

# Oakland County shines in state track meets

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Not in the past several years have Oakland County athletes enjoyed such a day as Saturday in the four boys and girls state track and field meets held throughout the state.

County athletes took first place in at least 11 events and were runnerup in a number of others.

For starters, at the Class A state meet, Walled Lake Central's Kathi Harris won the Class A state 800 meter run in 2:15.3. Farmington Harrison's Alice Short heaved the shot put 42-7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to win that event (she was

second in the discus) and Royal Oak Dondero's Jamie Elliott took the 3200 meter run in 9:21.5. Southfield Lathrup's Dave Krafzur was second in 9:24.3.

Harris, who has run 55.9 in the 400 meters, the same as yesterday's Class A, winning time, wanted to go under 2:10 in the 800, but a slow first lap killed her chances.

"I wanted to go out at 61 (second first lap) but we came in at 65...nobody wanted to take the pace," said Harris, who figures her best race may be the 400. "After today, I think I like the quarter (400) the best."

In the Class B meet, Oxford's Paul Niemi continued his

dominance in the 120 yard hurdles as he equalled the state record with a winning time of 14.1. He was second in the 330 yard hurdles in 37.6. Teammate Chris Gambol was third in the shot put with a toss of 56-5 as Oxford took sixth overall with 28 points.

Oak Park's girls' track team tied Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse for the Class B state crown with 32 points.

Michelle Morris won the 220 yard dash in 24.7, anchored the winning Oak Park 880-yard relay team (Gina Redfern, Lavada Perry and Veronica Daffin) which ran 1:44.8 and took second in the 440 in 57.3.

Oak Park's boys' team finished second with 33 points behind champion Flint Ainsworth's 45.

Rick Horston of Oak Park won the 880-yard run in 1:54.3 while teammate Ken Mitchell shattered the Class B record in the 440 with a winning time of 48.0. Both ran legs on Oak Park's runner-up mile relay which ran 3:21.6. Oak Park tied for third in the 440 relay.

Ed Lamm of Holly won the Class B title in the pole vault with a 13-8 effort.

Paula Buckhaultler of Avondale helped the Yellowjackets finish in a tie for 11th with 14 points by taking

second in the 220 dash in a school record 25.7. She also ran a leg on the third place 880 relay team which was timed in 1:45.6.

Avondale's Derek Woodmore took third in the 100 yard dash in 10.1 and fourth in the 220 in 22.4.

In the girls' Class C meet, Kristi Jackson and Ann Vereen of Detroit Country Day led a

one-two finish in the 100 meter hurdles with times of 14.94 and 14.99 respectively. Detroit Country Day finished fifth with 18 points.

Damon Jones of Detroit Country Day was runner-up in

the boys' long jump with a leap of 22-5.

Oakland Christian's Ron Landry captured the Class D state 1600 meter run crown in 4:26. Pontiac Catholic's Mike Miller was sixth in the Class C 3200 meter run.

Tom Wilcher won the 110 and 300 meter hurdles and anchored the winning 400 meter relay while Dave Beasley anchored the winning 1600 meter relay and won the 400 to help Detroit Central win their third Class A state crown.

Vivian McKenzie led Detroit Chadsey to the Class A girls crown.