

Prep track sizzlers heat up

Two county meet champs pay their respects to each other

BY JIM PORTER

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CLINTON TOWNSHIP — If Dianne Bellman and Omar Davidson sound like a mutual admiration society, it's because they are.

Both may be each other's biggest fan. This feeling of high esteem — one for the other — is a strong link between champions in the same sport. Both are thoroughbreds — Davidson for the Mount Clemens High boys track team; Bellman for the Romeo High girls track squad.

They were two of the stars in a galaxy of 'em at The Macomb Daily Invitational High School Track Meet of Champions, staged Friday with the help of Macomb County Kiwanis Clubs at Clintondale High.

"I noticed her last year and really started talking to her at the Regional (meet) this year," said Davidson. "We talk about running styles."

"We're going to work together next week getting ready for the state meet," said Bellman. "We have run a lot of places together and we can help each other. I need to be pushed."

Both tuned up for the Class A state meet next Saturday by adding more titles to already long lists. Davidson broke two records and anchored two winning relays at last night's county meet while Bellman showed her heels to everyone in the two sprint races.

Davidson was named the overall outstanding meet performer in the boys meet and Bellman was voted the outstanding runner in the sprint-hurdles section of the girls meet.

They were in elite company. Fitzgerald's 1982 state champion high jumper, Don Durant, was voted outstanding field events performer. And Center Line distance ace Phil Schoensee was named outstanding runner for a stunning performance in the 3200 meter race. Marie Palinkas, one of the premier hurdlers in the state from Brablec, was acclaimed most outstanding performer in the girls meet. Kathy Kost of L'Anse Creuse got the outstanding field events award and South

Clifton of L'Anse Creuse North with a :22.3, three-tenths of a second faster than the meet standard.

"Kirby beat me at the league meet and I wanted to get him back," said Davidson.

Davidson also brought home winning finishes in the 1600 and 800 meter relays for Mount Clemens. But L'Anse Creuse North prevented a Bather sweep of the relays by taking the 400 meter event.

Palinkas was equally impressive in the girls meet with record-setting performances in the 100 meter hurdles (:14.5 seconds) and 300 meter low hurdles (:45.4), a new event.

"I'm quicker over the hurdles this year and have picked up my speed between each hurdle," she said, explaining improvement in form that has produced a drop in the 100 meter hurdles from 15 seconds flat in '82 to :14.19 in '83.

Palinkas takes a different approach to a race than most runners. Whereas top-seeded times are the big thing for many, it's not for Palinkas.

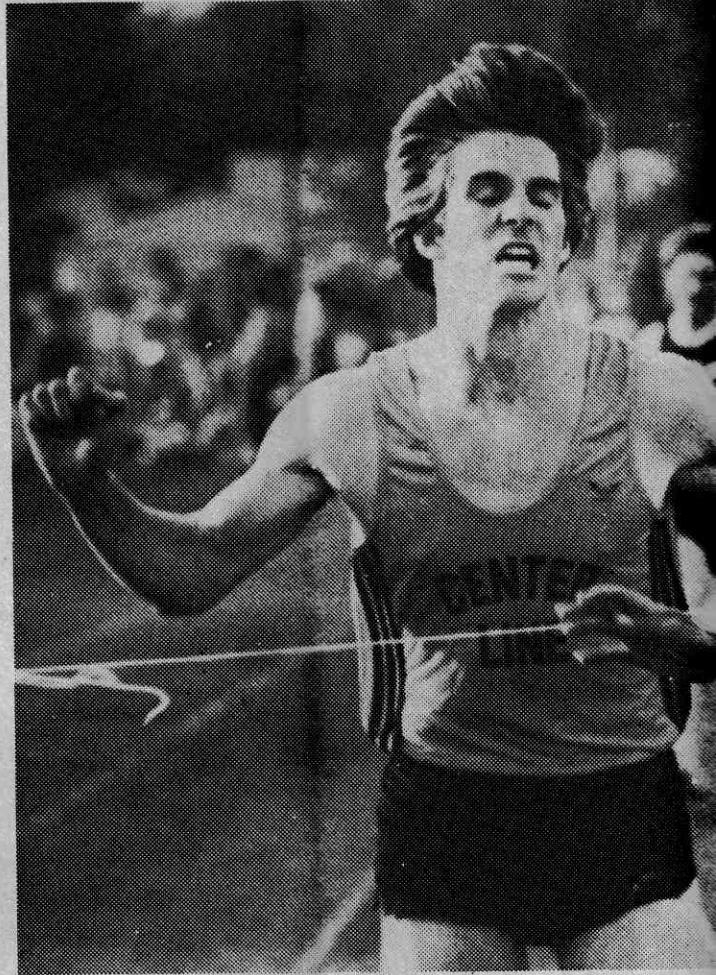
"I don't go by the time unless another person has a better time that makes me think I've got to run very hard," she said. "I psyche myself up by telling myself it's going to be a tough race and I've got to do the best I can all the time. You never know what's going to happen in a race."

