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CRACK 100-POINT BARRIER

BH Girls Win Third Straight Regional

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GRAND RAPIDS — The Benton Harbor girls track team was hoping to crack the 100-point plateau here Saturday in the Class A regional meet.

And that's exactly what the Tigers did in just ing up 108 points on their way to their third straight regional championship.

The 108 points were the most the Tigers have accumulated in their three-year reign. They had 100 in 1982 and 86 last year. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills ended second — for the third year in a row — with 74 points.

Niles' girls ended with six points to finish 13th in the field of 14 teams at Houseman Field.

Ottawa Hills did capture the boys title with 82½ points. Niles was ninth with 22 points and Benton Harbor 14th with 13 points.

The Benton Harbor girls picked up five firsts and picked up points in 11 of the 16 events in their cakewalk to another title.

"The meet went basically as I expected...we expected to get from 100 to 125 points," mentioned Tiger Coach Eddie Watson. "Those 108 points are about the most we've ever had here. We showed a lot of balance. Everyone gave as much as they could. It was a tough regional.

Benton Harbor still has the LMAC conference meet at Niles on Wednesday, Grand Haven and the Kalamazoo Invitational on Saturday, May 26 but the Tigers are pointing towards the Class A state finals June 2 at Jackson High School.

Watson thinks Flint Northern, which chalked up 121 points in its regional meet Saturday at Saginaw, will be in the running for the state crown along with Detroit Cass Tech and Ann Arbor Pioneer plus his Tigers. Last year Benton Harber finished second to Northern in the finals.

Rice and Linda McMillon took the 880 relay in 1: 41.5, best time in the area this year. Rice has now been a member of the winning Tiger 440 and 880 relay teams for three straight years.

McMillon pulled a leg muscle in the 880 relay but is hoping she can get back into shape in quick fashion for the three key meets left.

Rice was also second in the 220 dash and Angelique Bell second in the shot put. Ottawa Hills senior Latonia Curry won three events — the long jump and the 440 and 220 dashes.

Watson added the most pleasant surprise of the day was his team's area-best 10:10.3 (10:08.) when converted clocking and fifth-place finish in the 2-mile relay. The team, made up of Loretha Cotton, Cheryl White, Wanda Swift and Treva Sanders, had a previous best of 10: 20.

Watson also added it was sweet revenge for the Tigers to beat Ottawa Hills, the school which spoiled Benton Harbor's girls in the Class A individual regional last December.

The best finish for the Benton Harbor boys was a second by Curtis McManus in the 100-yard dash (10.8).

Niles' John Williams was second in the 330-yard high hurdles (14.5) while the Vikings' Ron Allen was third in both the high jump (6-2) and long jump (21-6¾).

SPEEDY TIGERS: Benton Harbor runners Jeanan Langston (right) and Michelle Rimpson (center) head for the finish line in the 100-yard dash Saturday as the Class A regional track meet at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids. Langston took first in 11.0 with Rimpson second at 11.1, the two top times in the area this year. (Staff photo by Jerry Dykstra)

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CAROLYN FERGUSON
Double Winner

Pschigoda Stars For Runnerup Bees

ALLENDALE — Bridgman's Ryan Pschigoda put on a one-man show here Saturday at the Class D regional track meet, but an injury to teammate Tracy Harrod cost the Bee boys a regional team title.

Pschigoda won three events (high jump, long jump and 400 dash) and was a member of the Bees' 1600 relay unit which finished fourth. His effort helped Bridgman score 77 points, one less than regional champion Fowler.

However, Harrell, who has been nursing a bad ankle most of the spring, came up lame after finishing fourth in the 400 dash and was unable to run as a member of the Bees' 1600 relay unit.

"We felt we could have won it, but when Harrell reinjured his ankle that was the end," Bee coach Dick Ryan said.

"Ryan (Pschigoda) just performed the way he has all year," added Fodor of his standout junior. "He's just a super athlete who always seems to rise to the occasion."

Pschigoda won the long jump with a leap of 20-¾, and the high jump clearing 6-6. His winning time in the 400 meters was 51.5.

But Fodor also had praise for his 2200 relay squad which won in 8: 22.1. The unit was comprised of Tom Adest, Ken Slavicek, Jeff Gantner and Craig Hanke. Slavicek also won the 800 run in 2: 06. The most pleasant surprise for the Bees was the performance of John Cawley in the discus and shot put where he took second and third respectively for state in both events.

