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High Schools

G.P. South wins on recount

■ **Track:** Blue Devils edge Cass girls by a point; Technicians win boys regional.

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Second the last five seasons, Grosse Pointe South's girls track team shocked Detroit Cass Tech, the four-time defending champion, 138 points to 137, Saturday at South and won its first girls regional Class A track title.

Official scorekeepers kept the crowd in suspense as they recalculated the totals to ensure accuracy.

The Cass Tech boys team, with first-year Coach Thomas Wilcher cheering every race, won its first regional title in 14 years by amassing 100 points. Detroit Martin Luther King was second with 83, and Detroit Osborn third with 67.

In the girls competition, South was first in only two events. Angela Drake won the high jump at 5 feet, 3 inches, and Heidi Wise took the 1,600-meter run in 5:30.6. The Technicians were first in nine of the 16 events, yet did not win. South showed its depth by qualifying in nine events for the state meet May 30 at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

"A key was the 400 dash," Blue Devils Coach Steve Zaranek said. "We placed four (out of a possible six), and after that I knew we had a shot. Our distance runners canceled out Cass' sprinters, and our relays held on for what we needed. Our whole philosophy was to pull points from every event.

"This is something. Cass is just so talented. They're going to do better than us in the states because of their sprinters. We were just able to maximize our points."

The relay team of Robyn Scofield, Amy Zanglin, Katy Lupo and Kristine Mueller placed second in the 400 relay. Leslie Arbaugh replaced Scofield in the 1,600 relay, and South took another second.

Cass received an excellent performance from Shameakia Dunwoody, closing her four-year career in style. She won the 100-meter dash in 12.8, the 200 in 25.9, and anchored the winning 800 relay team. Dunwoody said she is in the best shape of her career, having reduced from 155 pounds a year ago to 140.

"One thing about this team is they're dedicated," Dunwoody said. "And with just four seniors on the team, Cass will be back next year and the year after."

Another triple winner was Marla Benford of King. She won both hurdles, the 300 (47.2) and the 100 (15.9), and the long jump (16-6).

Cass took the boys title with all underclassmen, which makes Wilcher, a former running back at Michigan, optimistic.

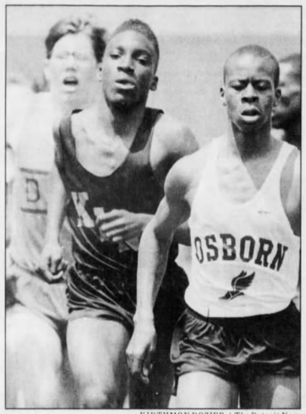
"We're just trying to find some unity," he said. "Our goal this year was to win the regional and city and place high in the states. Next year we'll shoot for the state title."

The Public School League meet is Thursday at Lorenzo Wright Field.

Two sprinters for Cass stood out — Benjamin Murphy and Khary Burnley. Both were a part of the 400 relay that won in 44.0. Murphy won the long jump (20 feet, 10¾ inches) and placed second in the 100-meter dash in 11.3. Burnley won the 200 in 22.6 and the 110 hurdles in 14.0.

"I expect Murphy to step up, because he's a football player," said Wilcher, who is also an assistant football coach at Cass.

Clarence Thompson of King won the 100 (11.1) and was second in the 200.



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Terrance Ross of Osborn is on way to a win in 1600-meter run in 4:36.5. His team finished third in regional at Grosse Pointe South.

ROUNDUP

Liggett topples Country Day

■ **In tennis regional:** 2 rivals produce all the finalists, but Knights win 6-of-7.

Bob Wood has coached 20 state championship tennis teams at Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, but his team this spring might be the most unexpectedly successful.

"This team has really surprised me," Wood said Saturday after the host Knights won the Class C-D Region No. 26 championship, outlasting defending state champion Detroit Country Day, 19-14. "I'm very pleased. This is a team of overachievers. We're playing very well right now, and hopefully we can keep it up in two weeks."

Last season, Liggett finished second to Country Day at the state finals.

Both teams advanced to the state meet in Battle Creek May 29-30. Since 1986, Liggett and Country Day have won every Class C-D state title.

The Knights and Country Day comprised the finals in every flight, with Liggett winning six. Three of the victories were three-setters.

"Obviously with so many three-setters, the outcome could have gone either way," Wood said. "These are two very evenly matched teams. Country Day very well could win those matches next time."

At No. 1 singles, Country Day's David Russell, who finished second in the state last year, downed Liggett's Cheo Ramsey, 6-4, 6-4. Ramsey was the state champ at No. 2 singles last year. Liggett won the six other flights. Ken Prather (No. 2 singles), Jason Go (No. 3), Andy Loredo (No. 4), Pat Alle and Omar Sawas (No. 1 doubles), Dan Khatib and Brad Strowger (No. 2 doubles) and John Maycock and Bill Robb (No. 3 doubles) were Liggett champions.

