

Southfield sprints way to SMA boys championship

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Make it one for Southfield and one for Troy.

In the Southeastern Michigan Association track meet Tuesday at Bloomfield Hills Andover, the Southfield boys team took top honors with 147 points while Troy won the girls competition with 141 points.

"Southfield deserved it. They're a good team," Troy boys coach John Bancroft said. "The key was that Southfield had more sprinters and we couldn't match them. They had a good night and we had a pretty good night."

The Colts finished second in the boys competition with 125½ points, followed by Ferndale with 73, Birmingham Seaholm with 60, Hazel Park with 50, Berkley with 25½, Bloomfield Hills Andover with eight and Royal Oak Kimball with six.

The Blue Jays captured the title with victories in five events.

Individual winners include Rudy Redmond in the 110-meter high hurdles at 14.0, Bobby Johnson in the 200 dash at 22.6 and Cassidy Wright in the 400 run at 50.3

The team of Jason Booker, Jeff Mattis, Redmond and Johnson captured the 4 X 200 relay in 1:30.1.

Derrick Owens, Kurt Gregory, Booker and Johnson won the 4 X 100 relay in 44.2.

Keith Wheeler paced Troy, winning two individual events and anchoring a winning relay team. Wheeler won the 300 low hurdles in 36.4 and the 100 dash in 10.8.

He teamed up with Scott Cavanaugh, Lowrey Day and Eric Williams to win the 4 X 400 relay in 3:22.5.

Troy also won the 4 X 800 relay with Denny Strucker, Cavanaugh, Ryan Wilson and Day taking the honors in 8:11.1.

Jason Master picked up the other Troy victory, winning the shot put with a throw of 53-10¾.

Seaholm took first place in two field events. Tim Buese won the discus at 145-10 and Tom Werthman won the long jump at 20 feet 2.

Ferndale was paced by Steve Lyskawa's first place in the high jump at 6-6 and John Gill's victory in the 3,200 run at 9:34.4.

Hazel Park, meanwhile, was led by double victories from Sam Blumkey in the 800 (1:56.5) and the 1,600 (4:19.2).

IN THE GIRLS competition, Southfield finished second with 105 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Andover with 73, Ferndale with 57, Hazel Park with 37, Birmingham

Seaholm with 32, Royal Oak Kimball with 27 and Berkley with 24.

Kristie Westerby won three individual events and anchored a winning relay team in leading the Colts to the top.

Westerby won the 100 in 12.6, the 200 in 26.3 and the 400 in 58.3. She teamed up with Betsy Kramer, Kristi McKimmon and Anna Jontoy to win the 4x400 relay in 4:09.3.

Other winners for Troy were Anna Jontoy at 5-3 in the high jump, Tara Smith, 18.8 in the high hurdles, Betsy Kramer, 48.6 in the low hurdles, and Jenny Holder, 5:29.5 in the 1,600.

Southfield won both the 4x100 relay and the 4 X 200 relay. Jhannelle Alexander, Kim Thomas, Nicole Drummond and Amara Henderson teamed up to win the 4 X 100 in 52.0. Thomas, Alexander, Henderson and Denata Jones won the 4 X 200 in 1:49.2.

Andover's Kristine Drobot and Ruth Fellingham won the 800 (2:23.2) and the 3,200 (11:58) respectively. The team of Drobot, Fellingham, Heather Young and Kristen Silverman won the 4 X 800 relay in 10:07.2.

Christine Dobosenski paced Birmingham Seaholm with a victory in the long jump at 16-01¾.

Ferndale was paced by Jennifer Tenorio's victories in the discus (110-11) and the shot put (38-10¾).