

Boger 'B' leap champion at girls' Spartan Relays

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Practice may make perfect, but it isn't always necessary for victory.

That's especially true for the early stages of the high school track and field season in Michigan, when athletes often gaze at outdoor tracks blanketed by snow.

The first practice for some teams comes at indoor meets, such as Saturday's 8th annual Spartan Relays for girls at the 220-yard oval in Jenison Field House.

ASK OKEMOS junior Laurie Boger how many times she practiced before winning the Class B long jump championship Saturday.

This is how she described her "training" this season:

— One jump Saturday at the Spartan Relays, which was not measured because it was under 15 feet.

— Another jump Saturday which measured 15 feet.

— A third jump of 15-4, which earned her a first-place medal.

CONSIDERING sixth place in the Class A long jump was 16-4, with Lansing Sexton junior Jackie Burton in fourth place at 16-6, Boger wasn't too thrilled with her championship effort.

"I didn't even think I'd make it to the finals," she said.

"People were having trouble getting their steps and stuff," Boger continued. "I was talking to a lot of kids, and they hadn't jumped (before Saturday). It's been so cold."

BOGER'S WAS the only Lansing-area victory Saturday, as Flint Northern beat Detroit Chadsey to win the Class A meet and Wyoming Park nipped Corunna in Class B.

Flint Northern scored 57 points to Chadsey's 38, as area schools were no where in sight. Burton's long jump scored all of Sexton's points, and East Lansing scored its only point on Betsy Schneider's sixth place in the two-mile.

Everett, Holt and St. Johns failed to score.

In the "B" meet, Wyoming Park totaled 45 points while Corunna scored 42. Charlotte, with Ann Simon tying for second in the high jump and placing fourth in the long jump, finished seventh with 17 points.

DETROIT CHADSEY sprinter Vivian McKenzie did all she could to hold off Flint Northern in the "A" meet. She won the 60-yard dash in 6.8, anchored both the sprint medley relay and 880 relay to victories, and brought the baton in first on the second leg of the mile relay. But Flint Northern's Marlene Isabelle kicked past Chadsey's anchor runner to break the tape in 3:55.5, shattering Ann Arbor Pioneer's mile relay record of 3:58.8 set last year.

Sexton ran excellent 880 and mile relays, but neither was good enough for a medal.

The 880 relay of Michelle Owens, Burnadette Jackson, Janice Norris and Burton won its heat in 1:49.9, but that was 2 slower than sixth-place Ann Arbor Pioneer. The mile relay squad of Owens, Debbie Hughes, Millie Holley and Tammy Jones also won its heat, but its time of 4:21.0 fell short of sixth-place Detroit Cooley's 4:19.0.

Spartan Relays Class A Top 16 and Area Teams

1. Flint Northern 57, 2. Detroit Chadsey 38, 3. Pontiac Central 36, 4. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 25, 5. East Lansing 22, 6. Detroit Central 21, 7. Midland 18, 8. Walled Lake Central 16, 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer 14, 10. Tawasandance-Beecher 15 (tie) Lansing Sexton 4, 25 (tie) East Lansing 1.

Winners and Area Placers

Shuttle hurdle relay — Pontiac Central (Alicia Corson, Sabrina Arnold, Morshay Jones, Debra Bradley), 22.0 (meet record); old mark 35.37 by Flint Northern, 1981.

Sprint medley relay — Detroit Chadsey (Audrey Rollins, Camello Hall, Kori Malone, Vivian McKenzie), 1:49.5.

Mile run — Kathy Harris (Walled Lake Central), 5:14.2.

60-yard dash — Vivian McKenzie (Detroit Chadsey), 6.8.

Shot put — Alice Short (Farmington Hills), 45-10.

880-yard relay — Detroit Chadsey (Millie Holley, Kari Tensler, Marlene McKenzie), 1:49.9 (ties meet record; old mark 1:44.8 by Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1981).

High jump — Bridgette Howard (Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills), 5-4.

Long jump — Lashon Curry (GRCH), 17-4; Jackie Burton (Lansing Sexton), 16-6.

Two-mile run — Kavita Skelly (Midland), 11:11.8; 4. Betsy Schneider (East Lansing), 12:34.1.

Mile relay — Flint Northern (Pamela Brown, Monica Taylor, Coranne Isabelle, Marlene Isabelle), 3:55.5 (meet record; old mark 3:58.8 by Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1981).

Spartan Relays Class B Top 16 and Area Teams

1. Wyoming Park 45, 2. Corunna 42, 3. Dexter 37, 4. Henslack 23, 5. River Rouge 22, 6. Jackson Lumen Christi 20, 7. Charlotte 19, 8. Flint Beecher 15, 9. Sturais 14, 10. Dearborn Heights Robinson 12, 12 (tie) Okemos 10, 14 (tie) Mason 8, 14 (tie) 6.

Winners and Area Placers

Shuttle hurdle relay — Dexter (Michelle Probst, Trena Eische, Jenny O'Haver, Linda Gardner), 25.5; 5. Mason, 27.2.

Sprint medley relay — Corunna (Heather Kurrie, Michelle Zielenski, Alicia Honke, Anwarhon Honke), 1:57.7.

Mile run — Jennifer Rioux (Ladwood), 5:15.4; 4. Lisee Charan (Charlotte), 5:24.3.

60-yard dash — Stacy Seiman (River Rouge), 7.4; 5. Mary Paetzsch (CJ), 7.8.

Shot put — Sharon Grabber (Flint Beecher), 36-11; 3. Jean Patis (Mason), 35-0.

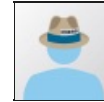
880-yard relay — Corunna (M. Honke, Zielenski, Sheryl Kibbel, A. Honke), 1:52.2.

High jump — Heidi Wagner (Saginow Douglas McArthur), 5-0; 2 (tie) Ann Simon (CJ), 4-7.

Long jump — Laurie Boger (Okemos), 15-4; 4. Simba (CJ), 14-11.

Two-mile run — Lisa Goldman (Dexter), 12:32.7; 3. Bethi Enkline (Holt), 12:45.5; 4. Charren (CJ), 12:47.5.

Mile relay — Wyoming Park (Evelyn Parnell, Kathy Lett, Denise Bush, Christie Georff), 4:17.5.



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