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# Detroit rules in Relays

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Coach Georgia Old described Sexton High's performance Saturday in the 11th annual Spartan Relays for girls as not an auspicious one.

What Old did not realize was that her evaluation could have suited any number of mid-Michigan Class A teams competing within the humid confines of Jenson Field House.

Surprising Everett produced the Lansing area's highest total, 15 points, for 11th place. Howell's Wendy Gordon placed fourth in the two-mile run with a time of 11 minutes and 47.75 seconds for five team points, enough for the Highlanders to outdistance Sexton, which had two points. Shan Thum's 4-foot-10 high jump scored one point for St. Johns.

**OLD WAS** apprehensive going into the Spartan Relays, and her fears were realized when she noticed the Big Red, who were fourth a year ago, were not listed in any event on the program — the entries apparently lost in the mail. Sexton never made its presence felt, even after Old corrected the entry loss. Only the sprint medley relay team, eighth in 3:04.4, and miler Jerry Wilcox, eighth in 5:37.8, could score.

Everett, however, sounded a warning Coach Gerald Brazee is certain was heard. Even without the talents of junior Sherry Tree, sidelined with a viral infection, the Vikings easily outpaced their Capital Area Conference rivals in attendance — notably Sexton, East Lansing, Holt and newcomer Jackson.

"A lot of teams come in with the idea that you have to run well at this meet," Brazee said. "Sure we'd like to run well, but what we're aiming for is the conference meet. We use this meet to figure out where the kids are at, evaluate and see if we need to change anything, and, perhaps, see if anybody is running in the wrong event. Afterwards we'll analyze where we need to work."

**DEPTH IS** certainly not a concern of Brazee's. Four different athletes scored for Everett, the best performance coming from Ava Uvodnia, who finished third in the one-mile run with a time of 5:28. Everett's other points came from Tammy Green, Dorothy Washington and Jackie Banks. Green was clocked at 7.3 seconds for a fifth-place finish in the 60-yard dash. Washington went 8.8 for sixth-place in the 60-yard hurdles. Banks long jumped 18-4 1/4 for seventh.

"We used today as a confidence builder for the kids... psyche their ego and make them believe they're winners," Brazee said. "I thought we accomplished that. The kids also showed me how gummy they were. That's what we're building on, confidence, guts and efforts like Dorothy Washington's. Although she was fourth last week at Western (Michi-



Staff photo by GREG DUBETTER

**UP AND OVER** — East Lansing High junior Natalie Jarema cleanly clears a hurdle during her leg of the shuttle hurdle relay at the 11th annual Spartan Relays for Class A girls Saturday in Jenson Field House. The Trojans placed 15th in the lone hurdle relay of the day.

gan), she looked a heck of a lot better today. The kids are finally coming out of their shells."

There were few things present Saturday that could contain distance specialist Michelle Bews of Birmingham Seaborn. The foreign-exchange student from Melbourne, Australia, lapped the entire two-mile field en route to a Spartan Relay record time of 10:43.2 — the 10th fastest effort ever by a prep female in the United States.

"I **STARTED** off pretty relaxed, concentrating only on the splits I wanted to do," said Bews, who won the Class A (team) cross country run in the fall and took third in the 3,000 meters (15-16 age group) in her native country three years ago. "My first mile was 3:23 and I was aiming for 10:45. Once I pulled away from the pack, I staged a personal challenge to pass everyone in front of me."

Bews never got a chance to overtake a person in the one-mile. Instead, she slowed on the final lap, enabling Dearborn Edsel Ford junior Mary Peraski to kick in a five-second victory in 5:12. It marked the end of a personal vendetta Peraski had with the Australian, who defeated her at the Class A cross country meet.

"I've done a lot of distance work this winter, so I had the stamina to come back," said an elated Peraski, who anchored Edsel Ford's record-breaking distance medley relay team (13:04.36) with a 5:11 split. "Her two-mile effort intimidated me a little bit. But, I've been around enough to know what she's done. So, my strategy was to stay with Michelle and out-kick her to the finish. It surprised me that she didn't have any kick left."

Detroit Cass Tech outkicked the 800m field for overall honors. The Lady Technicians endured three firsts by rival Detroit Chadey, by finishing second in six events for 42 points. Reigning Class A and defending Spartan Relay champion Flint Northern was second with 36 points, just ahead of Ann Arbor Pioneer, which totaled 34. Chadey and Benton Harbor were fourth and fifth, respectively, with 30 and 25 points.

Angela Jones, who was clocked at 2:24.44 in the 800-yard run, and Diane McKittrick, who needed only 7.3 seconds to complete the 60-yard dash, were Cass Tech's individual runners-up. Relay efforts of 52.1 in the shuttle hurdle, 2:56.9 in the sprint medley, 1:45.91 in the 800, and 4:06.15 in the mile, accounted for the Lady Technicians' other points.