Schoensee amazed a big crowd with a runaway victory in the 3200 meter race that destroyed his old record of 9:31.3 with a 9:10.8.

"We went out fast the first couple of laps but then I just relaxed and came in around 4:32 for the first mile," he said. "That was just what I wanted to do."

After that Schoensee said he "starting pushing it." When he began pulling away from the field, that made it difficult in one sense. "It's harder when you're running by yourself," he said. "But everyone in the stands was yelling and that helped. And also running at night under the lights with it dark running the curves — that's great!"

Durant didn't break a record in the high jump but he did clear 6-9 which is a winning mark



AFTER 1600 meters, Tower's Joe Mihalic, right,

plained, "and we wanted to come in together."

"We got our strides together when we hit the curve," said Kost.

"If we had run harder, she would probably have beaten me by a leg," added Pennywell with a smile."

A race that almost finished that close was a competitive duel all the way. Joe Mihalic of Tower held off Center Line's Don Johns by two-tenths of a second in the 1600 meter run with a torrid 4:21 flat.

"I let him take it out," said Mihalic. "I wanted to sit back and relax and get the lead going into the last lap. When I get inside the quarter-mile, I get all the confidence in the world. It's an exhilaration when I'm on that last lap and really pumped me up."

"I knew he would be coming at me and I didn't want him to get the inside lane on the last turn. If you can keep 'em out, they have to run two or three extra yards on

Romeo's Phil Webb double winner, took the hurdles races.

BOYS' RESULTS

DISCUS — Ray Kauffmann, 3; Jeff Strong, Utica, 147-3; Mott, 141-11; Rich Sparks, Sterling Heights, 159; Brian Corbitt, New Haven, 160.
Bryan McInosh, Fitzgerald, 6-1; Raes, Lakeview, 135-7.

HIGH JUMP — Don Durant, Rob Conlin, Fitzgerald, 6-3; Cousino, 6-3; Kevin Kincaid, Mike Dooley, Stevenson, 6-1; Fitzgerald, 5-11.

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100 — Darryl Blanchett, 11.4; Scott Jakubison, Steve Clifton, L.C. North, 11.4; Ted Clemens, 11.4; Ted Parker, Mike Friese, Sterling Heights, 11.4.

800 RELAY — Mount Tyrone McBride, Blanchett, 1:30.7; Sterling Heights, 1:31.8; L.C. North, 1:33; U Haven, 1:33.9.
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SHOT PUT — Burns, Ford bell, Lakeview, 50-3/2; Scott 48-3/2; Chris Schapman, Romeo, 47-5; Strong, 47-5.
LONG JUMP — Corbitt, N Jakubison, Stevenson, 21-4/4 North, 21-1; Durant, Fitzgerald, Ribbing, Utica, 20-8/2; M Detroit, 20-3/2.

