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Mason, Bath, Fowler, Webberville regional track titlists

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DeWITT — The Bath High boys' track team finished in a first-place tie with Vandercook Lake at 91½ points in the Class C Regional at DeWitt Saturday, and DeWitt's boys finished just one point off the pace.

In girls' competition, DeWitt's girls placed second with 85 points, 13½ behind Burton Bentley. Bath's girls came in third with 56½.

BARRY KLOENHAMER, coach of both boys and girls at host DeWitt, said the day's most pleasant surprise was the performance of his girls' relay teams. Jane Stocrylas, one of DeWitt's fastest runners, was out with back spasms, so Mary Jo Mocere subbed. She did the job, too, helping DeWitt's relay teams at 440 and 880 yards earn berths in the state finals at Clare June 2. The latter foursome of Rhonda Davis, Mocere, Sheri Schmitt and Teresa Kirchen won the event in 1:40.1.

"We're real happy with the way the girls ran," Kloenhamer said between races. "If Jane's better by then, we'll be allowed to enter her in the relays."

DeWitt's other big surprise came in the girls discus event, where Michelle Theien placed second with a toss of 107-feet 9-inches, her career-best by 16 feet.

Prep Track

BATH BOYS' coach Mel Comeau was happy that sprinter Chris Wells recovered from a pulled hamstring this week. Wells took second in the 220 in 23.9 seconds, and third in the 100 with a time of 10.7. He also anchored the second-place 880 relay team.

"We found out about the middle of the week that Chris would be able to run," Comeau said, "but we weren't sure how well he'd run."

Coach Liz Lentz of the Bath girls' team appeared pleased with her team's performance, too.

"I was hoping for individuals to place," Lentz commented, "and placing in the two-mile relay is great."

THE BEES WENT through the girls' season undefeated in dual meets, losing only to DeWitt and St. Johns in a quad meet early in the year. Bath beat both teams in subsequent meetings during the year, so they had reason to be optimistic about the Regional.

Other area boys winning events included Bath's Brad Abendroth, king of the mile run in 4:27.1; DeWitt's Bob Price, taking the 220 in 23.8; and Stockbridge's Doug Lance, first in the 880 in 1:56.4.

Among girls, Kirchen claimed the 440 in 1:01.3 and the 220 in 27.2, and Bath's Michelle Douglas took top honors in the 330 hurdles in 48.6. Haslett's Lori Lorch won the long jump at 16-9½, and the 110 hurdles in 15.6, while teammate Meghan Connelly won the high jump, clearing 5-4. Perry's Lisa Kloss took the two-mile in 12:06.5, and Tracy O'Brien of Williamston won the 880 in 2:24.1.

Class B at Jackson County Western: Senior sprinter Ed Barber posted two individual firsts and anchored Mason's victorious 880-meter relay team as Coach Valdy Gailitis' Bulldogs won their first regional title in more than 10 years.

A dropped baton in the 400 relay led to a disqualification and cost Charlotte the girls' team title. Coach Norm Neufield's Orioles fell three points shy of eventual champion Jackson Lumen Christi, which totaled 101.

Barber won the 100 and 200 dashes in 11.1 and 23.4, respectively. He teamed with Mark Shapley, Brad Bollore and Mark Plow to win the 880 relay in 1:32.1.

"I was really happy, the kids performed well," Gailitis said. "They came through in just about every event. We had a bad handoff in the 400 relay and still qualified (finishing third), so I can't feel too bad. The team has been working very hard. It was nice for them to win it.

Capital Circuit rivals Eaton Rapids and Okemos shared fourth place in the boys' team standings. Hurdler-sprinter Mike Miller totaled 26 of the Greyhounds' 42 points with firsts in the 110 high and 300 low hurdles and a third in the 200 dash. His winning times were 14.3 and 37.3, respectively. Okemos was the 3,200 relay, as Mike Lamkien, Kelly Jackson, Bryan Whitmore and Keith Wilkinson raced to an 8:07.1 finish. Whitmore was also first in the 3,200 run, clocked in 9:27.9.

