

Fowler, Klein, Koenigsknecht No. 1



CARO — When the Spartan Re-lays for Class D high school girls fell on Good Friday this spring, Fowler coach Kim Spalsbury had to leave his track team behind.

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His girls were the defending state runners-up, but they weren't going to Jenison Field House to face the state's finest. Fowler's large Catholic population does not compromise on Good Friday.

So Spalsbury wound up scouting Detroit St. Andrew as it walked away with the Spartan Relays championship. He noticed the school had a good hurdler and four other fine runners.

"THAT'S A lot," he said Saturday, after watching Detroit St. Andrew for the second time. "They're a very good team. It's just they don't have a Becky Klein."

When she isn't playing softball for Fowler, Klein runs for Spalsbury. And it was her outstanding performance Saturday that carried Fowler to the Class D championship.

The Eagles scored 53 points to top St. Andrew, which finished with 39 in the meet at Caro High School.

Klein started off by helping Fowler's 800-meter relay place second in 1:48.5, 1½ seconds off the team's state-record performance in 1981.

Sufficiently warmed up, the jun-ior then defended her state 400-meter title in 57.5, breaking the state record she set last year at 58.6.

SHE LOST a tight 200-meter dash to Andrea Kincannon of Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett,

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