

Central nets twin titles in track regionals

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Let it be known in all local and outstate precincts — Detroit Central High is ready to defend its state Class A boys track and field title June 5 in Flint.

And Central High's girls will get a chance at a state crown. Qualifying was held throughout the state Saturday, and Central won both boys and girls honors in its region.

At Highland Park, Central coach Woodie Thomas qualified nine individuals and three relays. Tom Wilcher won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.1, finished second to Ron Kitchen of Denby in the 330-meter lows, placed third in the long jump and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team.

David Beasley won the 200- and 400-meter events for Central; Marc Jett captured the 100 in 10.9 seconds.

Central's girls rolled up 83 points and produced double winners in Isabel McGowan (100 and 200 meters) and Diane Alexander (100- and 200-meter hurdles.)

Cody High won its first state regional in any sport, capturing the boys title at Livonia Churchill with 75 points. Coach Richard Carter had a pair of double winners: William Hill took the mile in 4:21.6 and the 880 in 1:56.3, and Chris Washington won both hurdle events.

Chadsey, the defending state Class A girls champion, defeated Westland John Glenn for the title at Churchill, 96-65. Glenn's Kelly Graham turned in the top performance, winning the 100-meter hurdles in 13.7 and the 200 meters in 29.5.

Greg Blade of Ecorse won three events in Class B at L'Anse Creuse High, capturing both hurdles and the 100-yard dash. Kathy

Kost sparked L'Anse Creuse to 118 points and the girls title, winning the 100, 440 and long jump and anchoring the winning 880-yard relay team.

After 13 years as head track coach at Lakeview High, Pat Wilson took home a regional title at Grosse Pointe North. The Huskies won four firsts and piled up 136½ points, with Frank Badalmenti winning the long jump (22 feet) and the 300-meter low hurdles (38.5). Matt Sandner captured the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.4.

Second-place Mt. Clemens got a double victory from Kevin Carnes, who won the 400 and 200 meters.

Taylor Center in boys competition and Cass Tech in girls were the big winners in Wyandotte. Earl Jones won the mile (in 4:17.5) and 880 for Taylor Center. Anita Hudson and Ivy Black ran 1-2 in the 440 for Cass Tech.



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