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## Flint Northern's Hex On BH Girls Is Ended

FLINT — Flint Northern's hex on Benton Harbor's girls has ended!

Coach Eddie Watson's Tigers edged the perennial state champions 71 to 68 to win the powerful Mott Relays here Friday evening.

The victory was especially sweet for "Watson's Wonders" as Benton Harbor's girls have been playing second fiddle to Flint Northern here for the past three years, including being Class A state runner-up to Northern in 1983.

But Friday Watson's band played a different tune, taking five firsts in the meet's 12 events to capture the overall title.

"These girls have been waiting for a long time to get Flint Northern and they finally did it," a delighted Watson said. "Really, it had become a personal thing, especially for our seniors. I was beginning to think we'd never beat them, but now this victory really should give us a mental lift for the state finals. The girls now know they can beat them."

The Tigers won the 400, 800 and 1600 relays, including two all-time honor roll performances, the 100-meter dash and the discus event.

Michelle Rimpson was a "real workhorse" for the Tigers as she came away as the meet's only quadruple winner. Rimpson won the 100 dash in 12.22 seconds and was a member on all three winning Tiger relay units.

She combined with Sandra Rice, Chauna Burton

and Carolyn Ferguson to win the 1600 in a super 3:58.8. Rimpson, Rice, Linda McMillion and Jeanan Langston took the 800 in 1:41.4. Both times are tops in the area this season and each ranks third on the all-time area honor roll.

Rimpson, McMillion, Rice and Burton won the 400 relay in 49.6, while discus throwers Angelique Bell and Rhonda Reed combined to win that event with a total effort of 193 feet, one inch. The same duo took second in the shot put, while Langston was third in the open 100 dash (12.67 seconds). Benton Harbor was also second in the Mott relay (800, 400, 400, 800) thanks to a 2:25 split by McMillion, and fourth in the shuttle hurdles relay.

"What made it (the victory) even more impressive was the fact that Jeanan

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS**  
1. Benton Harbor 71, 2. Flint Northern 68, 3. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 38, 4. Midland 27, 5. Flint Central 20, 6. Lansing Sexton 13, 7. Midland Dow and Grand Blanc 10, 9. Detroit Kettering 8, 10. Flint Northwestern 7, 11. Flint Beecher 6, 12. Flint Carmen 4, 13. Saginaw 2.

**MEET RESULTS**  
Shot Put — 1. Flint Northern 68.7 1/2  
2. Benton Harbor 67.0  
Discus — 1. Benton Harbor (A. Bell and Reed) 193.1  
High Jump — 1. Midland Dow 10-9  
Long Jump — 1. Grand Rapids Ottawa 32-8 1/2  
Mott Relay — 1. Flint Northern 6:50, 2. Benton Harbor 6:53  
Shuttle Hurdles — 1. Flint Northern 1:04, 4. Benton Harbor 1:13.3  
800 R/G — 1. Benton Harbor (Rimpson, McMillion, Rice, Langston) 1:41.4  
100 Dash — 1. Rimpson BH 12.3, 3. Lansing BH 12.7  
400 Relay — 1. Benton Harbor (Rimpson, McMillion, Rice, Burton) 49.6  
1600 Relay — 1. Benton Harbor (Rimpson, Rice, Burton, Ferguson) 3:58.8  
800 Run — 1. Jones (Det. Kettering) 5:22.8

(Langston) and Linda (McMillion) were really hurting and I had to pull them out of the 1600 relay," Watson added.

Benton Harbor's boys didn't fare as well taking just two fourths in the long jump and sprint medley relays. Saginaw's boys won the team title with 78 points to runnerup Flint Central's 74.

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