

Northern wins classic race to get both Mott Relays championships

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One of the greatest races in Flint's illustrious track history decided the boys' championship of the 15th Mott Relays Friday night, Northern keeping its title in a last-race confrontation with Beecher at Houston Stadium.

The Vikings' combination of Chris Williams, Kenford Wilson, Stan Ruth and Anthony Bowie clocked 3:15.9 for the 1,600-meter relay, a time which is one-half second better than the listed Class A state meet record.

Northern led almost all the way through the spine-tingling finale which gave the Vikings a second straight title by a 73-68 margin over the Class B Buccaneers and completed a Northern sweep.

The Vikings' girls had no pressure, winning five of 10 events and earning a comfortable 85-58 edge over Benton Harbor for their sixth straight title.

Metric records which were established last year fell in five boys' events and six girls' events.

THE GIRLS HAD to become spectators for the Beecher-Northern windup which started with the Vikings holding a 61-60 edge. The title would go to whichever beat the other in the 1,600. The runners knew it. So did the crowd which stood and screamed throughout the race.

Williams earned a three-meter lead over Beecher's Andre Hall on the first leg but Robert Fischer outduled Wilson to get the Bucs even at the midpoint.

Ruth outlegged John Garner by six meters on the third leg and Bowie was pulling away from Jamonty Washington when he won by a 15-meter margin.

Beecher's time was an eye-popping 3:18.6 and third-place Central finished in 3:19.8.

COACH MARTIN Crane of Beecher may have had the best description when he said, "We ran a heckuva time and were soundly defeated."

But the veteran mentor was far from disappointed. He said, "They may have the best relay in the state, so we're not far behind."

Northern Coach Norbert Badar credited Williams with a time of 49.4 seconds with Wilson 49.9, Ruth 48.9 and Bowie 47.9. He changed the lineup moments before the start, getting Wilson into the No. 2 spot.

He said, "I never figured on that time today because of the wind. But we were hyped up because we knew Beecher was good and we had to beat them."

NORTHERN HURT itself earlier with a disqualification in the



Clio's Kelly Shumate wins 1,600-meter run.

sprint medley relay. Instead of 12 points for victory, the Vikings saw a swing of 15 points because Beecher earned 10 for a share of victory instead of seven for a tie for second.

Otherwise, Northern won only the 800 relay and pole vault. Will Palmer, Quinton Estes, Keith Smith and Williams took the 800 in 1:29.4 and Mike Lacy and Jon Gleason the pole vault with a combined 23-0.

The victory swung on the field events where Assistant Coach Doug July's pupils picked up 13 points with 2-3-4-5 finishes and built a 23-12 edge over Beecher.

BEECHER WON the shuttle hurdles in 57.5, the 3,200 relay in 7:56.7 and high jump at 12-1 with Anthony Maxwell and Garner aiding two victories.

Powers' weight duo, Mike Sergeant and Bill Shuttles, won the discus at 270-2½ and the shot put at 98-11.

Grand Blanc won the 6,400-meter relay in 18:27.8 and the distance medley in 10:41.7. Brian Allen, Jon Williams and Dan Schultz ran on both combos.

Northwestern's Andre Rison and Mark Ingram won the long jump at 44-5½ and aided a sensational 42.0 victory in the 4x100 relay.

Central shared the sprint medley victory with Beecher at 2:25.0.

COACH GEORGE Dedrick's Northern girls won the first event and led all the way.

He said, "We came up to our capabilities and had a total team ef-

fort."

Twins Marlene and Carlene Isabelle joined Alisha Johnson and Shonda Johnson to win the Mott 2,400 and 4x400 relays in respective times of 6:40.9 and 3:54.2

Johnson and Marlene also helped win the 4x100 relay in 48.5. Monica Taylor figured in three firsts and Terri Barber and Shonda Johnson in two.

Sharon Granberry and Relesia Hicks of Beecher took the shot put in a record 259-6 and Kelly Shumate of Clio won the 1,600 in 5:05.6.

