

Beecher tunes up for state at Badar Classic

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To hear Marty Crane tell it, his Beecher High track team came to Clio Tuesday night for a simple stroll in the park.

Some stroll.
The Buccaneers tuned up for another run at the state Class B championship by winning five of 17 events at the Badar Classic.

No other Flint-area boys' team won more than three events in the annual all-star competition.

"We didn't run everything at full strength," Crane said. "We worked on our exchanges in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, because we botched them in the Big Nine meet. We needed the competition."

Ramsey Watkins led the Beecher contingent, winning the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.9 seconds and the 300 low hurdles in 39.7.

The only other athlete in the meet to win two individual events was Carman-Ainsworth weight man Jon Runyan. Runyan, the defending state Class A champion in the shot put, won that event by almost 10 feet with a heave of 57 feet, 1 1/2 inches. He was almost 25 feet better than the runnerup in the discus with an effort of 168-9.

Kearsley's Greg Thompson and Southwestern Academy's Steve Ruffin each won an individual event and ran on a winning relay team.

The most unusual event on the docket was the 100-meter race, won by Linden's Ryan Buckler. The oddity was that Buckler ran against only one other runner, Atherton's Kacey Matley.

"I talked to Buckler and said, 'Everybody scratched when they saw your name,'" Linden Coach Pete Maas joked.

Four other boys' and girls'

events did not have at least six finishers, a common occurrence in an all-star meet which takes place four days before the state finals.

"It's a pretty decent turnout," Crane said. "Some kids in some events opt not to run and that's their decision. But if you've got a chance to compete, you should take advantage of it."

Beecher was also the dominant team in an otherwise balanced girls' meet.

The Lady Buccaneers won four events, with Carmia Marshall helping to account for three of those victories. Southwestern Academy had two firsts, while 10 other schools had one apiece.

Marshall won the 100 in 12.8 seconds, and anchored the winning 800 and 400 relay teams. The same quartet of Rhoda Read, Niketa Williams, Sheketa Peterson and Marshall won both relays. Chantella Byrd had Beecher's other victory with a time of 59.3 in the 400.

Perhaps the best race of the girls' meet was the 1,600 run. Bendle's Amanda Gould led most of the way, then held on to nip hard-charging Erin Adamec of Goodrich in a virtual photo finish. Both runners were credited with times of 5:37.0.

Appropriately, Beecher's Crane (boys) and Joe Wilkerson (girls) were voted area coaches of the year by their peers.

Badar Classic results

Boys

3,200 relay — 1. Beecher (McKinley Tipton, Andrew Richmond, Demetrius McGee, Marcus Tipton) 8:16.3; 2. Linden 8:18.1; 3. Grand Blanc 8:20.5; 4. Flushing 8:22.6; 5. Holly 8:31.0; 6. Northern 8:34.4

Discus — 1. Jon Ruyman (Carman-Ainsworth) 168-9; 2. Mitch Lesinski (Lapeer West) 144-0; 3. Darnell Bryant (Beecher) 137-9; 4. Mike Larson (Kearsley) 136-6; 5. Matt Peterson (Davison) 135-0; 6. Kwame Hogan (Northern) 127-6

110 hurdles — 1. Ramsey Watkins (Beecher) 14.9; 2. Amin Miller (Carman-Ainsworth) 14.9; 3. Ron Allen (Beecher) 15.1; 4. Jason Dewesse (Holly) 15.2; 5. Daniel Ziegler (Kearsley) 15.5; 6. Harold

Pearce (Bendle) 15.7
100 — 1. Ryan Buckler (Linden) 11.6; 2. Kacey Matley (Atherton) 12.2

High jump — 1. Taron Burgess (Beecher) 6-10, 2. Andre Weathers (Central) 6-0, 3. Mike Jackson (Carman-Ainsworth) 6-0; 4. (Tie) Jessie Broome (Beecher), Damon Swigart (Atherton) and Adam Coughlin (Holy Rosary) 5-10