■ **In Class A regionals:** Freshman Justin Anderson's victory at third singles Saturday gave **Jackson** sole possession of second place at the Class A regional in Ann Arbor. Two-time defending state champion **Ann Arbor Pioneer** won its fourth consecutive title with 27 points, followed by **Jackson** (15) and **Ann Arbor Huron** (14). Anderson, seeded third, defeated Pioneer senior James Cho, a state champion last season at third doubles, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, sending the Vikings to the state final May 29-30 at Battle Creek. The top two teams advance.

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Peter Pusztai and **Northville's** Mark Schwagle, ranked first and second in the state, faced each other at first singles, with Pusztai winning, 6-3, 6-1. Senior Drew Pullen, Pioneer's only two-time state champion, teamed with Reed Friedrichs for a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Ryan Fessel and Sean Jackson of Jackson at No. 1 doubles. Pioneer won three of four singles flights and swept the doubles. . . . **Bloomfield Hills Lahser** earned the regional championship at **Troy Athens**, downing second-place **Troy**, 24-19. **Rochester Adams** just missed a state finals berth with 18 points. Lahser reached the finals in six flights, winning four of them. Dan Eynon (No. 3 singles), Joe McGee (No. 4), Steve Hawley and Cory Schoebel (No. 1 doubles) and Tino Patel and Stefan Welch (No. 2 doubles) earned first places. . . . With three teams tied at 17 points at **Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central**, the regional came down to the No. 3 doubles final, where Central's Todd Felix and Matt Gilbertson defeated **Battle Creek Central**'s Pat Casebeer and Mike Bowden, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6), giving the host Rangers the regional title with 18 points. Central and **Grand Rapids Christian** had 17 points and qualified for the state meet. . . . **Trenton** rallied to win four flights Saturday and tie **Woodhaven** for the No. 3 regional title at Woodhaven. It was Trenton's fifth championship in seven years, and Woodhaven's first. Both teams had 19 points. Trenton's Mark Shenton (No. 2 singles), Jim Blackledge (No. 3 singles), Bob Beverly and Pete Shrake (No. 1 doubles) and David Wood and Jason Smith (No. 2 doubles) won titles. "The two keys for us were the fact we had four finalists Saturday and they all won, and the other front-runners were knocking each other off," Trenton Coach Vince Preuthun said. "It didn't look too good for us going into Saturday, but it worked out." . . . At **Holland**, sophomore Scott Luke, son of **Niles** Coach Chuck Luke, clinched a tie with the host team for second place by taking a three-set victory over Scott Davies of **Kalamazoo Central**, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-4), 6-2. That sent the Vikings to the state finals for the first time. **Kalamazoo Loy Norrix** won the region with 23. . . . **Holland Christian** won the regional it hosted, outlasting second-place **Calvin Christian**. **Wyoming Park**'s Kevin Kobielia won the No. 1 singles flight with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over John VanderArk of **Holland Christian.**

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Pioneer's James Cho, a state Class A champion at third doubles a year ago, lost to Jackson freshman Justin Anderson, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Soccer

Rochester Adams, ranked sixth in the state in Class A, upset top-ranked **Troy Athens**, 2-1, in the Metro Suburban Athletic Association tournament championship game at Athens. Athens (14-1-1), the No. 1 team in the state all season, succumbed to the slowdown tactics of Adams, which it defeated earlier this month, 3-1.

Molly Burke scored the winner with 17 minutes left. Teammate Kara Nance added a goal and an assist. Courtney Woods scored for Athens.

"We subbed more this time, and then we slowed the game down," Adams second-year Coach Tony Williams said. "We wanted to keep their adrenaline down because they're a fast team and they've got a lot of players. We slowed it down to our kind of game — ball control. They won the league title, but we get the tournament championship." . . .

Junior center halfback Carrie Dziadosz scored the tying goal off a corner kick, and senior striker Tania Macioce got the winner as **Farmington Mercy** (11-3-3) beat **Birmingham Marian**, 2-1, at U-D Jesuit High and won its second consecutive Catholic League A-B title. . . . Ellen Schwab scored three goals, leading **Birmingham Groves** to a 9-0 victory over **Southfield-Lathrup**. Kelly Buda added two goals. Andrea Brenton got the shutout.

Softball

All-Stater Cheryl Beaman had three hits and four RBI as **Fraser** gained a 7-4 victory over **Armada** in the finals of the Fraser Invitational. Beaman, a senior third baseman who has signed with Detroit Mercy, had 13 RBI in Fraser's three invitational victories. Fraser had downed **Port Huron**, 14-4, and **Royal Oak Dondero**, 12-2. Beaman had two two-run homers in the victory over Port Huron. . . . Jessica Lozon had three hits, including a grand slam, to lead **Wyandotte Mount Carmel** to an 8-3 victory over **Detroit Benedictine** in a Catholic League C-D division quarterfinal.

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Scoreboard

Boys' tennis

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Track regionals

Class A

Class B

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Shameakia Dunwoody leads Cass Tech's sweep of 200-meter dash in Class A regional track meet Saturday.

Baseball

Saturday's results

Girls soccer

Saturday's results

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