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Prep Track	
<b>Ferris State Invitational</b>	
<b>Class A</b>	
<b>Top St. Johns finishers</b>	<b>IN</b>
<b>BOYS:</b> Mile — 1-Tom Rayman, 4:41.2; 2-mile — Rayman; 2:40-vard dash — Darren Scott; 3: medley relay — 2nd; mile relay — 6th; 4-top relay — 6th.	<b>in the final; Univ. lances</b>
<b>GIRLS:</b> Mile relay — 1 (Melinda Roberts, Bobbi Bayard, Kathleen Vaisin, Theresa Koelnskech), 4:35.3; Medley relay — 2nd; 60-vard dash — Roberts; 4th; 40-vard hurdles — Chris Crowell; 5th; 2-mile — Anne Moore; 5th; mile — Tina Simman; 2nd; 800-vard run — Koelnskech; 2nd; high jump — Shana Thum; tied for 2nd; shot put — Lisa Thelen; 2nd; 4-top relay — 5th.	<b>1.5 orca; Stoc 16.29 sion ilom; Brow Sue 16:43 100 Cinci resg 1:03. Long Curt Nash drea 1:34. 1:00 Child Terry Hills, Flori Rhod 1:12. Natc West 1:00 Meag Nanc Hills, deme 4. J. 1:01.3. Aquo Indus 400 (A) 1. Merry 4:13.5. J. Ciri Canc 5. M North 10 Rocc 57.17 2:36. 2. Da Mark Mart 100 South Schrc 3. G 1:04. ming MCA 100 Conci vic C. Soreg 54.97 Aquo Hurri 1:50. dush unatt mon. Alex 15:39 mont Fran 15:41. 600 Aquo Sahi MCC Hills Pobi 3:47. 4. H. Barb 1. Plea Aquo 1. Aquo</b>
<b>11th Annual Spartan Relays for girls (at Jensen Field House)</b>	
<b>CLASS A</b>	
<b>Top 10 teams — Detroit Cass Tech (CT) 42; Flint Northern (FN) 36; Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP) 34; Detroit Chadsey (DC) 30; Benton Harbor (BH) 25; Ypsilanti (Y) 23; Saginaw (S) 22; G.R. Ottawa Hills (OH) 19; Midland (M) 18; Dearborn Edsel Ford (EF) 16.</b>	
<b>Two-mile run — Bews (Birmingham Seaholm), 10:43.32 (Spartan Relay record); Armstrong (Detroit Kettering); Kubicki (Rochester Adams); Wendy Gordon (Howell), 11:47.25; McCarthy (Farmington Mercy); Lindbert (Farmington).</b>	
<b>Distance medley relay — Edsel Ford, 13:04.39 (Spartan Relay record); Ann Arbor Huron; Ann Arbor Pioneer; Rochester Adams; Troy Athens; Jackson; Brighton; Anchor Bay.</b>	
<b>Long jump — Curry (OH), 18-2 1/4; Wildfang (MI); Nash (S); Moroz (Dearborn); Isbell (Brighton); Runk (Harrison); Jackie Banks (Everett), 16-4 1/4; Lorkins (Flint Central).</b>	
<b>800 run — Pruitt (DC), 2:23.46; Jones (CT); Armstrong (Kettering); Robertson (MI); Cain (AAP); Abbas (Forsden); Jinnah (FN); Rogers (Swartz Creek).</b>	
<b>High jump — Nash (S), 5-4; Walsh (Anderson); Neubaucher (Waterford Matt); Ferguson (BH); Thompson (FN); Moskosen (Walley Lake Central); Ford (Mercy); Shana Thum (St. Johns), 4-8; Broza (Bishop Gallagher).</b>	
<b>Shuttle hurdle relay — Flint Northern, 34.7; Cass Tech; Midland; Pioneer; Ypsilanti; Ottawa Hills; Brighton; Saginaw.</b>	
<b>Sprint medley relay — Pioneer, 2:36.8; Cass Tech; Chadsey; Flint Northern; Ottawa Hills; Denby; Detroit Cody; Saganaw, 3:18.4.</b>	
<b>60 hurdles — Ferguson (BH), 8.3; Hawkins (Pershing); Jordan (AAP); Nash (S); Bell (Y); Dorothy Washington (Everett), 8.8; Williams (Huron); Isobel (Brighton).</b>	
<b>40 dash — Brooks (Pontiac Northern), 7.0; McKeithen (CT); Prince (Pershing); Jordan (Y); Tammy Green (Everett), 7.3; Simpson (BH); Mullins (Highland Park); Williams (Grosse Pointe North).</b>	
<b>Mile run — Peruski (EF), 5:12.0; Bews (Seaholm); Aiva Urvadde (Everett), 5:30.4; Matson (Anderson); Sheets (Brighton); Bailey (Flint NW); Arnold (AAP); Jenev Wilcox (Saganaw), 5:37.8.</b>	
<b>Shot put — Richardson (Flint Central), 43-11; Rose (Detroit Southeastern); Maves (FN); Kubiske (Y); Vaughn (Flint SW); Bell (BH); Duncan (Huron); Mathera (Harper Woods Regina).</b>	
<b>800 relay — Detroit Chadsey, 1:45.77; Cass Tech; Benton Harbor; Flint Northern; Ottawa Hills; Pioneer; Pershing; Ypsilanti.</b>	
<b>Mile relay — Detroit Chadsey, 4:34.83; Cass Tech; Flint Northern; Detroit Denby; Ypsilanti; Detroit Cody; Saganaw; Detroit Kettering.</b>	
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