

Perfect conditions bring out best in 54th city track meet

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Imagine what might happen to the record book if good weather could be guaranteed for all city high school track meets.

The 54th annual meet Wednesday night at Houston Stadium was a perfect example.

Seven of 30 possible records were broken and two others were tied as Northern swept both championships by expected lopsided margins.

Five records fell in the girls' meet which is only 10 years old but two records and two ties in the boys' meet emphasized what could happen with good weather.

Some of the best boys in Flint's history never got solid chances for records because of poor conditions.

For the first time, all four schools ranked the same in both meets.

NORTHERN'S GIRLS won every running event for the third straight year and totaled 139 points against Central's 44½, Northwestern's 28½ and Southwestern's 16. The Vikings outscored the combined total of three rivals for the fifth straight year.

Northern's boys duplicated their record 1982 total of 101 points, winning eight of 16 events and coming within a point of matching last year's victory margin. Central scored 54, Northwestern 49 and Southwestern 41.

Terri Barber and Carlene Isabelle led Northern's sixth straight title and seventh overall.

Robert Lemuel and Anthony Bowie sparked Northern's 24th championship.

BARBER WON both hurdles and anchored winning 400-meter and record-breaking 800-meter relay teams. Her 47.5 seconds, time for the 300 hurdles claimed an automatic record for a new distance and she won the 100 hurdles in 14.8.

Alicia Johnson and Monica Taylor were on both relays while Marlene Isabelle helped a record of 1:41.8 in the 800 relay and Shonda Johnson on the 400 which won in 50.3.

Carlene Isabelle lowered her 800 meters record to 2:21.3 and broke the one-year-old 1,600-meters record with a clocking of 5:18.1.

The Vikings finished off the meet with a record of 3:59.8 in the 1,600 relay with both Isabelles, Shonda

Johnson and Alicia Johnson.

Colleen Cady swept to a record of 12:08.0 in the 3,200 meters, lapping all except two runners.

"SHE REALLY went after the record," said Northern Coach George Dedrick. "It was a good record, especially after also finishing second in the 1,600."

Dedrick was pleased by the contributions of Darwella Sudbury, Mary Gerdes and Lena Fox, the first ninth-graders to score for Northern in the city meet.

He said, "This is a difficult meet to prepare for but (Assistant Coach) Don Durrett did a great job firing them up."

Also winning for Northern were Taylor in the long jump at 17-4, Tonya James in the discus at 109-2, Marlene Isabelle in the 400 at 57.5, Pam Brown in the 100 at 12.3 and the 200 at 25.6.

Northwestern's Felicia Smith won the high jump at 5-4 and Central's Lenore Richardson's 38-5 won the shot put, making them the first non-Northern champions since 1980.

LEMUEL WON the difficult distance double, taking the 1,600 meters in 4:24.6 and 3,200 meters in 9:40.2, both with comfortable margins.

Bowie won the 300 hurdles in 38.0 and anchored winning 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays. Chris Williams, Kenford Wilson and Stan Ruth were his teammates on a record-setting 3:18.3 time in the longer event with only a four-tenths margin over runner-up Southwestern.

Williams, Quinton Estes and Will Palmer helped on the 800 team.

Frank Robinson won the discus at 132-9, Michael Lacy the pole vault at 13-0 and Williams the long jump at 22-11½ to help fatten a 38-point total in the field events.

Mark Ingram of Northwestern tied the meet record of 14.4 in the 110 hurdles and helped Andre Rison, Gord Mitchner and Mel Houston lower the 400-meter relay record to 42.1.

Derrick Leonard of Central equaled the meet record of 10.5 for 100 meters and pushed Rison, a sophomore, to an outstanding time of 21 7 in the 200.

Jeff Grayer of NW took the high jump at 6-5, Tony Cole of SW the shot put at 51-2, Archie Smyers of Central the 400 at 49.2 and Southwestern's Don Younger the 800 at 1:57.8.

Wednesday's city boys, girls' track meet results

City Boys' Track Meet

Team scoring: Northern 101, Central 54, Northwestern 49, Southwestern 41

Individual results

Discus — 1 Frank Robinson (N), 2 Jewell Baxter (C) 3 Avery Jackson (NW), 4 Jon Wynn (SW), 5 Lonnie Davis (N), D-132-9.

Pole vault — 1 Michael Lacy (N), 2 Jon Gleason (N) and Robert Tromayne (C), 4 Eric Terrill (SW) and Don Wrubel (SW), H-13-0.

Shot put — 1 Tony Cole (SW), 2 William Redmond (N), 3 Daryl Gilliam (C), 4 Robinson (N), 5 Jackson (NW), D-51-2.

High jump — 1 Jeff Grayer (NW), 2 Ken Morris (N) and Rod McClure (N), 4 Stacey Johnson (C) and Robert Goggins (N), H-6-5.

Long jump — 1 Chris Williams (N), 2 Ron Moore (SW), 3 Reg Gallispy (C), 4 Mark Ingram (NW), 5 Kevin Doan (N), D-22-11½.

110 hurdles — 1 Ingram (NW), 2 Anthony Bowie (N), 3 Michael Green (N), 4 Phil Hendrix (C), 5 Sid Deloach (NW), T-14.4. (Equals record by Darrell Lawson, Northwestern 1982).

200 — 1 Derrick Leonard (C), 2 Andre Rison (NW), 3 Will Palmer (N), 4 Gordon Mitchner (NW), 5 Dwayne Jude (N), T-10-5. (Equals record by Dwayne Strozler Powers 1974 and 1975).

