

## Murray-Wright, Cass Tech win PSL track titles

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The Detroit Cass Tech girls track team, expected to challenge Ann Arbor Pioneer's string of four straight Class A titles in the state tournament June 3, tuned up by winning the Detroit Public School League championship Tuesday before a crowd of about 3,000 at Lorenzo Wright Field. Murray-Wright won the boys title.

Cass Tech, which had won seven straight city girls championships through '87, reclaimed the title from Detroit Cooley with an overwhelming 183 points. Detroit Denby finished second in the 22-team field with 50 points, followed by Cody (47), Mumford (44) and Henry Ford (46).

Murray-Wright won its first PSL title in 21 seasons of track with 86 points. Defending champion Detroit Central finished second with 56 points, followed by Mumford (48), Pershing (46) and Martin Luther King (43).

The top three individuals in each event qualify for the Operation Friendship meet with the Detroit Catholic League Saturday at the University of Detroit. Field events start at 10 a.m.; track events start at 11.

"This is my definition of a real team," said Cass Tech senior hurdler Darchelle Ross. "We're always there for each other in good times and bad. We're thinking about the state meet, but we didn't like losing (the PSL title) last year. We just had to come back and fight for it." Ross, coming off a hamstring and tendon injury to her right leg, won the 100-meter high hurdles in 14:57 seconds, but because of a disqualification at the East meet, she wasn't entered in the 300 hurdles, where she finished second in the state, against senior state champion Dawn Adams of Cody. Adams won in 46:28.

Cass Tech swept the top three spots in discus (senior Aiyanna Crosby, 129 feet 2 inches; senior Tanya Wilkerson, 121-3; and sophomore Tamar Holley, 112-8) and shot put (Wilkerson, 35-3; Holley, 34-1½; and Crosby, 31-0). It is the second straight title for Crosby and Wilkerson. Senior long jump state champion Trinetta Johnson won with an 18-foot 2-inch jump and won the 100 dash in 11:84. The Technicians won seven of 16 events and held a 82-19 lead over Cody after just five events.

Henry Ford sophomore Ijanaya Alhamisi won her second straight 1,600-meter title (5:15.21) and anchored the winning 1,600 relay team of Mysti Stewart, Deaдре Johnson and Tamesha Whorton (3:59.45). Alhamisi came from about 15-meters back, winning at the wire over Cass Tech.

Seniors Roamarick Whiteing and Reuben Butler lead Murray-Wright, running to victory on the 800 relay team with seniors Ralph Wallace and Robert Hilley (1:29.02) and on the 1,600 relay team with seniors Warren Scott and Curtis Callen (3:17.98). The winning relay times are the fastest in the state this season. Whiteing won the 110 high hurdles (14:59) and Butler won the 200 dash (21:78). Callen and Scott ran with seniors Huvairo Bash and Corey Bell on the winning 3,200 relay (8:01.17).

"Everybody chipped in," Murray-Wright coach Larry Jones said. "This was a total team effort. We won the city cross country championship in the fall and that made a big difference. And we've got the sprinters from the football team."

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