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Lake's Lorie Vultaggio was cited outstanding distance and middle distance runner.

These standout athletes and a batch of others took the chill out of an un-springlike day and night with some sizzle that had meet records dropping like flies.

Davidson chopped a half second off the old 400 meter mark with a :48.1, produced in part by a memory.

"Last year I was close to it (meet record)," he said. "I just wanted the record so much. Coming off the last curve I thought, 'I've gotta go; this is it.' That's when I would get it. I felt stronger the whole race than I did last year."

Davidson put his name in the record book for the 200 meter dash, too, beating rival Kirby

anywhere. "I've been having trouble with my form lately," he informed. "My coache (Das Campbell) says I've got enough spring for seven feet but I didn't have enough arc."

Kost also sparkled in the field events, winning the long jump with a record 17-11 which erased her old meet standard of 17-4 1/4.

"I've picked up my speed on the approach and tried to do more popups before warmups," she said.

Kost and Edith Pennywell of Clintondale later crossed the finish line in the 400 meter dash in identical :60.1 times that were the best in that event. They intentionally were going for a tie although Kost was given first place.

"We're friends," Pennywell ex-

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the outside. When I came out of the turn, I just wanted to explode down the straightaway. When I turned that corner, I gave it everything I had."

Mihalic also won the 800 meter run, breaking his own meet record with a 1:55.9.

The hottest race of the meet was the boys 100 meter dash won by Mount Clemens sophomore Darryl Blanchett. The times didn't show it — Blanchett, Scott Jakubison of Stevenson, LC North's Clifton and Tercell Scott of Mount Clemens all had :11.4 clockings. It took a keen eye by the judges to rule Blanchett the winner.

"I was watching Jakubison because he had beaten me all season," said Blanchett. "He was right along with me when I passed Kirby (about 10 yards from the finish.)"

Blanchett attributed his narrow win to a couple of factors. "I had a great start," he said. "And I like it when the weather is cool. I can breathe easier."

Vultaggio continued her success in the long races this season, winning the 800 meter run in 2:18.8 and placing second in the 1600 meter run won by Deborah Thomas who also won the 3200 meter race.

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LOW HURDLES — Webb, Rome, 38.7; Jim Walpole, St. 38.7; Kevin Jarema, Warren W. Sokol, Eisenhower, 40.0.

800 — Mihalic, Tower, 1:55.9 record; Russ Mangiapane, Mont DesRosiers, Fitzgerald, 1:56.9; Fraser, 1:59.6; Wayne Moses, A. 2:00.7; Ed Tellefsen, Ford, 2:00.7.

200 — Davidson, Mount Clemens record; Clifton, L.C. North, McGregor, Fraser, 23.2; Rob W. Heights, 23.5; Jarema, Warren, Kent Martin, Mott, 23.9.

3200 — Phil Schoensee, Cent. (ties meet record); Mark P. 9:22.8; Johns, Center Line, 9:23.7; Warren Woods, 9:36.6; Derek Sterling Heights, 9:37.3; George, 9:39.4.

1600 RELAY — Mount Clemens Michael Herring, Moses, Dan Fitzgerald, 3:25.4; Sterling Heights, 3:29.7; Eisenhower, 3:31.2.

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SHOT PUT — Marianne Berlinger, 37-7; Shelly Houston, Roseville, 33-5; Je. Sterling Heights, 33-3/4; Jackie 32-1/4; Michele Moroney, South 32-1/4.

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800 RELAY — L'Anse Creuse, Kathy Shacklett, Christie Ary, Romeo, 1:46.3; St. Clement, Bay, 1:50.8; Sterling Heights, Clemens, 1:51.3.