800 relay — 1 Northern (Palmer, Quinton Estes, Williams, Bowie) 2 Central (Archie Smyers, Ed Greer, Daryl Gilliam, David Burks), 3 Northwestern (Mitchner, Ellis, Stafford, Grayer, Tony Oliver), T-1:23-2.

1,600 — 1 Robert Lemuel (N), 2 Darnel Ringo (SW), 3 Amo Balish (C), 4 Craig Dunn (SW), 5 Ben Bata (SW), T-4 24.6.

400 relay — 1 Northwestern (Ingram, Rison, Mitchner, Mel Houston), 2 Northern (Jude, Estes, Keith Smith, Palmer), 3 Southwestern (Rod Watkins, Hughes, Moore, Dennis Thomas), T-42-1. (Breaks record of 42.4 by Southwestern 1976 and Northern 1979).

400 — 1 Smyers (C), 2 Hughes (SW), 3 Williams (N), 4 McClure (N), 5 Dwayne Henry (C), T-49-2.

300 hurdles — 1 Bowie (N), 2 Burks (C), 3 Mel Houston (NW), 4 Andy Parker (C), 5 Deloach

(NW), T-38-0.

800 — 1 Don Younger (SW), 2 Stan Ruth (N), 3 Stafford (NW), 4 Kenford Wilson (N), 5 Ringo (SW), T-1:57-8.

200 — 1 Rison (NW), 2 Leonard (C), 3 Estes (N), 4 Greer (C), 5 Mitchell (NW), T-21-7.

3,200 — 1 Lemuel (N), 2 Balish (C), 3 Charles Flippen (N), 4 Tabb (SW), 5 Doan (N), T-9:40-2.

1,600 relay — 1 Northern (Williams, Wilson, Ruth, Bowie), 2 Southwestern (Lavelle Kindell, Younger, Thomas, Hughes), 3 Northwestern (Deloach, Stafford, Wayne Goodwin, Houston), T-3 16-3. (Breaks record of 3:19.2 by Northern 1982)

City Girls' Track Meet

Team scoring — Northern 139, Central 44½, Northwestern 28½, Southwestern 16.

Individual results

High jump — 1 Felicia Smith (NW), 2 Yvonne Thompson (N), 3 Leanda Dent (C), 4 Terry Caradine (SW) and Rhonda Larkin (C), H-5-4.

Shot put — 1 Lenore Richardson (C), 2 Linda Reager (N), 3 Karen Streeter (N), 4 Tina Storey (NW), 5 Shella Mayes (N), D-38-5.

Long jump — 1 Monica Taylor (N), 2 Louise Cummings (C), 3 Shelly Graham (N), 4 Carolyn Scott (C), 5 Soroya Pendles (NW), D-17-4.

Discus — 1 Tonya James (N), 2 Starry Hodge (NW), 3 Rhonda Kirkland (C), 4 Reager (N), 5 Mayes (N), D-109-2.

100 hurdles — 1 Terri Barber (N), 2 Thompson (N), 3 Graham (N), 4 Tjuana Buford (C), 5 Smith (NW), T-14-8.

100 — 1 Pam Brown (N), 2 Polly Johnson (N), 3 Ursula Brown (NW), 4 Leticia Campbell (SW), 5 Jennifer Bone (C), T-12-3.

800 relay — 1 Northern (Alicia Johnson, Taylor, Marlene Isabelle, Barber), 2 Central (Lynn Sharon Wren, Kim Miller, Carolyn Scott, Larkin), 3 Northwestern (Phyllis Hairston, Anita Williams, Mary McGee, Brown), T-1:41.8. (Breaks record of 1:42 9 by Northern 1979).

1,600 — 1 Carlene Isabelle (N), 2 Colleen

Cady (N), 3 Penny Bailey (NW), 4 Missy Colley (N), 5 Dee Dee Hooton (C), T-5:18-1. (Breaks record of 5:20.6 by Tina Williams, Northern 1982).

400 relay — 1 Northern (A. Johnson, Taylor, Graham, Barber), 2 Central (Bone, Miller, DeMaria, Scott Wren), 3 Southwestern (Flestia Vaughn, Sherry Collins, Jackie Webster, Yolanda Connors), T-50-3.

400 — 1 M. Isabelle (N), 2 Campbell (SW), 3 Shonda Johnson (N), 4 Taylor (N), 5 Kirkland (C), T-57-5.

300 hurdles — 1 Barber (N), 2 Hairston (NW), 3 Thompson (N), 4 Charlotte Johnson (N), 5 Scott (C), T-47-5. (Automatic record for new event).

800 — 1 C. Isabelle (N), 2 Darwella Sudbury (N), 3 M. Isabelle (N), 4 Buford (C), 5 Bailey (NW), T-2:21-3. (Breaks record of 2:22.53 by C Isabelle 1981).

200 — 1 Brown (N), 2 A. Johnson (N), 3 Campbell (SW), 4 S. Johnson (N), 5 Larkin (C), T-25-6.

3,200 — 1 Cady (N), 2 Hooton (C), 3 Sherry Jones (SW), 4 Mary Gerdes (N), 5 Lena Fox (N), T-12:08-0. (Breaks record of 12:13.2 by Tina Williams, Northern 1982).

1,600 relay — 1 Northern (M. Isabelle, C. Isabelle, S. Johnson, A. Johnson), 2 Central (Buford, Kirkland, Cummings, Scott), 3 Southwestern (Campbell, Robin Kindell, Diane Arnold, Connors), T-3:59-8. (Breaks record of 4:02.55 by Northern 1981).

