

Rochester nips Clarkston to win Andover Relays

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Perennial track power Rochester used its overwhelming depth to capture the Bloomfield Hills Andover Relays Saturday at Andover.

The Falcons, who scored 86 points, won only one event — the long jump relay — but placed second in a whopping six events to dethrone defending champion Clarkston. The Wolves were second with 76 and were followed by Pontiac Northern with 65, Milford with 51 and Andover, which tied Rochester Adams with 36 points.

The 16-team meet features two boys and two girls in each relay event.

Hal Commerson, who heads both the boys and girls teams at Rochester, got a good idea how strong his teams are with the Falcons' performance.

"We ran very well. All the kids who competed ran well," he said. "We won with depth because we got a lot of kids in the meet. That's always one of my goals. We never loaded anything up. Nobody ran more than twice."

Clarkston girls coach Gordie Richardson was n't disappointed. "Our kids ran well," he said.

The Falcons' Nate Childers jumped a county-best 21-6 1/2 in helping Rochester to its only first-place finish. Jason Knight,

Michelle Tevlin and Lisa Warholak joined Childers in their 73-11 1/2 combined effort.

Meet records were set in the distance medley, shot-put-discus relay, 3,200-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay.

Andover's distance medley relay team of Ruth Fellingham, Brandon Walson, Laura Matson and Mike Wirthlin set a mark with an 11:51.8 clocking.

Athens' foursome of Keith Kluge, Mary Gregorinis, Dave Wolf and Chris Shuman clocked 9:00.25; Joe Costello, Jenny Dworek, Jerry Stanley and Becky Lamb ran 1:44.25 in the shot-put-discus relay and Northern's Jackie Lumpkin, Rico Walker, Beverly Wilson and Craig McFerrin were timed in 3:42.42 in the 1,600-meter relay.

Pontiac Northern won four events — the 400, shuttle-hurdle, sprint medley and 1,600-meter relays.

The Huskies' Rico Walker ran on three winning relays while teammates Craig McFerrin, Melvin Mays and Felicia Brooks ran on two winning teams.

Andover's strength in the distances showed as Fellingham, Wirthlin and Matson each ran on the winning 4 x 1,500, distance medley and 4 x 3,200 meter relays. Matson, the national girls prep record holder in the 1,600-meter run, ran an unofficial 10:47 on her split in the 4 x 3,200 meter relay.

ANDOVER RELAYS RESULTS 1986

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
1	ROCHESTER	84
2	CLARKSTON	76
3	PONTIAC NORTHERN	65
4	MILFORD	51
5	ANDOVER	36
5	ROCHESTER ADAMS	36
7	NORTH FARMINGTON	21
8	GROVES	18
9	ATHENS	15
10	FERNDALE	12
11	LAHSER	9
12	BERKLEY	4
13	SEAHOLM	3
14	KIMBALL	2
15	DONDERO	0
15	LATHRUP	0