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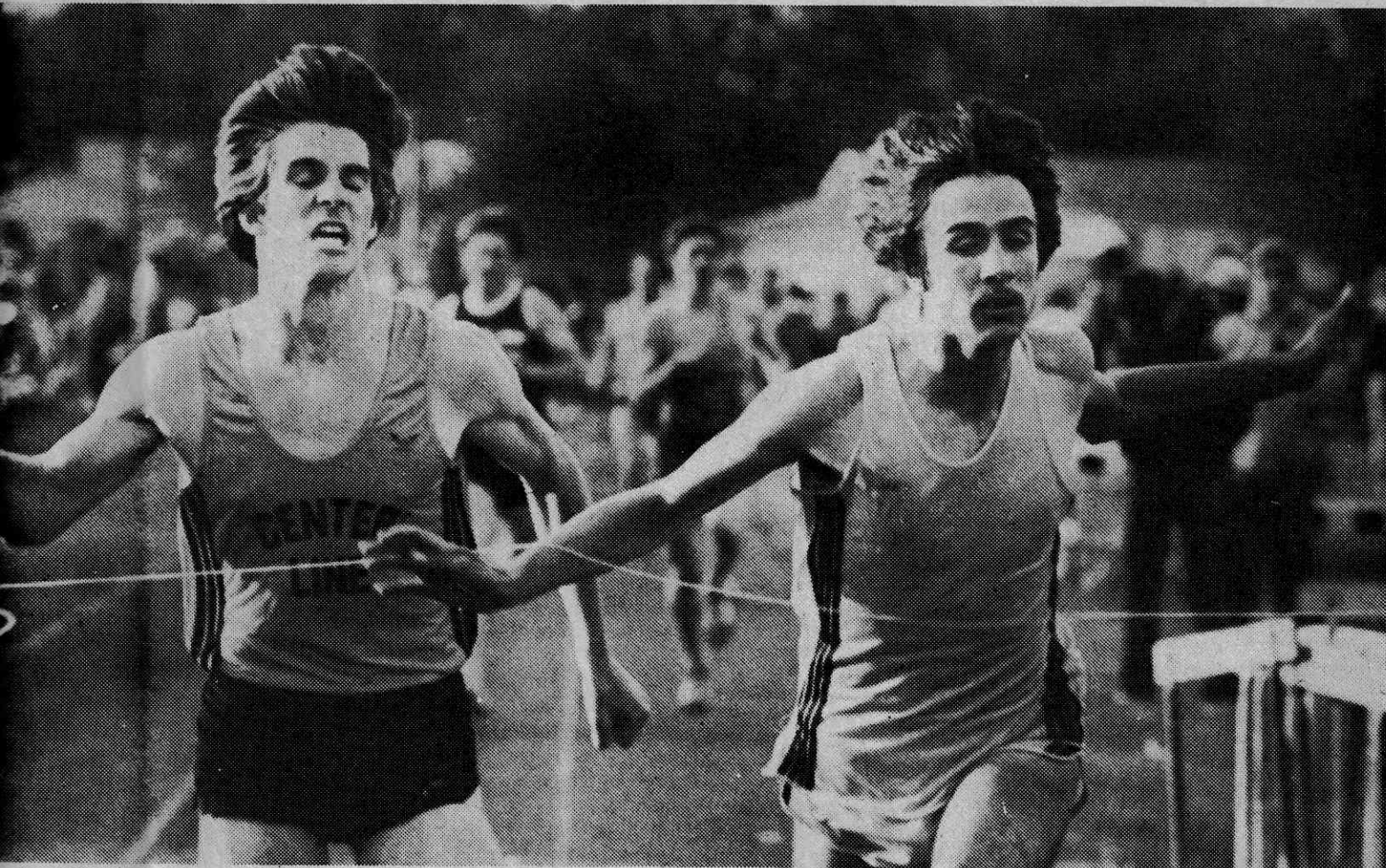


SHOT PUT champion Marianne Berlinger of Fraser watches the flight of the iron ball.



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LONG JUMP — Corbitt, New Haven, 22-4/4; Jakubison, Stevenson, 21-4/4; Davis, Lutheran North, 21-1; Durant, Fitzgerald, 20-9/4; John Ribbing, Utica, 20-8/2; Matt Splitt, East Detroit, 20-3/2.

