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Track meet shortened by storm

Three records fall before rain does

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PINCKNEY — Even in the pouring rain, thunder and lightning, a small group of athletes from different schools jogged slowly, counter-clockwise around the Pinckney High track Tuesday.

Perhaps they were trying to say they wanted to continue the meet, even in the inclement weather. Rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association state, however, that events cannot take place when there is lightning.

So, the Ann Arbor News/Washtenaw County Track Meet of Champions ceased after eight events of competition for the boys and the girls. It will not be rescheduled.

Fifteen schools competed and three meet records were set. Todd Banda of Huron leaped 13-10 in the pole vault, and the two Ypsilanti 800-meter relays teams also set new marks.

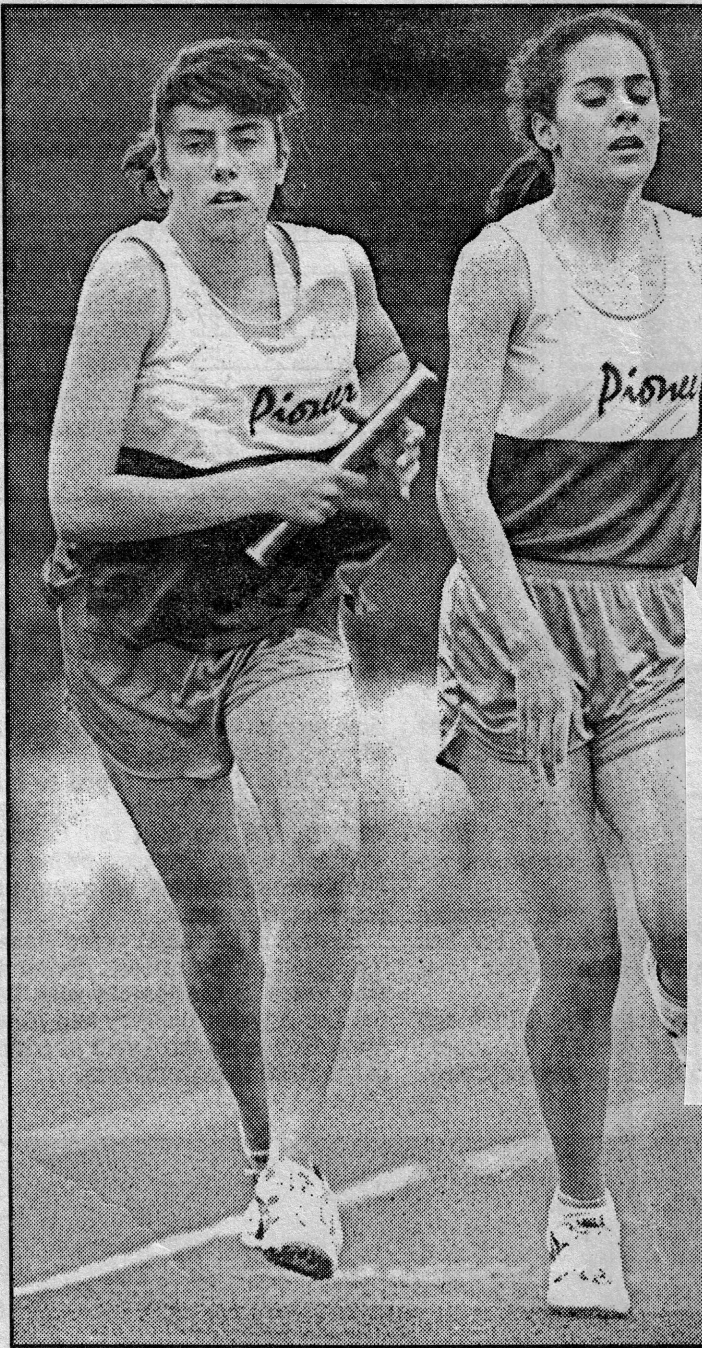
Nicole Wilson, Moyette Wilson, Shanta Covington and Camay Thurman were timed in 1:42.3. Kerchavel Patterson, Rudy Thurman, Clarence Hall and Gordon Mattingly finished at 1:28.3.

Double winners in the meet were Bill Harden of Whitmore Lake and Amy Duggan of Brighton.

Harden won the shot put with a heave of 51-1, and threw the discus at 152-6½ — 17 feet farther than his nearest competitor, Chuck Ratcliff of Milan.

Duggan crossed the tape in the 100-meter hurdles in :15.37, just .02 ahead of Nicole Franklin of Pioneer. She also won the long jump at 16-3. Natalie Hines of Milan was in second at 16-2½ and Denise Clore of Dexter third at 16-¾.

In the field events, Linda Stuck of Milan and Dia Buddin of Pioneer shared the athlete of the meet award. Stuck cleared 5-4½ in the high jump and Buddin hurled the discus 117-11. Also breaking 100 feet were Karyn Kalis of Saline, second in the discus at 110-6½, Nithy Johnson, third at



Pioneer's Sylvia Marino hands off to Tanya Favers in the 3,200 relay.

107-9, and Yolanda Coleman, fourth at 100-½.

Patterson of Ypsilanti won the male track athlete of the meet honor and Crystal Braddock of Pioneer earned the award for the girls. Patterson led off the 800 relay and Braddock won the 100 meters in :12.0.

