

Central boys, Cass Tech girls take first place in King Relays

The Central and Cass Tech high school track teams took first-place honors Saturday in the first Martin Luther King Relays at Lorenzo Wright Field.

Central, defending state Class A champ, finished first in seven events and piled up 102 points to Cody's 97 in the boys division. The Cass Tech girls team edged Pershing, 109-102. Squads from 18 area schools competed.

Tom Wilcher of Central won the 110-meter high hurdles in 13.5 seconds. He finished second to Chris Washington of Cody in the 300-meter low hurdles and anchored Central's winning 400-meter relay team.

Other Central winners in the boys competition

were Marc Jett in the 100-meter dash in 10.6 seconds, David Beasley at 400 meters in 47.7 and Orssie Bumphus in the 3,200-meter event in 9:37.

Taylor Center's Earl Jones won the open 800-meter event with the exceptional time of 1:52.2.

In girls competition, Central's Isabel McGowan won the 100 meters in 12 seconds flat and the 200 meters in 25.1. She also anchored the winning 800-meter relay team.

Cass Tech finished third in the boys team scoring with 73½, followed by Cooley with 69½ and Denby with 60. In the girls' competition, Central was third with 97, followed by Chadsey with 78 and Henry Ford with 48.

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