Sprinters Pam Harvitt and Lisa Paprasnec paced Charlotte with one individual first apiece and teamed with Leisl Charron and Seth King to win the 1,600 relay in 4:48.2. Harvitt was the 200 dash in 26 seconds and Paprasnec earned the 400 dash title with a 58.7 effort. The Orioles' Todd Feighner qualified in three events — long jump, 100 dash and 200 dash.

Mason rode the efforts of Regina Frazier and Jamie Grant to score 81 points and finish third. Frazier took the honors in the discus with a hurl of 113-foot-4. Grant won the 800-meter race in 2:23.5.

Class B at Jackson County Western: Lakewood's boys finished ninth among 17 schools with a total of 13 points and senior Dave Strong qualified for the state track finals with his third-place 1,600-meter run finish in 4:39.2 for the Vikings. The top boys' team finishers were Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Grand Rapids Christian and Sparta. The Lakewood girls team did not score.

Class C at Tri-County: Carson City Crystal's Penny Pennington claimed regional titles in the 880 and mile runs, while Judy Proctor finished first in the two-mile and second in the mile to lead the Eagles to a third-place finish in the girls' regional.

Pennington's winning times were 2:24.8 and 5:34.8, respectively, while Proctor hit the tape in 12:16.8 to pace the Eagles' distance sweep.

Sandra Hurtoon took first place in the long jump (16-4½), 110 hurdles (16.2) and 330 hurdles (48.1) for Ithaca, which finished ninth in the team standings.

Fulton, which finished fifth overall, notched a title with a 1:36.1 clocking from Kiffany Bailey, Debra Wisner, Amy Slavik and Janis Kresge in the 880 relay and a second-place finish in the 440 relay. St. Louis took the top spot in the two-mile relay with Julie Kovac, Annette Boyle, Jill Ball and Tammy Boyle finishing in 10:22.4.

In the boys' regional, Mike Bentley grabbed a regional title with a first-place finish in the 120 hurdles in 14.6, while third-place Ithaca placed in five qualifying events.

John Thompson of St. Louis claimed regional titles in the discus (135-5) and shot put (52-3) for the Sharks, who finished fifth in the team standings, as seventh-place Carson City-Crystal qualified in two events — the two-mile relay and the two-mile run.

Class D at Grand Valley State College: Fowler claimed boys' and girls' Regional track titles at Allendale, edging the Bridgman boys by one point thanks to the meet's final event. The defending state champs romped home by 22 points in the girls' events.

Fowler needed to finish two places higher than Bridgman in the boys' 1,600-meter relay to claim the team trophy and just managed that feat. The Eagles took second while Bridgman was fourth, giving Fowler the title by a fraction of a step and 15-hundredths of a second.

The top performer for the Fowler boys was Joe Bertram, who won the shot put with a toss of 50-6 and the discus with a throw of 161-0.

The Eagles' Kelly Haffner won the girls' 400 dash with a time of 1:00.04. Fowler's 3,200 relay of Cindy Schneider, Kim Epkey, Sherry Schneider and Beth Wirth hit the tape in a school-record 10:07.6, and the 800 relay of Nancy Silliman, Haffner, Jan Schmitt and Mary Theis prevailed in 1:49.0.

Class D at Hillsdale College: Webberville's Scott Deisler won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes and anchored the Spartans' winning 1,600 relay team in leading his school to its first boys' regional championship.

Webberville also qualified three athletes in the pole vault, with John O'Callaghan winning, Scott Hale finishing third and Dale Hale reaching the state qualifying height in tying for fourth. Kerry Zaremba was the high jump for Morrice with a school-record height of 5-6½.

Denese Moore was the 400 dash and ran a leg of Webberville's winning 800 relay, and Julie Diederich was tops in the discus as the Spartans girls' team finished fourth. Anita Latonski of Morrice won the 100 and 200 dashes as the Oriole girls placed eighth.

BATH'S PATH TO POINTS — Bath High's LeAnn House reaches back for the baton from teammate Mary Risch during the 880-yard relay in Saturday's Class C Regional at DeWitt High. The Bees finished fifth in the event in a time of 1:52.2 and third overall behind Burton Bentley and DeWitt. The Bath boys tied for the team championship with Vandercook Lake, one point ahead of DeWitt.

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