

## SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Girls track

■ **TEAM OF THE WEEK:** Detroit Cody captured its second consecutive Public School League West Division title. The Comets had 119 points. Detroit Henry Ford was second with 118 and Detroit Mumford was third with 68. With the title, Cody coach **Ben Purkett** has won five straight West titles. The other three came with Detroit Cooley. Individual winners for the Comets were **DeNeen Stephens** in the 300-meter low hurdles (47.1 seconds) and **Melody Drakes** in the long jump (15 feet, 3 inches). Cody also won the 400 relay (Stephens, Drakes, **Kenyetta Peoples**, **LeChante McKinney**) in 49.1. "I'm overly satisfied with what's happened," Purkett said. "I didn't expect this. This is supposed to be a rebuilding year. I have quite a few ninth- and 10th-graders on the team. They are really committed and have exceeded the goals that we set for them early in the year."

■ **ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** **Vonda Meder** of Corunna won the 400- (58.19) and the 800-meter (2:17.63) events, leading the Cavaliers to victory at the First Scottie Classic Invitational at Alma College. Corunna finished with 99 points. Greenville was second (87) and Traverse City third (83). Meder is the defending Class B champion in the 800; both times broke her school records. "I've been pretty lucky," Meder said. "It's been a lot of hard work and dedication. I'd like to go into the states and defend my title. I have a certain goal in mind, but I don't want to put it in the paper. We'd like to think we have a pretty good chance for a state title." Last season, Corunna finished third behind Detroit DePorres and Wyoming Park.

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*By Rich Hava, special writer*

### Boys baseball

relay (8:21.0, **Joe Cronley**, **Jim Brothers**, **Mike Carpenter**, **Brian Smith**), the high jump relay (17-6, **Jason Bibb**, **Matt Cook**) and the two-man 300 intermediate relay (1:24.3, **Andy Barnell**, **Jamie Watson**). "We really have a lot of team depth," said Sturgis coach **Kent Roberts**. "The strength of our team is distance and field events. If we had a sprinter we would be very tough to beat." Sturgis will play host to a regional Saturday. "I think it will be one of the toughest regionals in the state this year," Roberts said. "We'll be one of the teams favored, but it will be difficult to qualify. Smith, Barnell, Schwemer and Cronley are all seniors and are the backbone of the team. Those four kids have led our team and they're all honor students. They have been stars for four years. Brian Smith is a rare athlete. He has medals in three different sports (swimming, cross-country and track). You don't find that today."

■ **ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** Detroit Pershing's **Darnell Hall** ran 400 meters in 46.78 seconds, breaking a city record, in the Public School League East Division championships. The previous record was 47.01 by **Deon Hogan** of Detroit Kettering. Hall also won the 200 in 21.06.

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### Girls soccer

■ **TEAMS OF THE WEEK:** St. Clair Shores South Lake is having quite a season for a new team — make that for any team. The Cavaliers are 9-1 after shutting out Warren Woods Tower (1-0) and Warren Cousino (5-0) last week. "We're just happy to get the team together," said South Lake coach **Marty Shearer**. "I thought we'd be competitive, but I didn't know what to expect. I was hoping for .500." Senior center-forward **Theresa Fanale** scored all six South Lake

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