POLE VAULT — Pete DiMaggio, Sterling Heights, 13-0; Craig Lanzon, Lakeview, 12-9; John Cook, Mott, 12-9; Jim Hilarides, Fraser, 12-9; Bob Kline, Fitzgerald, 12-6; Dave Suratt,

Lorie Vultaggio, South Lake, 5:14.7; Jenny Wilson, East Detroit, 5:19.2; Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Warren, 5:23.2; Karen Mizgalski, Mott, 5:24; Debbie Zonca, Stevenson, 5:25.4.

DISCUS — Vickie Zombeck, L'Anse Creuse, 107-0; Barb Mendola, South Lake, 106-11; Cindy Raybuck, Mott, 103-6; Jamie Zinger, Mount Clemens, 103-0; Moroney, South Lake, 99-0; Dina Watson, East Detroit, 93-6.

HIGH JUMP — Halterman, Romeo, 5-2; Michelle Kowalski, Brablec, 5-0; C. Ary, L'Anse Creuse and Pam Pollack, Warren, 4-10 (tie); Joy Skupin, Mott and Kim Garman, Stevenson, 4-8 (tie).

400 RELAY — L'Anse Creuse (Miller, Nancy Marcelli, C. Ary, Shacklett) 50.8; Romeo, 51.2; Sterling Heights, 52.2; Mount Clemens, 53.4; Stevenson, 53.4; East Detroit, 53.4.

400 — Kost, L'Anse Creuse, 60.1; Pennywell, Clintondale, 60.1; Mary Pascoe, St. Clement, 62.7; Terri Smith, Anchor Bay, 63.7; Jeannette Sherada, Anchor Bay, 67.2.

300 HURDLES — Palinkas, Brablec, 45.4

(meet record); Halterman, Romeo, 46.9; S. Ary, L'Anse Creuse, 47.5; Chiodini, East Detroit, 48.0; Thuy Dang, Ford, 48.4; Dawn Krider, Fitzgerald, 49.2.

200 — Bellman, Romeo, 25.5; Pennefather, Lincoln, 27.1; Wendy Weber, Lutheran North, 27.4; Zorlen, Romeo, 27.4; Watts, Clintondale, 27.7; S. Houston, Roseville, 28.1.

800 — Vultaggio, South Lake, 2:18.8; Kelly Cracchiolo, Richmond, 2:20.7; Mary Mulvena, L'Anse Creuse, 2:23.8; Mizgalski, Mott, 2:25; Kelly Betzold, Stevenson, 2:27; Fitzpatrick, Warren, 2:27.5.

3200 — Thomas, Cousino, 11:15.2; Lisa Greb, Ford, 11:19; Wilson, East Detroit, 11:21.1; Laura Cichowski, South Lake, 11:37.4; Zonca, Stevenson, 11:46.9; Kellee Bates, Mount Clemens, 11:50.8.

1600 RELAY — L'Anse Creuse (Mulvena, Dawn Hartop, Shacklett, Kost) 4:02.2 (meet record); St. Clement, 4:13.3; Anchor Bay, 4:14.4; Warren, 4:16; Sterling Heights, 4:16.3; Stevenson, 4:20.6.



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800 RELAY — L'Anse Creuse (Mary Miller, Kathy Shacklett, Christie Ary, Kost) 1:45.6; Romeo, 1:46.3; St. Clement, 1:48.7; Anchor Bay, 1:50.8; Sterling Heights, 1:51.2; Mount Clemens, 1:51.3.
1600 — Debbie Thomas, Cousino, 5:10.7;



NEW HAVEN'S Brian Corbitt soars to a winning effort in the long jump.



KOST, left, of L'Anse Creuse and Clintondale's Edith Pennywell hit the tape together in the girls' 400-meter dash.