

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Dale Washington



Steve Wyckoff

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that."

Shaw took over the lead at the half-way mark and cruised home unchallenged.

Grabowski shaved more than 15 seconds off his previous best in taking third in the 3200 meter run in 9:27.4.

Holly's Matt Stack turned in a personal best of 9:16 to win the event.

Steve Wyckoff of Clarkston bested a strong field in the high jump, winning the event with a 6-8 effort. Rochester's Tom Wetzen was second at 6-7 and West Bloomfield's Dave Butler was third at 6-5.

"I just wanted to get a medal...to do better than last year," said Wyckoff. "It's great. Our league (GOAL) is so tough. I was happy our league was on top."

Kettering got its points from Darryl Trozell, who finished second in both the shot put and discus, and pole vaulters Scott Campbell and Bruce McIntosh.

Campbell outlasted the field in taking first while McIntosh took third. The event ended nearly an hour after the running events had finished.

Hazel Park's Harold Thibodeau was second and Rochester's Chris Hadley was fourth. All four cleared 13-0. Places were awarded on the basis of fewer misses.

"It would've been over in two hours if we had started at 12-6," said McIntosh.

Campbell agreed. "We should've started at 12-6. Last year it went quick. That was the whole problem, waiting for all the jumpers."

Oak Park's Rick Horston won the 800 meter run in 1:57.2 and ran a leg on the Redskins' record-breaking 1600 meter relay team which clocked a sizzling 3:20.7.