Boys' Division

Team scoring — Northern 73, Beecher 68, Central 43, Northwestern 41, Southwestern and Kearsley 26, Grand Blanc 24, Powers 20, Swartz Creek 18, Midland and Bridgeport 8, Saginaw 6, Saginaw Arthur Hill and Highland Park 4, Carman 2

(All running events in metric)
6,400 — 1 Grand Blanc (Brian Allen, Jon Williams, Mark Mikraka, Dan Schultz), 2 Kearsley (Mike Wittse, Jeff Wilson, Steve Peek, Doug Wheeler), 3 Beecher (Robert Fischer, Harold Ellison, Howard Young, Jamonty Washington), 4 Swartz Creek (Tom Bishop, Rick Lack, Steve Rogers, Erik Koskinen), 5 Northern (Aric Schneider, David Doan, Charles Filippen, Robert Lemuel), T-18:27.8

4x200 — 1 Northern (Will Palmer, Quinton Estes, Keith Smith, Chris Williams), 2 Beecher (Jeff Sharp, Andre Hall, Kolan Sparks, Blain Houston), 3 Northwestern (Tony Oliver, Andre Rison, Mark Ingram, Gord Mitchner) and Central (Archie Smyers, Ed Greer, Dwayne Henry, Derrick Leonard), 5 Southwestern (Rod Watkins, Dennis Thomas, Ron Moore, Ron Hughes), T-1:29.5 (Breaks 1982 mark of 1:29.5 by Southwestern).
Long jump — 1 Northwestern (Ingram, Rison), 2 Northern (Williams, Anthony Isaac), 3 Southwestern (Donnel Ring, Moore), 4 Beecher (Washington, John Garner), 5 Central (Reggie Gallapay, Reggie Peterson), D-44-5½.

Shot put — 1 Beecher (Anthony Maxwell, Art Calhoun, Garner, Hall), 2 Central (Leonard, Andy Parker, George McNair, Phil Hendrix), 3 Northern (Mike Green, Martin Templeton, Mike Lacy, Anthony Bowie), 4 Northwestern (Rison, Mel Houston, Sid Deloach, Ingram), 5 Carman (Steve Finch, John Allen, Andy Zinn, Tony Ben-

nett), T-57.5. (Breaks 1982 mark of 59.5 by Central).
Discus — 1 Powers (Mike Sargeant, Bill Shuttle), 2 Kearsley (Dave Tappan, Chuck Christ), 3 Arthur Hill, 4 Northern (Frank Robinson, Darren Clomons), 5 Bridgeport, D-270-2½

Sprint medley — 1 Beecher (Maxwell, Houston, Sparks, Hall) and Central (Smyers, Daryl Giff, Greer, Dave Burks), 3 Northwestern (Jeff Grayer, Mitchner, Houston, Ellis Stafford), 4 Highland Park 5, Saginaw T-2:25.0

4x800 — 1 Beecher (Fischer Young, Garner, Washington), 2 Southwestern (Ringo, Craig Dunn, Ben Tabbm, Don Younger), 3 Northern (Kenford Wilson, Darnell Miller, Bowie Stan Ruth), 4 Midland, 5 Northwestern (Kevin Caldwell, Jeff Grayer, Troy Woody, Stafford), T-7 56.7 (Breaks 1982 mark of 7-57 1/4 by Northern).

Pole vault — 1 Northern (Lacy, Jon Gleason), 2 Kearsley (Dan Ringoin, Gard Haldie), 3 Central (Bruce Dunton, Robert Tremayne), 4 Midland, 5 Bridgeport H-23-0.

High jump — 1 Beecher (Maxwell, Cadarell Jones), 2 Swartz Creek (Ed LeGrow, Chuck Colton), 3 Northern (Rod McClain, Ken Morris), 4 Central (Stacey Johnson, Bilal Earrkan), 5 Bridgeport, H-12-1

Distance medley — 1 Grand Blanc (Allen, Rob Johnson, Williams, Schultz), 2 Swartz Creek (Steve Moteski, Keith Lancaster, Bishop, Koskinen), 3 Northern (Wilson, Kevin Doan, Schneider, Lemuel), 4 Kearsley (Whosler, Scott Lywell, Wilson, Willard, Midland), T-10:41.7

Shot put — 1 Powers (Sargeant Shuttle), 2 Southwestern (Jon Winn, Tony Cole), 3 Bridgeport, 4 Kearsley (Tappan, Chris Curtis), 5 Northern (William Redmond, Robinson) D-98-11

4x100 — 1 Northwestern (Mitchner Houston, Rison, Stafford), 2 Central (Ed Greer, Daryl Greer, William Leonard), 3 Northern (Lester, Smith, Bowie), 4 Saginaw 5, Southwestern (Torrence Jarrett, Ed Hughes, Matt Chaney, Rod Watkins), T-42.0. (Breaks 1982 mark of 42.6 by Saginaw).