800 relay — 1. Kearsley (Greg Thompson, Ben Norder, Joe Wash, Janciro Brown) 1:29.6; 2. Beecher 1:30.1; 3. Carman-Ainsworth 1:32.9; 4. Southwestern Academy 1:33.6; 5. Lapeer West 1:35.2; 6. Holly 1:36.1

1,600 — 1. Gary Kinnee (Kearsley) 4:20.4; 2. Rick McDowell (Swartz Creek) 4:27.0; 3. Barry Deese (Linden) 4:29.2; 4. Jeremy Hulbert (Carman-Ainsworth) 4:37.1; 5. Mike Bryl (Linden) 5:00

Pole vault — 1. Randy Huff (Linden) 12-9; 2. Joe Asperger (Kearsley) 12-6; 3. Duane Short (Swartz Creek) 12-6; 4. Jason Bosner (Bendle) 12-0; 5. Matt Lukenbill (Fenton) 11-0; 6. Chris Kryza (Flushing) 11-0

Shot put — 1. Jon Ruyman (Carman-Ainsworth) 57-1 1/2; 2. Mike Barker (Clio) 47-7 1/2; 3. Eric Metcalf (Holy Rosary) 47-1; 4. Mike Larson (Kearsley) 47-1/2; 5. Todd Cronkright (Kearsley) 46-4; 6. Kwame Hogan (Northern) 45-3

Long jump — 1. Lawrence Hood (Central) 20-8 1/2; 2. Marcus Tipton (Beecher) 20-5 1/2; 3. Brett Houghton (Fenton) 19-8; 4. John Sullivan (Northwestern) 19-7 1/2; 5. Keith Rosebush (Lapeer East) 19-5; 6. Jason Dover (Kearsley) 18-11 1/2

400 relay — 1. Beecher (Chris Williams, Jimmy Lacy, Obia Parry, Antwan Williams) 43.1; 2. Central 43.8; 3. Northwestern 44.4; 4. Carman-Ainsworth 44.9; 5. Powers Catholic 45.0; 6. Lapeer East 45.9

400 — 1. Steve Ruffin (SW Academy) 49.7; 2. McKinley Tipton (Beecher) 51.1; 3. Damon Gutierrez (Linden) 52.7; 4. Tom Nichols (Clio) 54.1; 5. Tony Liquori (Flushing) 54.6

300 hurdles — 1. Ramsey Watkins (Beecher) 39.7; 2. Mike Spaulding (Carman-Ainsworth) 40.1; 3. Jason Dewesse (Holly) 40.6; 4. Damion Caldwell (Central) 41.4; 5. Daniel Ziegler (Kearsley) 41.8; 6. Ron Olsey (Clio) 42.2

800 — 1. Bill Thompson (Northwestern) 1:56.3; 2. Garland Walker (Central) 1:59.0; 3. Kelby Hirr (Grand Blanc) 2:04.3; 4. Chad Montague (Clio) 2:05.3; 5. Steve Tunnickiff (Flushing) 2:05.4; 6. Colin Moore (Lake Fenton) 2:08.9

200 — 1. Greg Thompson (Kearsley) 22.3; 2. John Sullivan (Northwestern) 22.7; 3. Chris Abeeau (Carman-Ainsworth) 23.6; 4. Tom Nichols (Clio) 24.4

3,200 — 1. Bob Diddle (Grand Blanc) 9:38.9; 2. Jeremy Hulbert (Carman-Ainsworth) 10:01.9; 3. Ben Hunsalt (Swartz Creek) 10:22.2; 4. Jeff Cross (Linden) 10:24.6; 5. Jason Erbe (Swartz Creek) 10:28.6; 6. Brett Bushey (Carman-Ainsworth) 10:35.6

1,800 relay — 1. Southwestern Academy (Andrew Toms, Scott Thomas, Travis Smith, Steve Ruffin) 3:24.5; 2. Northwestern 3:26.2; 3. Central 3:27.5; 4. Linden 3:36.2; 5. Lapeer West 3:37.0; 6. Clio 3:38.2

