



Above, Polly Johnson (right) breaks the tape to give Northern a victory in a heat of the 800-meter relay as Beecher's Danita Sims takes second. Below, Midland's Beth Clark soars in the long jump.

## Kearsley, Northern win Relays

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Don Marsh is back in the winner's circle at the Mott Relays.

George Dedrick is just plain back. And winning.

All of which should make track life miserable this spring for their respective opponents in the Big Nine and Saginaw Valley conferences.

For Marsh, the veteran Kearsley High boys' coach, Friday's championship in the 17th annual meet at Houston Stadium was his first since 1978.

For Dedrick, back to coaching after a one-year absence, the title was the seventh in the last eight years for Northern High's girls.

Kearsley captured 58 points by scoring in 11 of 13 events to out-point Northern, which had 44, and defending champion Central, which was third with 40.

Northern's girls scored in nine of 11 events for 64 points, almost doubling the 34 points of runner-up Beecher. Defending champion Benton Harbor was third with 25.

"THIS IS the best balance we've had since my best team won here in 1978," said Marsh, in his 23rd season with the Hornets. "You need balance in this meet.

"Our state champion (Jeff Wilson) is out with a stress fracture but we have good depth in field

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events and most of our sprinters are juniors who should improve. It took us a while to get strength in all the events."

Marsh's teams never have finished worse than second in the Big Nine, winning nine times and being second 13. He's been runner-up to Beecher the last six years.

Dedrick said, "It's good to be back. The kids asked me to come back and it feels good to win again." He was idle last year after being pink-slipped and worked on the General Motors-UAW placement and retraining program.

He teaches at Holmes Junior High and must hurry to Northern for coaching. "I step out of the van and start coaching," he said.

**KEARSLEY WON** the pole vault and high jump with two-man teams and was second in the 3,200-meter relay. Jerrid Heidel and Dan Ringlein combined for a 25-0 total in the vault and Mike Angus and Dan Adas combined for 12-10 in the high jump, missing the record by one inch.

Paul Adas, Joe Tobin, Steve Peek and Greg Turgeon were second in the 3,200, being nosed out in the final 100 meters by Midland.

Northern's girls won the Mott

3,200, shot put, shuttle hurdles and 800 and were second in the long jump, discus and 1,600-meter relays.

Darnella Sudberry, Michelle Strozier, Deidera Broussard and Debrah Jinnah won the Mott 3,200 in 6:49.44. Mekelia Thompson and Polly Johnson joined Broussard and Sudberry in a 1:42.72 triumph in the 800.

Sheila Mayes and Deanna Washington combined for a 72-11 shot put and Pam Fleming, Ever Graham, Aveesha Shabazz and Johnson won the shuttle hurdles in 1:04.63.

"WINNING THE shuttle hurdles was the turning point for us, because it got the other girls fired up," said Dedrick, who coached the Vikings to four state championships and two runners-up before his one-year absence.

Despite perfect weather, only two records fell.

Northern's Will Palmer, Steve Kemp, Darnell Miller and Paul LaSears took the Mott 4x200 relay in 1:29.22, breaking the record of 1:29.4 by Northern in 1983.

Michelle Rimpson of Benton Harbor, the defending Class A state champion, broke her 1984 record of 12.22 seconds with a time of 12.15 in the open 100-meter dash.






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### Boys' results

Team scoring — Kearsley 58 Northern 44, Central 40, Saginaw and Swartz Creek 30, Northwestern 28, Beecher and Midland 26, Benton Harbor 22, Grand Blanc 21, Southwestern 12, Grand Rapids Ottawa 6, Bridgeport 4, Saginaw Arthur Hill 2 Hamady did not score.

6,400 — 1 Swartz Creek (Harold Mueller, Steve Rogers, Art Main, Erik Koskinen). 2 Grand Blanc (Scott Colvin, Dan Steiner, Ken Kincaid, Rich Lockhart). 3 Kearsley (Joe Tobin, Steve Peek, Larry Phillippi, Greg Turgeon). 4 Bridgeport. 5. Northern (James Conyers, David Doan, Anthony Hamm, Brian Coats). T-18.13.0.

Mott 800 — 1 Northern (Will Palmer, Steve Kemp, Darnell Miller Paul LaSears). 2 Beecher (Terry Strong, Courtney Hawkins, Thad Williams, Dewayne Harris). 3. Northwestern (Willie Chappel, Lewis Roberts, Calvin Hardy, Andre Rison). 4 Kearsley (Brian Thompson, Alan Smiley, Jerrid Heidel, Scott Lyewski). 5. Benton Harbor T-1'29.22 (Breaks record of 1:29.4 by Northern, 1983).

Long jump — 1 Northwestern (Rison, Chappell). 2. Midland Dow 3 Central (Craig Kimble, Steve Miller). 4 Kearsley (Mike Angus, Brian Thompson). 5. Saginaw. D-42-9

Shuttle hurdles — 1 Central (Mike Grzesik, Darrell Banks, David Burks, Mark Major). 2 Beecher (Sheldon Jones, Randy Clark, Darrin Tompson, Terry Strong). 3. Saginaw 4 Northern (Marlin Templeton, Keith Scott, Donald Lacy, Darnell Robinson). 5. Benton Harbor). T-59.62

Sprint medley — 1 Saginaw 2 Beecher (Strong, Harris, Williams, Hawkins). 3 Central (Kimble, Grzesik, Laron Burns, Burks). 4. Kearsley (Lyewski, Smiley, Dan Ringlein, Thompson). 5. Southwestern (Alfred Davis, Cedric Smith, Rudolph Neal, Mike Cross). T-2:26.25.2.

