

County athletes face tough task

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Macomb County's high school track athletes are getting better every year, but it's getting harder and harder for them to bring home medals from the state meets.

Only six of the county's male athletes brought home medals from last weekend's Class A state meet and the highest finish by a county athlete was a third place by Lincoln's Chris Makdisi in the discus.

None of the Macomb teams finished among the team leaders, although Mount Clemens and Lakeview each had one of their better squads.

"It's getting to the point where one of our kids almost has to set a school record to get a place in the state meet," said Mount Clemens coach Gary Sear.

Schools from Detroit and Flint dominated the individual and team standings in the Class A meet at Grand Rapids and Sear thinks he has the answer for the turnabout.

"There's so much competition for the basketball teams at the schools in Detroit and Flint, that a lot of kids don't even bother to try out for basketball," Sear observed.

"Instead they work year-round on track. When they start intensive track workouts in November and December, they're bound to be better than the people who start track practice after basketball season," Sear added.

There has been a push from some of the inner-city track powers to add indoor track as a winter sport, but so far the Michigan High School Athletic Association has turned down the suggestion, are awarded for six places

To make matters worse for an aspiring state medal-winner, the state has cut the number of medals awarded in the individual events from eight to six.

Four Macomb athletes finished seventh in this year's Class A meet, but came home empty-handed where medals are concerned. Mount Clemens' Kevin Carnes was seventh in the 400 meters with a 49.5. Jeff Mundt of Anchor Bay took a seventh in the

1600 with a 4:23.7 and Lakeview Frank Badalamenti and Romeo Phil Webb tied for seventh in the low hurdles with 37.7 clockings

In addition, a pair of Mount Clemens relay teams missed out on medals they would have won under the old rules. The Bathing 1600-meter quartet was eighth with 3:21.6 and the 400 relay came 10th in 43.9.

Following is the final listing of the top boys track performances at Macomb County high school meets. The list was compiled by Lakeview coach Pat Wilson.

POLE VAULT — Dennis Rusek, Fitzgerald, 13-3; Jeff Carless, Lakeview, 13-0; Steve Bet Ford, 12-0; Craig Lanzon, Lakeview, 12-0; Tony Morgoff, Lakeview, 11-9; Greg Kufel, Fitzgerald, 11-9; Scott Strnad, Fraser, 11-9.

HIGH JUMP — Don Durant, Fitzgerald, 8 (state Class B champion); Bob Miller, Mount Clemens, 6-6 1/2; Steve Lach, Lakeview, 6-6; Matt Sander, Lakeview, 6-6; Mark Troy, Stevenson, 6-6.

SHOT PUT — Don Glineski, Mount Clemens, 54-11 1/2; Chris Makdisi, Lincoln, 53-9; Mike Burns, Ford, 49-6; Jim Gbodrich, Anchor Bay, 49-1 1/2; Joe Szymanski, Stevenson, 48-6 1/2.

DISCUS — Chris Makdisi, Lincoln, 173-3; Ray Kauffmann, Lakeview, 156-6 1/2; Jol Feller, Tower, 145-4; Mike Bate, Lakeview, 145-2; Paul Holloway, Fraser, 140-1/2.

LONG JUMP — Frank Soave, Mott, 22-9 1/2; Tim Davis, Lutheran North, 22-3 1/4; Frank Badalamenti, Lakeview, 22-0; Brian Corbitt, New Haven, 21-11; Philo Jones, Mount Clemens, 21-11.

100 — Scott Dadswell, Sterling Heights, 10.1; Jeff MacKelvie, Ford, 10.1; Mark Artish, Ford, 10.1; Mike O'Neal, Clintondale, 10.1; Frank Soave, Mott, 10.1.

200 — Kevin Carnes, Mount Clemens, 21 (m); Steve Lach, Lakeview, 22.3 (m); Ron Watzke, Sterling Heights, 22.6 (m); Ron Hardy, Mount Clemens, 22.6 (m); Jeff MacKelvie, Ford, 22.6 (m).

400 — Kevin Carnes, Mount Clemens, 48 (m); Omar Davidson, Mount Clemens, 48 (m); Tim Okon, Clintondale, 49.8 (m); Steve Lach, Lakeview, 50.2 (m).

800 — Joe Mihalic, Tower, 1:55.9 (m); Tim Okon, Clintondale, 1:57 (m); Todd Sterling, Romeo, 1:57.1 (m); Jim Sabiston, Sterling Heights, 1:57.2; Brant Miller, L'Anse Creus North, 1:57.3.

MILE — Joe Mihalic, Tower, 4:19.6 (m); Jeff Mundt, Anchor Bay, 4:20.3 (m); Rob Arnold, Warren, 4:23 (m); John Dunn, Roseville, 4:23.7 (m); Craig Marshall, Chippewa Valley, 4:24.3 (m).

TWO MILE — Don Johns, Center Line, 9:28 (m); Phil Schoensee, Center Line, 9:31.3 (m); Jeff Mundt, Anchor Bay, 9:35.2 (m); Mari Parenti, Tower, 9:41 (m); Dave Nauts, Sterling Heights, 9:41.7.

HIGH HURDLES — Matt Sander, Lakeview, 14.0; Phil Webb, Romeo, 14.3; Victor Loschinkohi, Ufca, 14.4; Robert Thompson, Mount Clemens, 14.9; Philo Jones, Mount Clemens, 15.0.

LOW HURDLES — Frank Badalamenti, Lakeview, 37.7 (m); Phil Webb, Romeo, 37.7 (m); Travis Harrington, Mount Clemens, 38.1 (m); Kevin Jarema, Warren Woods, 38.8 (m); Victor Loschinkohi, Ufca, 38.94.

400 RELAY — Mount Clemens (Warren Worthington, Tyrone McBride, Claude Smith, Kevin Carnes) 43.2 (m); Lakeview, 44.0 (m); L'Anse Creus North, 44.2 (m); Sterling Heights, 44.7 (m); Richmond, 44.5.

800 RELAY — Mount Clemens (Omar Davidson, Terrell Scott, Travis Harrington, Kevin Carnes) 1:29.1 (m); Lakeview, 1:30.7 (m); Ufca, 1:32 (m); L'Anse Creus North, 1:32.6 (m); Ford, 1:32.8 (m); Fraser, 1:33.1 (m).

MILE RELAY — Mount Clemens (Omar Davidson, Tyrone McBride, Travis Harrington, Kevin Carnes) 3:20.9 (m); Sterling Heights, 3:25.3 (m); L'Anse Creus North, 3:25.7 (m); Lakeview, 3:25.8 (m); Romeo, 3:27.5 (m); Ufca, 3:27.5 (m).