

Cass Tech sneaks away with regional title

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Cass Tech pulled off perhaps the biggest surprise in track regional action Saturday when it won the Class A meet at Highland Park.

The Highland Park regional, probably the most competitive in the state, was composed mainly of teams from the strong Detroit Public School League.

Mumford was favored to win the boys title. But Cass Tech (92) edged injury-plagued Mumford (87) and Central (84).

Mumford had troubles from the start. Sophomore sprinter Edward Banks pulled up lame in the 100-meter final; senior Rodney Martin was injured in prelims, and another senior,

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Darryl Clark (cracked ribs), was unable to compete.

"It was a strong regional," said Mumford coach Robert Lynch. "A lot of people were cutting each other up. I thought Central was going to win, but I kept looking up and seeing Cass nipping people."

The Technicians ran their best races of the season to sneak away with the title. They won the 800- and 3,200-meter relays and were second in the 400- and 1,600-relays. Meanwhile, Martin Hill won the 100-meter dash against a fine field.

Cass girls on roll: There was no

surprise in the girls regional. Cass Tech (167) far outdistanced second-place Cooley (79) as the Technicians won seven events. Cass will be heavily favored to defend its PSL title Tuesday at Martin Luther King.

Marino proves versatile: Who says Central's Carlos Marino can only play football? Marino, who signed as a linebacker-tight end with Michigan State, won the shot put (50-5½) and the discus (139-0).

No pressure: Much has been said about Troy hurdler Keith Wheeler, and a number of people are aiming to beat him. But Wheeler, who will run for the University of Texas, says he feels no pressure. Running is fun.

"I'm not thinking about how people expect me to do," he said. "I'm just

going out there trying to do my best. I am not afraid to fail."

Wheeler won two hurdles in the regionals — the 110 (12.76) and 300 meters (37.2) — and the 400 meters (48.3) and led Troy to the mile relay championship by running a 46.2 quarter-mile split.

Sisters power Country Day: Detroit Country Day is aiming for its fourth straight Class C girls state title thanks to sisters Peggy and Shirley Evans and twins Mary and Marie Bridges. They were the sparks in Country Day's easy regional victory.

First the Evanses. Peggy won the 100-meter hurdles (14.8) and 400-meter run (60.3) as Country Day swept the top three places. Shirley won the 100-meter (11.9) and 200-meter runs (25.4).

Marie Bridges won the shot put (35-0¼), edging Mary (33-5). Country Day (141) won 11 of 16 events.

Michelle Mustonen, who joined the team recently, broke school records in the long jump (17-4¼) and discus (98-9). **Haneera Newman** set a school mark in the 300-hurdles (45.8).

Pioneers nip River Rouge: Dearborn (104) edged River Rouge (91) in the Class B regional at Mt. Clemens. **Mark Summerville** took the 1,600- (4:28.6) and 3,200-meter runs (9:58.4) for the Pioneers.

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