

Runners streak toward the finish line in the girls' 55-meter dash Friday.

# Carson City surprises even its own coach

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EAST LANSING — Carson City-Crystal coach Gordon Aldrich hid the Spartans Relays Class C-D championship trophy.

That's right, he hid it so no one could see it. Aldrich accepted the trophy from track guru Paul Pozega and put a jacket over it.

He did that because he wanted to surprise his boys' track team, which was outside waiting on the bus and oblivious to the fact that it had won the prestigious Spartan Relays Friday at Jenison Field House.

"I had no idea," said Aldrich, who was dumbfounded when he found out. "We didn't come in expecting to win. We just wanted to have some good performances."

The Eagles finished with 24 points. Besides winning the Class C-D meet, Carson City placed fifth in the combined Class B-C-D meet.

Ypsilanti Lincoln won the Class B event with 61½ points, Beecher was second with 60 and River Rouge was third with 52.

In the girls' meet, Maple Valley tied for first in the Class C-D meet with 31 points and was third, in-

## Spartan Relays

- Class A meet
- Begins at 10 a.m.
- Finals are at 4 p.m.
- Jenison Field House.

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cluding all classes.

Eaton Rapids placed third in Class B with 30 points and finished fifth overall. Yale won with 52 points and West Branch Ogemaw Heights was runner-up with 45 points.

Carson City relied on distance events to capture the title.

In the distance medley, the Eagles' team of Paul Whitchurch, Justin Curry, Lewis Burr and Lance Aldrich placed third with a time of 11 minutes, 17.4 seconds. Curry also placed first in the two-mile run in 10:06.3 and Aldrich was second in the one-mile run with a 4:39.7.

"I figured there'd be a lot of teams in Class B with good distance runners and sprinters," said Al-

drich. "We planned on competing in the 800 meters-and-up. This is a meet where you can win if you do well in one area."

Gary Hamilton's Maple Valley Lions picked up where they left off last season when they won the Class C state title.

"Overall, I'm very happy with our performance," Hamilton said. "I thought we could come in and compete for one of the top three or four positions. We performed up to our capabilities."

The Lions' distance medley relay team of Stephanie Bouwens, Holly Taylor, Cheri Sessions and Mindy Shoup placed second in 13:47.7 and the one-mile relay team of Jennifer Phenix, Bouwens, Retha Byrd and Shoup came in third in 4:31.2.

Sessions also finished third in the long jump (4-10) and fifth in the two-mile run (12:54.7).

Eaton Rapids' Kelly Etheridge was second in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet and she was part of the one-mile relay team that placed second with a time of 4:30.7. Heather Hauser ran strong legs in the one-mile relay and distance medley relay.

# PREP TRACK

## Spartan Relays Boys

Team Scores — Ypsilanti Lincoln 61½, Flint Beecher 60, River Rouge 52, Fremont 34, Carson City-Crystal 24, Constantine 21, Oxford 20, Sturgis 17, Detroit Lutheran West 16, Marysville 16, Algonac 15, West Branch Ogemow Heights 14, Carunna 13, Fowler 11, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 11, DeWitt 8, Bad Axe 6, Eaton Rapids 6, Yale 6, Portland 5, Ecorse 5, Harper Woods Notre Dame 4, Vermontville Maple Valley 2, Fowlerville 2, Kingsley 1½, Grosse Ile 1, Whitmore Lake 1.

(Top three finishers in each event)

Shuttle hurdle relays—Flint Beecher, 31.57; Detroit Lutheran West, Fowler. Distance medley relay—Ogemow Heights, 11:00.2; Fremont; Carson City-Crystal. Two-mile run—Curry (CCC), 10:06.3; Stoll (YL); Miller (BA). Two-mile relay—Ypsi Lincoln, 8:23.5; Fremont; Flint Beecher. Sprint medley relay—Ypsi Lincoln, 2:33; River Rouge; Dearborn Heights Robichaud. 55-meter hurdles—Allen (FB), 7.86; Glover; Williams. 55-meter dash—Benford (RR), 6.61; Miller (M'ville); Adams (PL). One-mile run—Goodfellow (O), 4:34.7; Aldrich (CCC); McMann (ER). 1,600-meter relay—Ypsi Lincoln, 3:33; River Rouge; Flint Beecher. Long jump—Darwin (S), 20-7; Adams (YL); Williams (RR). Shot put—Wilson (O), 50-9; Jacobs (Con); Bryant (FB). High jump—Burgess (FB) 6-10 (meet record); Reynolds (D); Monceov (Y). Pole Vault—Grinnel (Car), 12-6; Hunt (A); Rohr (S).

## Girls

Team Scores — Yale 52, West Branch Ogemow Heights 45, Vermontville Maple Valley 31, Hemlock 31, Eaton Rapids 30, Fremont 30, Flint Beecher 24, River Rouge 22, Constantine 19, Bad Axe 17, Unionville-Sebewaing 16, Gull Lake 12, Williamston 12, Carson City-Crystal 8, Oxford 8, Fowlerville 8, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 7, Brown City 7, Hart 5, Carunna 5, Portland 4, Marysville 4, Fowler 4, Sturgis 3, Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central 2.

(Top three finishers in each event)

Shuttle hurdle relays—Constantine, 38.69 Yale; Ogemow Heights. Distance medley relays—Yale, 13:44.4; Maple Valley; Hemlock; Two-mile run—Spiller (Y), 12:05.7; Dotema (CCC); VanErp (BA). 800-meter run—Achenbach (US), 2:32.2; McDonnell (W) 2:32.2; Taylor (H). Sprint medley relay—Flint Beecher, 3:03; Hemlock; Maple Valley. 55-meter hurdles—Papcun (OH), 8.95; Grigsby (RR); Henderson (DHR). 55-meter dash—Marshall (FB), 7.4; Sullivan (ER); Papcun. 800-meter relay—River Rouge, 1:55.1; Fremont; Ogemow Heights. One-mile run—Spiller (Y), 5:33.85; Kremer (OH); Achenbach (US). One-mile relay—Hemlock, 4:23.6; Eaton Rapids; Maple Valley. Long jump—Witt (F), 16-0½; Spiller (Y); Cotton (F'ville). Shot put—Bobolan (F), 48-8; Perrod (O); Grege (BA). High jump—Wordley (GL), 5-0; Etheridge (ER); Cotton (F'ville).