4x400 — 1 Northern (Williams, Wilson, Ruth, Bowie), 2 Beecher (Hall, Fischer, Garner, Washington), 3 Central (Leonard, Burka, Henry, Smyers), 4 Southwestern (Younger, Luke Kindeil, Thomas, Hughes), 5 Northwestern (Grayer, DeLoach, Houston, Stafford), T-3 19.9. (Breaks 1982 mark of 3:19.0 by Southwestern).

Girls' Division

Team scoring — Northern 85 Benton Harbor 58 Lansing Sexton 28, Saginaw 20, Beecher 18, Grand Blanc and Midland 16 Midland Dow 14, Highland Park 8, Clio and Carman 5, Northwestern 4, Central and Bridgeport 2, Southwestern 1

Mott 2,400 — 1 Northern (Marlene Isabelle, Shonda Johnson, Alisha Johnson, Carlene Isabelle), 2 Grand Blanc (Marcia Whidden, Lisa Simons, Samona Nelson, Yvette Carriere), 3 Midland, 4 Benton Harbor 5, Northwestern (Penny Bailey, Phyllis Hurdston, Terry Carradine, Karen Caradine), T-6:40.9

Shot put — 1 Northern (Terri Barber, Monica Taylor, Charlotte Johnson, Yvonne Thompson), 2 Midland, 3 Benton Harbor 4, Highland Park 5, Bridgeport, T-1:04.9 (Breaks 1982 mark of 1:05.4 by Northern).

High jump — 1 Midland Dow 2 Grand Blanc (Carriere, Simons), 3 Northern (Barber Thompson), 4 Sexton, 5 Saginaw H-10-8. (Breaks 1980 record of 10-7½ by Northern).

Shot put — 1 Benton Harbor 2 Beecher (Sharon Granberry, Theresa Marble), 3 Northern (Karen Stroeter, Linda Roager), 4 Central (Rhonda Kirkland, Lenore Richardson), 5 Northwestern (Starry Hodge, Tina Storey), D-70-1½

4x200 — 1 Benton Harbor 2 Northern (Barber, Taylor, Kelly Johnson, M. Isabella), 3 Sexton 4, Highland Park 5, Saginaw, T-1:41.5 (Breaks 1982 mark of 1:41.9 by Northern).

Long jump — 1 Northern (Taylor Shelly Graham), 2 Saginaw, 3 Midland Dow 4, Sexton 5, Benton Harbor D-33-5½

100 — 1 Janice Norris, Sexton, 2 Jeanan Langston, Benton Harbor 3, Clarissa Lovejoy, Saginaw, Polly Benton, North, 3 Sexton 4, Linda McClain, Benton Harbor, T-12.4. (Breaks 1982 mark of 12.6 by Pam Brown, Northern).

1,600 — 1 Kelly Shumate, Clio, 2 C. Isabelle, Northern, 3 Colleen Cady, Northern, 4 Leslie Machek, Midland, 5 Charity Gray, Southwestern, T-5:05.6

4x100 — 1 Northern (A. Johnson, M. Isabelle, Taylor, Barber), 2 Northern, 3 Sexton 4, Saginaw, 5 Beecher (Latonya Ross, Leslie Arder, Geraldine Collier, Sheila Smith), T-48.5. (Breaks 1982 mark of 49.2 by Northern).

Discus — 1 Beecher (Granberry, Relesia Hicks), 2 Carman (Sonya Bowman, Stephanie Joseph), 3 Benton Harbor 4, Northern (Tonya James, Roager), 5 Northwestern (Hodges, Storey), D-259-6. (Breaks 1982 mark of 226-7 by Beecher).

4x400 — 1 Northern (C. Isabelle, S. Johnson, A. Johnson, M. Isabelle), 2 Benton Harbor 3, Sexton 4, Saginaw, 5 Grand Blanc (Nelson, Whidden, Carriere, Simons), T-3:54.2 (Breaks 1982 mark of 3:54.8 by Northern).