Other area firsts in the boys meet were turned in by Gobles' John Dietrich with a meet record in the pole vault (13-3); Covert's Victor Clarke in the 110 highs (15.7) and the Bulldog 800 relay team of who were clocked in 1.33.4.

Others qualifying for state included Covert's Charles Walker and Eugene Tanner, second and third, respectively in the high jump, the Bulldogs' 400 relay unit (second), and 1600 relay team (third) and Clarke in the 300 lows (third).

Gobles' Dave Stiles also qualified by finishing second in the pole vault, as he and Dietrich were the only two to clear the opening height. Gobles' Aaron Zimmer was also second in the 3200 run.

On the girls' side of the ledger, Fowler took the team title with 100% points, while Covert was runnerup with 78%.

The area claimed just three firsts as Gobles' Deb Stiles won the high jump (4-10), Covert's Brenda Stewart the long jump (16-6) and the 1600 and3200 plus third in the 800. Racquel Rogers third in both the 100 and 200-, and the Bulldog 800 (second) and 1600 (third) relay units. Lawrence's Lisa Dusek (second in the 100 lows) and Anne Job (second in both the 100 and 400 dashes; Bridgman's 800 relay squad (third); and Gobles Stiles (second in the 300 lows) also qualified for state.

Lawrence's Missy Hagen the 3200 run (12: 02.7).

The nine area state qualifiers included Covert's Stewart third in the high jump. Michelle Watt (second in

Bloomingdale Tourney Halted By Bad Weather

BLOOMINGDALE — Rain forced cancelation of the Bloomingdale Baseball Tournament here Friday and Saturday after only three games were completed.

Bridgman nipped Paw Paw 5-4 in a 13-inning marathon Saturday in a the completion of a contest that was suspended Friday. The Bees then lost 4-3 to Climax-Scotts and New Buffalo blanked Saugatuck 4-0 on Saturday.

Greg Taylor, Gary Cast and relief pitcher Roger Michejenska hit three straight singles in the bottom of the 13th to score the Bees' winning run against Paw Paw. Michejenska hurled six innings of shutout relief and also slapped two singles and two doubles. Kelly Branch added three hits as did Taylor.

Will Wisher suffered the loss in relief for Paw Paw. Joel Patterson and Tim Soulh had two singles for the Redskins and Todd Barkovich hit a solo home run that tied the game in the sixth inning on Friday.

Taylor's two-run homer was the highlight for Bridgman, now 18-5, in its loss to Climax-Scotts. It tied the game in the seventh, but Climax won it on Greg Cast's RBI single in the bottom of the inning.

Terry Frye hurled a two-hit shutout with 11 strikeouts in New Buffalo's victory. Mike Daniels had two singles for the winners, now 4-17 on the season.

Potterville Runs Away

MENDON — Powerful Potterville ran away with both the boys and girls Class D regional team titles here Friday evening.

The Potterville boys amassed an amazing 151½ points, while the girls totaled an almost equally impressive 136 points.

Marcellus' boys placed seventh with 25 points, while the Marcellus girls took fourth with 52 points. Lawton's boys came in sixth with 29½ points, while the Blue Devil girls were 20th with 16 points. Galien's girls finished 11th in the 17-team field and the Gael boys were 12th.

Marcellus' Teresa Wright was a standout in the girls' meet winning the shot put (30-6¾), the long jump (17-3¾) and placing second in the 100-meter dash. Marcellus' Melody Owen also won the high jump clearing 5-1.

The only other area first in the girls' regional here was Lawton's 3200 relay squad with a time of 10: 46.4.

Marcellus' girls also got thirds from its 400 relay unit and Laura Kneppie in the discus.

Other area girls placers included Galen's Lisa Lamack, third in the high jump.

On the boys' side of the ledger, no area athlete claimed a first.

Marcellus' Bruce Ivens had seconds in both the 100 and 200 dashes with respective times of 11.3 and 22.6. Other state qualifiers included Lawton's Eric Hendricks, third in the 400 (52.3), Dave Dietz third in the 300 lows (40.5), plus the Blue Devil 800 and 1600 relay teams, both finishing third.

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HUSTLE WINNERS: Pat High (left) of St. Joseph and Barbara Bell of Benton Harbor (right) were the top male and female runners in Sunday's Corpus cle Hustle 10 kilometers race at Tabor Hill near Buchanan. High had a time of 34: 07 and Bell finished in 42: 28. (Norma Payne photos)

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