

'C' athletes shine in Badar Classic

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Becky Duda had time on her hands Tuesday night.

The smooth-striding Goodrich High senior closed out the Flint-area portion of her career with an easy victory in the Norb Badar Classic, covering 3,200 meters in 11:39.6 at Bendle High.

An expected tough race never materialized and she won by 39.8 seconds to become the first Goodrich champion in the 19th annual meet.

KRIS PETERSON of Lake Fenton and **Teresa Barber** of Bendle also struck blows for the Class C schools in a meet which annually is dominated by Class A schools and Class B Beecher.

Class A entries won 10 events and Beecher two among 17 boys' events, and Class A teams won 10 and Beecher one among the 16 girls' events. The other girls' events were taken by Class B Linden and Fenton.

Northern's **Latonya White** and Central's **Patrice Verdun** were the only double winners.

White claimed the meet record with a 135-3 discus toss and won the shot put at 42-1/2. Verdun swept to a third straight victory with a time of 12.1 for 100 meters and won the 200 for the second straight year in 25.4. Teammate **Kayce Shepard** was second in both sprints.

WHITE'S DISCUS toss broke the 126-4 mark set by **Diana Mason** of Ortonville in 1980 and equaled by Beecher's **Sharon Granberry** in 1983.

Amy Warner, high jumper from Class B Linden, claimed the only other record by tying the 1981 standard of Northern's **Judy Tucker** with a leap of 5-9.

Duda's pre-race target was the meet record of 10:59.6 but those thoughts disappeared early because of the heat and humidity.

"I was going for time early but it was too hot," she said. "I don't run good in hot weather. After I got a good lead I was mostly worried about **Kelly (Gomez)**."

Defending champion **Julie Page** of Flushing finished second and also complained about the heat.

ON THE other hand, Warner reveled in the heat.

She said, "There was only a little wind and I like to jump on this surface. The heat helped get me loose and running the hurdles helped more."

Warner chased Peterson to a 15.3 victory in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing second in 15.7. Peterson later placed second in the 300-meter hurdles.

Peterson said, "The 100 is my favorite race because it's shorter. I never ran the 300 until this spring when coach asked if I would help the team."

Peterson is top-seeded in the 100 hurdles in the Class C state meet on Saturday at Alma College. The 300? "I don't really know, but it's probably somewhere in the middle," she said.

BEECHER'S PRETORIA Wilson was the only other successful defending champion, winning the 400 meters in 47.9. Fenton's **Margaret Gatzka**, the 1986 champion, reclaimed the long jump title with a leap of 17-1/2.

Barber won the 1,600 in 5:36.7.

Joel Kaines, middle distance specialist from Powers, cruised to a 1:54.0 victory for 800 meters, eight-tenths better than his 1987 winning time.

Lauren Brown of Kearsley surrendered his 110-meter hurdles crown to Central's **Brent Major** (14.6) but claimed the 300-meter hurdles by four-tenths of a second in 38.7.

Northern's girls won all four relays, with **Danine Hodges** helping on all except the 4x100 and **Tawayne Thompson**, **Tia Jones**, **Rosetta Kirkland**, **Tricka Simmons** and **Arteka Kendall** helping on two.

THE LADY Vikings suffered a serious blow, however, when **Marjona Howard** struck the final hurdle and suffered a sprained ankle. The extent of the injury was undetermined Tuesday night.

Stacy Watson and **Aaron McFadden** helped Beecher take the 4x800 and 4x400 relays.

Northwestern's **Donyell Gutter**, who won the 100 meters, joined **Jason Kelley**, **Lewis Roberts** and **Derrick Martin** to take the 4x200 and 4x100 relays.

In another noteworthy performance, Fenton's **Todd Lasco** won the pole vault at 15-0, six inches more than his previous career high.

Badar Classic results

Legend — Atherton (Ath), Beecher (B), Bendle (Ben), Central (C), Carman-Aunsworth (C-A), Clio (Cl), Davison (D), Fenton (F), Flushing (Fl), Genesee (Gen), Goodrich (G), Grand Blanc (GB), Holly (H), Kearsley (K), Linden (L), Lake Fenton (LF), Montrose (M), Northern (N), Northwestern (NW), Powers (P), Southwestern (SW), Swartz Creek (SC).

Boys' results

Long jump — 1 Lewane Harris (B) 2 Tony Tibbets (Ath) 3 Chris Sutton (F) 4 Kris Wilkinson (K). 5 John Brown (K) D-27.0

Shot put — 1 Dave Blalock (C-A) 2 Mike Simms (K) 3 Tony Brown (LF) 4 Tom Hood (GB) 5 Dave Maddox (F) D-51.9

Discus — 1 Dan McLennan (P) 2 Mel Alston (C-A) 3 Ken Blackburn (L) 4 Corey Harris (C-A) 5. Simms (K) D-147.5

Pole vault — 1 Todd Lasco (F) 2 Steve Hall (L) 3. Rob Jozwik (SC) 4 Brad Lambert (F) 5 Greg Pattee (Fl) and Jarren Tweedie (F) H-15.0

High jump — 1 Scott Alexander (B) 2 Carlos Wilkinson (N) 3 Tony Armor (G) and Bob Farrington (D) 5 Scott Armundson (K) H-6.6

4x800 relay — 1 Beecher (Corey Massey, Kenneth Ellis, Aaron McFadden, Stacy Watson) 2 Davison 3 Carman-Aunsworth 4 Fenton 5 Flushing T 7:49.6

