

state high school track championships

Detroit Central rebounds with dash

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Seldom can you overcome a big disqualification in track and still win a state championship as handily as Detroit Central did Saturday at Flint's Guy Houston Stadium.

The Trailblazers of coach Woodie Thomas got thrown out of the 880-yard relay for false starts but still won three firsts, piled up 61 points, and claimed their second straight Class A track title.

Tom Wilcher won the 120-yard high hurdles in the record time of 13.5 seconds, came back to run on two winning relay teams, the 440-yard and mile, and then watched three of his teammates, Demetrius Hallums, Dave Beasley and William White finish 2-3-4 in the 220, to sew up the title.

"We got 16 points out of the 220," said Thomas. "That was the turning point of the day for us."

Don Anderson of Detroit Cody won both the 100 and 220, tying a record of 9.6 in the century.

Flint Northern girls won a third straight Class A title, rolling up 67 points to 35 for second place Detroit Chadsey. Judy Tucker set a record of 5 feet 9 inches in the high jump and won the 220-yard hurdles for Northern. Leteia Hughley took the long jump for Northern with a fine leap of 18 feet 8 inches.

Ecorse, Beecher are 'B' champs

STURGIS — Jamie Weathers led Ecorse High to a state Class B boys track title here Saturday. Weathers won the 400 meters, placed second in the 200 meter and anchored two relays as the Raiders piled up 56 points to 32 for second place Flint Beecher. Rick Swilley of Saginaw Buena Vista was a double winner taking both the 100 and 200 meters.

Flint Beecher earned the Class B girls crown with 50 points to 36 for second place Livonia Ladywood. Martha Hans of Tecumseh High won both the 100 and 200 meters.

Near double for Lutheran West

CLARE — Lutheran West High of Detroit picked up two big track and field trophies here Saturday. It's boys team won the state Class C title with 49 points and its girls team was runnerup to St. Louis High.

In boys competition, West won with 49 points to 24 for second place Middleville. On its way to its title North won both the 440-yard and 880-yard relays.

Donna Smith of Lutheran West won both the 100 and 220-yard races but the Leopards finished second to St. Louis in points, 33 to 31½. Janell Best was a double winner for St. Louis taking both the 440 and 880-yard events.

8th straight title for DePorres

CARO — Detroit's St. Martin DePorres High, an old hand at track championships, and Ann Arbor Greenhills won state Class D track championships here Saturday.

DePorres won its eighth straight Class D boys title, taking six events and piling up 92 points with Greg Henderson sharing in four of the six firsts. Henderson won both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter low hurdles, setting a state record of 37.23 seconds in the latter. He also anchored two winning relay teams. Battle Creek St. Philip was second with 50 points and Fowler third with 39.

Greenhills won the girls title with 48 points to 41.6 for runnerup Fowler. Robin Magee of Greenhills won both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs.



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