

## Cody boys, girls outdistance field at PSL West meet

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A new start for Cody coach Ben Purkett has meant new life for the Comets' girls track team. Last year, the Cody team had just seven athletes. Now 15 members strong — including senior 300-meter low hurdle champion Dawn Adams, who transferred from Cooley when Purkett moved to Cody — the Comets are the Detroit Public School League West division champions.

The Cody girls and boys teams won championships Monday at Laurent Wright Field at Martin Luther King High.

The girls won with 125 points, followed by defending champion Cooley with 83, Mumford (64), Henry Ford (60), Mackenzie (47), Southwestern (39), Chadsey (16) and Redford (13).

The boys scored 131 points, followed by defending champion Mumford with 104, Cooley (96), Northwestern (66), Chadsey (28), Henry Ford (23), Redford (16), Renaissance (11), Southwestern (10) and Western (4). All times and scores are unofficial because of a computer breakdown.

The top four individuals in each event and the top six in the distance events (half-mile, mile and two mile) qualify for the PSL Championship, 2 p.m. May 23, at Wright Field.

As Purkett kept a watchful eye on his team, he couldn't help but cheer on his son, Anthony, a Cooley senior. Purkett, 49, the dean of students at Cooley, left Cooley after three seasons because of administrative cutbacks.

Anthony Purkett won the 100-meter dash in 11.19 seconds and ran the first leg of the winning 400 relay (43.61) with senior Willie Jones, senior Hamamel Williams and sophomore Marco West.

"He's been impressive today," the elder Purkett said. "It would be great if we could put it off today. I just came here and tried to put together a program. You can't sit back and make kids come to you. I wanted them to eat right and sleep right, and we've got them dressed right in new uniforms. They deserve this. You have to make it fun for them. If we came here and didn't win the West side championship, I would be disappointed."

Adams has been a big part of the Cody turnaround. Headed to college at Iowa, Adams won her second straight 300 hurdle title (44.56), the 100 high hurdles

(14.87) and anchored the winning mile relay (4:06.52), taking the baton with Cody in third place. Her teammates are junior Selena Rhodes, freshman Deana Moore and senior Treacy Chapman.

■ **BASEBALL:** **Pete Mocerl** (6-1) hit a two-run homer, pitched his fourth shut-out of the season, striking out eight, as Warren Mott beat Madison Heights Mackeson, 4-2. ... **Doug Winklaugh** (5-0) pitched a no-hitter as Clawson defeated Warren Fitzgerald, 1-1. ... Senior catcher **Howard Chamberlain** was 3-for-4 with four RBIs, including a solo home, as Gibraltar Garden defeated Riverview, 10-6.

■ **Bob Abbott** hit a two-out, two-run homer in the seventh inning to tie the game at 10 and **Chris Baker's** two-out, two-run double in the eighth gave Birmingham Grooms a 12-10 victory over host West Bloomfield. Baker was 3-for-5 with six RBIs. ... Senior left-hander **Dennis Kiesel** (8-3) struck out 17 on the way to his second no-hitter of the season as Fairlane Christian defeated Taylor Baptist Park, 4-0.

■ **Mike Benedetto** (5-1) struck out 10 and knocked in the only run of the game with a single as Taylor Truman beat Allen Park, 1-0. ... Senior **Doug Mertz** (4-0) went the distance and struck out nine to give Mayfield a 3-2 win over Monroe City. Mertz also started the winning rally with a single in the sixth. ... Senior **Bob Rutkowski** homered in the top of the ninth to give Warren Woods Tower a 5-4 victory over Mt. Clemens I, Area One.

■ **Jason Snook** (4-0) hit a two-run homer and struck out 10 as No. 4 Rochester Adams defeated Bloomfield Hills Lathrop, 9-5. Adams is 16-2 and 6-0 in the Metro Suburban. ... Senior **Rich Zwick**'s bases-loaded single in the seventh inning capped a comeback as Romeo defeated St. Clair Shores South Lake, 5-7. ... Junior **Mike Magler** went 4-for-5 with four RBIs in Mackenzie's 19-6 win over Redford Thurston.

■ **SOFTBALL:** **Gwen Burton** and **Sally Oliver** each went 2-for-2 to lead Detroit King to a 26-16 victory over Munia Wright. ... Freshman outfielder **April Bricker** was 3-for-3 with three RBIs, including a two-run homer, and scored three runs to lead Mt. Clemens Lutheran North to a 13-3 win over Lucas Charlevoix. ... Junior **Randy Lee** had a three-run homer and a two-run triple to lead Detroit Renaissance to a 2-4 victory over Detroit Mackenzie.

■ **Vickie Adkins** (5-2) struck out 15 to lift Warren Lincoln over Warren, 6-5. ... Freshman **Carrie Kuhn** hit a two-run homer with two out in the 11th inning as Chippewa Valley defeated Sterling Heights Stevenson, 8-5. ... Senior **Bobby Arnold** was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and she scored three runs as Canton routed Farmington, 10-0.

■ **SOCCER:** Senior center-forward **Laura Ferguson** scored two goals and had one assist to lead Grosse Pointe North past St. Clair Shores Lakeside, 6-1. ... Sophomore right forward **Erin Harvey** scored three goals and assisted on two others as Plymouth Salem defeated Walled Lake Western, 9-0. ... Senior **Melissa Mitchell** scored three goals to power Bishop Gallagher to a 4-0 win over Royal Oak Shrine.



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