

Flubbed handoff costs Huskies

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Pontiac Northern, the top-ranked boys track team in Oakland County, had to settle for second best at the Oxford Invitational Saturday.

Class B power Detroit Benedictine got five first places in winning the team title with 49 points.

Northern took second with 44 points and Mount Clemens was third with 42½.

A flubbed handoff in the 800-meter relay cost the Huskies a place in the event and probably cost them the meet, according to coach John Osler.

"That disqualification in the 800 relay cost us the meet," said Osler, whose charges are beginning to feel the effects of a long season. "(We're) tired, (but) the two mile relay did an excellent job."

Northern's Jessie Hodge and Craig McFerrin won the 800- and 400-meter dashes, and ran legs on the winning 3200- and 1600-meter relays. Holly was less than two seconds off Northern's 8:01 in the 3200 relay with an 8:02.8.

Other notable performances included Keith Wheeler's meet-record 36.1 in the 300-meter hurdles and Cliff Dwelle's county-leading 4:20.6 in the 1600-meter run. Holly's Ken Osmun was second in 4:22.6.

At the Lahser Relays, Southfield staved off Farmington and Brother Rice by two points to win the team title.



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Troy's Keith Wheeler can't catch PNH's Craig McFerrin in the 1600-meter relay

The Blue Jays finished with 57 points, and Farmington and Rice tied for second with 55.

Southfield and Farmington each had four first places. Rudy Redmond, Pat Hogue and Aaron Clinkscale each participated in three winning relays for Southfield, and Chris Inch, Al Stebbins and Bruce Kratt each

ran on two winning relays for Farmington.

At the Troy Athens Relays, Lakeland tied with Athens for second with 35 points. Ann Arbor Huron won with 75 points.

Athens won the distance medley and 400-meter relays and Lakeland took the pole vault and 800-meter relays.

At the Groves Invitational for

girls, Ann Arbor Pioneer won with 168 points. Groves was sixth with 30 points.

The Falcons' Liz Lange was third in the 1600, Lynn Campbell was fourth in the discus and Tricia Ruby was fifth in the 200.

At the Flint Bendle Invitational for girls, Ortonville Brandon's Janie Owczarek took second in the 200-meter dash.