110 hurdles — 1 Brent Major (C) 2 Lauren Brown (K) 3 Clarence Sevillon (B) 4 Wilkinson (K), Armor (G) and Paul Steck (L) T 14.6

100 — 1 Donyell Gutter (NW) 2 Andre Jackson (M) 3 Blake Verdun (SW) 4 Romane Real (C-A) 5. Todd Stoudercher (P) T 10.8

4x200 relay — 1 Northwestern (Jason Kelley, Lewis Roberts, Gutter, Derrick Martin) 2 Northern 3 Beecher 4 Central 5 Flushing T 1:30.3

1,600 — 1 Massey (B) 2 Jim Vokes (SC) 3 Tim Hobson (Cl) 4 Rich Gray (C) 5 Ed Bager (F) T 4:31.3

4x100 relay — 1 Northwestern (Gutter, Roberts, Martin, Kelley) 2 Northern 3 Powers 4 Carman-Aunsworth 5 Grand Blanc T 4:32.2

400 — 1 Tom Triggs (B) 2 Tolmedge Robinson (SW) 3 Shane Powell (M) 4 Tony Book (F) 5 Mark Wilson (Ben) T 49.7

800 — 1 Joel Kaines (P) 2 Robert Thomas (M) 3 Kenya Humphrey (N) 4 Matt Sedlarik (SC) 5 Rich Carr (C-A) T 1:54.0

300 hurdles — 1 Brown (K) 2 Al Hicks (M) 3 Lambert (F) 4 Steck (L) 5 Jeff Jones (C-A) T 38.7

200 — 1 Jackson (M) 2 Briggs (LF) 3 Herbert Ford (B) 4 Jan Delage (D) 5 Real (C-A) T 27.3

3,200 — 1 Evan McGroth (C-A) 2 Brady Simmons (Fl) 3 Todd Hill (H) 4 Greg Beldin (SC) 5 Dave Monges (SC) T 9:44.2

4x400 relay — 1 Beecher (Triggs, Hawkins, McFadden, Watson) 2 Northern 3 Fenton 4 Central 5 Flushing T 3:19.0

Girls' results

Shot put — 1 Latonya White (N) 2 Teresa Ricks (N) 3 Andrea Harris (B) 4 Amy Middleton (F) 5 Rachna White (M) D 42.1

High jump — 1 Amy Warner (L) 2 Gwen Wentland (GB) 3 Angie Harris (B) 4 Nicole Whaker (Gen) 5 Leah Chase (LF) H-5.9 (Equals meet record by Judy Tucker, Northern 1981)

Long jump — 1 Margaret Gatzka (F) 2 Wendell (GB) 3 Corinne Johnson (F) 4 Angie Harris (B) 5 Tia Jones (M) D-17.1

Discus — 1 White (N) 2 Michelle Whitlow (B) 3 Diane Jones (K) 4 Ricks (N) 5 White (M) D-135.3 (Breaks meet record of 126-4 by Diana Mason, Ortonville 1980 and equaled by Sharon Granberry, Beecher 1983)

4x800 relay — 1 Northern (Jones, Tawayne Thompson, Danine Hodges, Charis Smith) 2 Holly 3 Flushing 4 Atherton 5 Fenton T 10:01.1

100 hurdles — 1 Kris Peterson (LF) 2 Warner (L) 3 Wendy Vandenberg (SC) 4 Angie Harris (B) T 15.3

100 — 1 Patrice Verdun (C) 2 Kayce Shepard (K) 3 Jenny Guelde (G) 4 Danine Perry (B) 5 Felicia Williams (B) T 12.1

4x200 relay — 1 Northern (Rosetta Kirkland, Hodges, Tricka Simmons, Arteka Kendall) 2 Beecher 3 Central 4 Kearsley 5 Carman-Aunsworth T 1:44.9

1,600 — 1 Teresa Barber (Ben) 2 Lyn Mathberg (P) 3 Jenny Maas (L) 4 Wanda Hudson (M) 5 Laura Lovell (GB) T 5:36.7

4x100 relay — 1 Northern (Kirkland, Jackie Hodges, Kendall Simmons) 2 Beecher 3 Central 4 Fenton 5 Kearsley T 49.8

400 — 1 Pretoria Wilson (B) 2 Lisa Walker (B) 3 Pam Sandyl (K) 4 Danine Hodges (P) 5 Larisha Sanders (N) T 59.4

800 — 1 Keith (M) 2 Stacie Glomson (Ath) 3 Elaine Madrigal (D) 4 Phyllis Clayton (N) 5 Michelle Moody (SC) T 2:27.2

300 hurdles — 1 Nicole Sevillon (NW) 2 Peterson (LF) 3 Amy Bradsher (P) 4 Cindy Short (GB) 5 Theresa Coscalk (P) T 47.9

200 — 1 Verdun (C) 2 Shepard (K) 3 Lovicki Richmond (P) 4 Guelde (G) 5 Kendall (M) T 25.4

3,200 — 1 Becky Duda (G) 2 Julie Page (P) 3 Karen Cox (Fl) 4 Kelly Gomez (SC) 5 Moore Strong (M) T 11:39.6

4x400 relay — 1 Northern (Larisha Saunders, Danine Hodges, Thompson, Jones) 2 Beecher 3 Kearsley 4 Carman-Aunsworth 5 Swartz Creek T 4:02.5