Because of the weather, the voting by the coaches was based on the season rather than the meet itself. Coach of the year honors went to Rich Grannis of Dexter for the girls and Larry Steeb of Whitmore Lake for the boys.

Aaron Bailey of Pioneer almost broke 24 feet in the long jump by going 23-10. His teammate, Justin Martin, won the 110 high hurdles in :15.19, .01 ahead of Idris Frederick of Huron. Gordon Mattingly of Ypsilanti won the 100 in :10.9.

Pioneer's team of Anthony Goldsmith, Hans Berg, Jeff Louwsma and Nate Ford came in at 8:02.4 in the 3,200-meter relay.

Other winners for the girls were Johnson at 36-11½ in the shot put, with Buddin at 36-7½.

- Boys**
- DISCUS: 1 — Bill Harden (WL), 152-6½; 2 — Chuck Ratliff (Mi), 135-5; 3 — Brian Gulliver (Bv), 137-4; 4 — Mike Lantry (AAP), 133-11; 5 — Ron Robinson (WL), 133-10½.
- SHOT PUT: 1 — Bill Harden (WL), 51-1; 2 — Mike Lantry (AAP), 49-5; 3 — Reggie Banks (AAH), 46-10½; 4 — Brian Gulliver (Bv), 42-6½; 5 — Mike Mazurek (Br), 42-6½.
- LONG JUMP: 1 — Aaron Bailey (AAP), 23-10; 2 — Vachon Williams (AAH), 20-9¾; 3 — Ted Brockman (D), 20-9¼; 4 — Anthony Griffin (Mi), 20-5¾; 5 — Andrew Giba (AAP), 20-5½.
- POLE VAULT: 1 — Todd Banda (AAH), 13-10; 2 — Marc Purdy (Pin) and Marc Brand (S), 13-0.
- 3,200-METER RELAY: 1 — Ann Arbor Pioneer (Anthony Goldsmith, Hans Berg, Jeff Louwsma, Nate Ford), 8:02.4; 2 — Ann Arbor Huron, 8:15.3; 3 — Dexter, 8:17.8; 4 — Pinckney, 8:25.4; 5 — Brighton, 8:42.5.
- 110 HIGH HURDLES: 1 — Justin Martin (AAP), 15.19; 2 — Idris Frederick (AAH), 15.2; 3 — Jay Wentzel (D), 15.3; 4 — Andre Brantley (Bv), 15.56; 5 — Chris Reeves (AAH), 15.59.
- 100 DASH: 1 — Gordon Mattingly (Y), 10.9; 2 — Virgil Chandler (Bv), 11.0; 3 — Andre Edwards (Bv), 11.11; 4 — Dale Ashford (L), 11.16; 5 — Lonnie Reynolds (L), 11.18.
- 800 RELAY: 1 — Ypsilanti (Kerchival Patterson, Rudy Thurman, Clarence Hall, Gordon Mattingly), 1:28.3; 2 — Belleville, 1:30.7; 3 — Lincoln, 1:31.4; 4 — Ann Arbor Huron, 1:33.30; 5 — Milan, 1:33.33.
- Girls**
- SHOT PUT: 1 — Nithy Johnson (AAH), 36-11½; 2 — Dia Buddin (AAP), 36-7½; 3 — Yolanda Coleman (Y), 33-8; 4 — Renee Gardner (Y), 32-5; 5 — Patty Bergum (B), 30-5.
- DISCUS: 1 — Dia Buddin (AAP), 117-11; 2 — Karyn Kalis (S), 110-6½; 3 — Nithy Johnson (AAH), 107-9; 4 — Yolanda Coleman (Y), 100-5; 5 — Renee Jacobs (AAP), 97-4.
- HIGH JUMP: 1 — Linda Stuck (Mi), 5-4; 2 — Nicole Franklin (AAP) and Jenny Foltyn (B), 5-2.
- LONG JUMP: 1 — Amy Duggan (B), 16-3; 2 — Natalie Hines (Mi), 16-2½; 3 — Denise Clore (D), 16-¾; 4 — Camay Thurman (Y), 15-9¾; 5 — Betsy Brown (Y), 15-8¼.
- 3,200-METER RELAY: 1 — Brighton (Lara Grimes, Kristi Wink, Monica O'Mailia, Carolyn Shosey), 9:40.4; 2 — Pioneer, 9:58.3; 3 — Dexter, 10:03.5; 4 — Milan, 10:18.1; 5 — Ypsilanti, 10:23.2.
- 100 HIGH HURDLES: 1 — Amy Duggan (B), 15.37; 2 — Nicole Franklin (AAP), 15.39; 3 — Delani Mann (Y), 15.52; 4 — Ramie Robeson (AAH), 15.56; 5 — Sheila Rowry (AAP), 15.71.
- 100 DASH: 1 — Crystal Braddock (AAP), 12.0; 2 — Nicole Wilson (Y), 12.4; 3 — Karla Ford (Y), 12.63; 4 — Shanta Covington (Y), 12.67; 5 — Lawanda Smith (Bv), 12.9.
- 800 RELAY: 1 — Ypsilanti (Nicole Wilson, Moyette Wilson, Shanta Covington, Camay Thurman), 1:42.3; 2 — Pioneer, 1:43.3; 3 — Dexter, 1:46.5; 4 — Lincoln, 1:47.0; 5 — Brighton, 1:49.5.

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