3,200 — 1. Midland. 2. Kearsley (Paul Adas, Peek, Tobin, Turgeon). 3 Saginaw. 4. Southwestern (Roberto Bakos, Tegory Jerrett, Blake Verdun, David Ethridge). 5. Beecher (Michael Ford, Tompson, Alan Spencer, Victor Barnes). T-8:08.09

Pole vault — 1 Kearsley (Heidel, Ringlein). 2. Midland Dow. 3 Midland. 4. Saginaw Arthur Hill 5. Grand Blanc (Jay Burgess, Mark Leineke). H-25-0.

Discus — 1 Swartz Creek (Dave Stackpole, Rudi DeWolf). 2 Benton Harbor 3 Grand Rapids Ottawa. 4 Kearsley (Dan Stephenson, Howard Chapman). 5. Northwestern (Avery Jackson, Brainard Snyder). D-292-2

Distance medley — 1 Grand Blanc (Ken Kincaid, John Walter, Colvin, Lockhart). 2 Swartz Creek (Tom Kish, Paul Montpas, Rogers, Koskinen). 3. Midland 4 Kearsley (Phillippi, Steve Johnson, Tobin, Turgeon). 5. Midland Dow. T-10:38.07

High jump — 1 Kearsley (Angus, Adas). 2 Midland Dow 3. Midland. 4 Northern (Dwayne Fletcher, Leonard Fox). 5. Saginaw H-12-10.

400 — 1 Northern (Palmer, Donnell Miller, Steve Kemp, LaSears). 2 Northwestern (Derrick Wilson, Chappell, Calvin Hardy Rison): 3. Benton Harbor 4 Saginaw 5. Grand Rapids Ottawa. T-42.43.

Shot put — 1 Central (Daryl Gilliam, Sterling Beasley). 2 Benton Harbor 3. Kearsley (Chris Kozma, Chapman). 4 Midland Dow 5. Northwestern (Jackson, Anthony Williams). D-99-2½.

1,600 — 1 Northern (Stan Leavy, Kemp, Miller, LaSears). 2 Central (Kimble, Major, John Atkins, Burks). 3 Southwestern (Blake Verdun, Cedric Smith, Mike Cross, Alfred Davis). 4 Kearsley (Lyewski, Thompson, Peek, Adas). 5. Northwestern (Calvin Hardy, Eugene Edwards, Mark Jones, Rison). T-3:22.30

### Girls' results

Team scoring — Northern 70, Beecher 38, Benton Harbor 26, Central and Pontiac Northern 20½, Northwestern 20, Midland and Saginaw 18, Midland Dow 15, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 13, Grand Rapids Ottawa 9, Grand Blanc 6, Lansing Sexton 2 Saginaw Arthur Hill Bridgeport and Southwestern did not score. Bentley did not show.

High jump — 1 Midland 2 Midland Dow and Grand Rapids Ottawa 4. Pontiac Northern and Flint Central (Rhonda Larkin, Sarita Verdun). H-9-10.

Mott 2,400 — 1 Northern (Darnella Sudberry, Michelle Strozier Deldera Broussard, Debrah Jinnah). 2 Kalamazoo Norrix. 3. Central (Tjuana Bulford, Amy Mateen, Svetlana Miles, Betty Lee). 4 Grand Blanc (Karen Stack, Wendy Burek, Michelle Young, Jill Gillespie). 5 Saginaw T-6.49.44.2

Shot put — 1. Northern (Shella Mayes, Daanna Washington). 2 Benton Harbor 3. Northwestern (Starry Hodge, Shanta Burks). 4 Saginaw. 5. Beecher (Monica Hicks, Dea Aubrey). D-72-11

Shuttle hurdles — 1 Northern (Pamela Fleming, Ever Graham, Ayesha Shabazz, Polly Johnson). 2. Midland. 3. Grand Rapids Ottawa 4 Pontiac Northern. 5 Benton Harbor). T-1:04.63.

800 — 1 Northern (Mekelia Thompson, Broussard, Sudberry, Johnson). 2. Beecher (Twynette Wilson, Pretoria Wilson, Michello Westbrook, Danita Sims). 3 Central (Larkin, Teresa Bracy, Sarita Verdun, Carolyn Scott). 4 Benton Harbor 5 Pontiac Northern. T-1:42 72

Open 100 — 1 Marita Rimpson, Benton Harbor 2, Sims, Beecher 3 Twynette Wilson, Beecher 4 Makekia Thompson, Northern. 5. Kai Brown, Lansing Sexton T-12 15. (Breaks record of 12 22 by Rimpson, 1983).

Open 1,600 — 1 Penny Bailey, Northwestern 2 Darlene Colvin, Kalamazoo Norrix. 3 Joanno Warren, Pontiac Northern. 4. Kim Chilton, Midland. 5 Laura Rico, Central. T-5 17 1

400 — 1 Beecher (Twynette Wilson, Westbrook, Jan Washington, Sims). 2. Benton Harbor. 3. Northern (Thompson, Broussard, Sudberry, Polly Johnson). 4. Pontiac Northern 5. Central (Verdun, Anita Riley, Jennifer Bone, Scott). T-48.57

Long jump — 1 Midland Dow 2. Northern (Johnson, Graham). 3 Central (Larkin, Scott). 4 Grand Blanc (Mona Nelson, Tracy Duby). 5 Kalamazoo Norrix. D-33-4

1,600 — 1 Saginaw. 2. Northern (Thompson, Broussard, Sudberry, Jinnah). 3 Beecher (Twynette Wilson, Sims, Aubrey, Westbrook 4. Pontiac Northern 5. Lansing Sexton T-3:59.33

Discus — 1 Northwestern (Hodge, Crystal LaFlore). 2. Northern (Washington, Mayes) 3 Beecher (Hicks, Aubrey) 4 Saginaw 5 Benton Harbor D-218-4