Girls

Long jump — 1. Jill Dolphin (Powers) 16-6 1/2; 2. Jacinda Holley (SW Academy) 15-4 3/4; 3. Katherine Donohue (Grand Blanc) 15-4 1/4; 4. Jennifer Fox (Lapeer East) 15-3 3/4; 5. Joceline Holley (SW Academy) 14-2; 6. Ashlee Peterson (Lapeer East) 13-9 1/2

Shot put — 1. Athena McKay (Northwestern) 35-

6; 2. (Tie) Lydia Ford (Beecher) and Chontee Skinner (Bentley) 35-1; 4. Denise Rubin (Beecher) 34-6; 5. Stacy Seelye (Carman-Ainsworth) 34-1; 6. Robyn Leask (Clio) 30-3

High jump — 1. Kelly Spencer (Holly) 5-2; 2. Tracy Fox (Fenton) 5-2; 3. Misty Palmer (Carman-Ainsworth) 5-0; 4. Darcey Brasier (Clio) 5-0; 5. Jennifer Nagal (Flushing) 4-10; 6. Kristin Grant (Bendle) 4-10

3,200 relay — 1. Kearsley (Janella Sheppard, Lani Sturgill, Becky Greer, Jany Thompson) 10:27.9; 2. Lake Fenton 10:46.1; 3. Linden 10:52.4; 4. Clio 10:57.4; 5. Bendle 11:20.0; 6. Carman-Ainsworth 11:24.3

100 hurdles — 1. Nicole Nunn (SW Academy) 15.6; 2. Niketa Williams (Beecher) 16.4; 3. Becky Schultz (Clio) 16.7; 4. Jacinda Holley (SW Academy) 16.8; 5. Kelly Kosmac (Holly) 17.3; 6. Jamie Archambault (Carman-Ainsworth) 17.56

100 — 1. Carmia Marshall (Beecher) 12.8; 2. Michelle Watkins (Central) 13.0; 3. Krista Svetcos (Lapeer West) 13.1; 4. Shirley Calderon (Northwestern) 13.1; 5. Teresa McClain (SW Academy) 13.2; 6. Mollie Krass (Flushing) 13.4

800 relay — 1. Beecher (Rhoda Read, Niketa Williams, Sheketa Peterson, Carmia Marshall) 1:47.5; 2. Southwestern Academy 1:47.8; 3. Grand Blanc 1:51.9; 4. Lake Fenton 1:54.0; 5. Flushing 1:55.3; 6. Clio 1:56.3

Discus — 1. Stacy Seelye (Carman-Ainsworth) 107-10 1/2; 2. Carrie Young (Kearsley) 100-8; 3. Kristy Cranmore (Linden) 98-10 1/2; 4. Rhonda Wilhoi (Fenton) 95-8; 5. Robyn Leask (Clio) 91-7 1/2; 6. Athena McKay (Northwestern) 91-4 1/2

1,600 — 1. Amanda Gould (Bendle) 5:37.0; 2. Erin Adamec (Goodrich) 5:37.0; 3. Janella Sheppard (Kearsley) 5:43.5; 4. Debbie Barton (Holly) 5:45.9; 5. Liz Smith (Davison) 5:49.5; 6. Chrissy LaMieux (Atherton) 5:54.1

400 relay — 1. Beecher (Rhoda Read, Niketa Williams, Sheketa Peterson, Carmia Marshall) 51.4; 2. Southwestern Academy 51.7; 3. Grand Blanc 52.8; 4. Lapeer East 52.9; 5. Kearsley 53.0; 6. (Tie) Flushing and Lake Fenton 53.8

400 — 1. Chantella Byrd (Beecher) 59.3; 2. Krista Svetcos (Lapeer West) 1:00.0; 3. Shirley Calderon (Northwestern) 1:02.4; 4. Jodi Lee (Clio) 1:08.4

