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Nelloms lowers state hurdle mark

Rain, cold can't stop Wolverines at Roosevelt

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A cold rain drizzled during most of the Roosevelt Memorial high school track and field meet Saturday at Welcome Stadium.

But that didn't stop Dunbar's Chris Nelloms from turning in some sizzling times.

Nelloms lowered his state record and nation-leading time in the 110-meter hurdles with a clocking of 13.62 seconds. He ran 13.63 three weeks ago at the Mansfield Relays.

Nelloms ran in a light, steady rain with no wind. The rest of the field also was exceptionally quick for the conditions. Thaddeus Traylor of Springfield South was second at 14.20. Rob Jones of Fairmont clocked 14.46. Michael Cox of Meadowdale turned in a 14.69 and Sean Stewart of Patterson went 14.99.

"That was my best race of the day because of the weather," Nelloms said. "This race is a lot faster when it's wet than when it's warm. I still think I can go faster."

Nelloms won the 200 in 20.97 seconds and the 400 in 46.76. He was supposed to be pushed in the 400 by Darnell Hall of Detroit Pershing, who entered with the nation's third-best time. But Hall was history after hitting the final turn and finished a distant second in 47.56.

Dunbar won the boys team title for the third straight year and Nelloms was named the outstanding boys runner.

Cleveland Heights won the girls team trophy for the second straight year with 145 points to 68 for Detroit Cass Tech. Kim Snell of

Heights was the outstanding girls runner, winning the 1,600 and 3,200 and running legs on two winning relay teams.

A paid crowd of 733 braved the 45-degree weather.

Roland McGhee of Trotwood-Madison was the outstanding boys field event performer, winning the long jump and triple jump.

The long jump was contested in the morning in a cold drizzle. Neither McGhee nor Dunbar's Duane Moore, Ohio's best, could break loose. McGhee's best was 22 feet, 2 1/4 inches. Moore reached 21-9 1/2. McGhee went 24-1/2 last week and Moore 23-9.

McGhee won the triple jump, going 42-7.


Valerie Scott of Cincinnati Mount Healthy was the girls outstanding field event performer, winning the shot put at 36-3 and finishing second in the discus at 105-11 3/4.

Alicia Glover of Columbus South and Shameakia Dunwoody of Detroit Cass Tech also were double winners. Glover took the 100 and 300 hurdles. Dunwoody won the 100 in a meet-record time of 11.89 and the 400 in 57.29.

Candy Campbell of Princeton and Charia McLemore of Colonel White also turned in outstanding field performances. Campbell won the long jump at 19 feet. McLemore had a throw of 122-7 1/4 in the discus despite rain and wind.

Northridge, the defending state Class AA 3,200 relay champion, looked strong in winning that event. The Polar Bears were even with Detroit Central for 7 1/2 laps, then Brian Smith pulled away in the final 200 meters. The 'Ridge won in 8:10.30.

■ The Dayton Daily News track honor roll will be published Wednesday. Coaches should call in times and distances tonight between 6 and 9 at 225-2250 or 1-800-686-6397 if the call is long distance.



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Umbrellas and events held in the rain were the hallmark of this year's Roosevelt meet

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