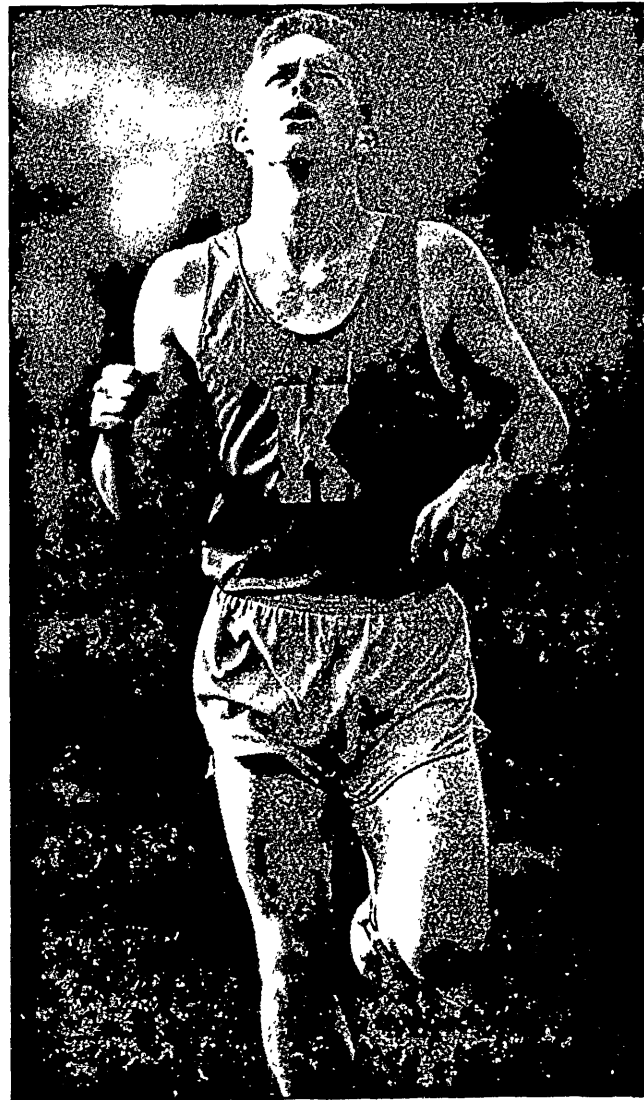
300 hurdles — 1. Becky Schultz (Clio) 49.6; 2. Laura Stevenson (Grand Blanc) 51.0; 3. Kelly Kosmac (Holly) 51.0; 4. Andrea Sies (Kearsley) 52.1; 5. Denise Routhier (Powers) 52.6; 6. Jamie Archambault (Carman-Ainsworth) 53.2

800 — 1. Jennifer Fox (Lapeer East) 2:21.8; 2. Erin Hogstrom (Linden) 2:33.2; 3. Erin Adamec (Goodrich) 2:33.3; 4. Kim Jackson (Grand Blanc) 2:34.0; 5. Chrissy LaMieux (Atherton) 2:34.4; 6. Angie Eagan (Clio) 2:45.2

200 — 1. Kelly Rea (SW Academy) 26.2; 2. Krista Svetcos (Lapeer West) 26.6; 3. Kristin McGregor (Grand Blanc) 27.6; 4. Shirley Calderon (Northwestern) 27.9; 5. Joyna Martin (Clio) 29.6

3,200 — 1. Asleigh Foutch (Atherton) 12:21.7; 2. Jennifer Doyle (Bendle) 12:46.8; 3. Amanda Gould (Bendle) 12:49.4; 4. Danielle Kovach (Holly) 12:49.7; 5. Kate Leffen (Carman-Ainsworth) 13:01.2; 6. Liz Smith (Davison) 13:06.8

1,600 relay — 1. Lake Fenton (Beth Barrow, Misty Hulbert, Colleen Fisher, Amanda Gibson) 4:19.4; 2. Goodrich 4:19.8; 3. Clio 4:24.5; 4. Linden 4:31.0; 5. Flushing 4:35.5; 6. Carman-Ainsworth 4:52.9



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Garry Kinnee of Kearsley blew away the 1,600 field with his victory in 4:20.4.