

Southwestern Academy's Stacey Thomas clears 5-foot-7 in the high jump.

Central boys win Relays

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Simply put, it was a City thing. That would be the best way to describe the competition at the 26th annual C.S. Mott Relays Friday at Houston Stadium.

Performing well at the meet has always been a point of pride for Flint schools, and Central High upheld that tradition by winning the boys' competition Friday.

The Indians finished the meet with 58 points while Midland and Pinckney tied for second with 40. Southwestern Academy and Northern tied for fifth place.

In the girls' portion of the meet, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix easily outclassed the field with 91 points followed by Saginaw with 40, Midland with 30 and Northern with 28.

"This meet and the City meet

can some times over shadow the regionals for our kids," said Central boys' coach Mike Vance. "They always want to do well here."

Central's win was the fourth in a row for an area team. The Indians also won the meet last year and Beecher won two years prior to that.

Central athletes took first place in only two events but scored well in several others.

Winning for Central was the team of Neil Malloy, Zaakir Kareem, Fred Jackson and Andre Weathers in the shuttle hurdles in 1:01.1, and George Ghattas and Stan Brown in the shot put with a combined distance of 97-1.

At a meet where every event is a relay of some sort, depth is important and the Indians had that Friday. They didn't have the outstanding performances it will take to score well at the state

meet this year, but the team ran well enough to win.

Vance said the team's score of 58 points was not exceptional.

"That's not a lot of points for the Mott Relays," said Vance. "But we'll take it. I hope it pushes us for the City meet and the regionals coming up. I was pleased with them today. We had a few personal records. We have a good core of seniors and some good underclassmen.

"We're just keeping our fingers crossed that nobody gets hurt in the next few weeks. Last year our top two sprinters went down after this meet and that really hurt us in the regionals."

Northern's girls were paced by Damicka Fordham and Marjua Hicks, who gave the Vikings their only win at 29-0½ in the long jump.

Northern coach Willie Taylor said he was pleased with his

team's showing in such a strong field.

"I was impressed with their effort," said Taylor. "We had a lot of young ladies do well. Our seniors really came through for us especially.

"I'm looking forward to a good hard City meet after this."

Beecher, Central and Southwestern Academy weren't far behind Northern in the girls' standings. Those three teams tied for seventh place with 20 points.

Local pride played a big part in the meet down to the final race of the evening, the boys' 1,600 meter relay.

Southwestern Academy's quartet won the race, even though its anchor runner, Anthony Torns, had to overcome a lot of distance to do it.

"It was a City thing," said

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Flint Central's Tekila Lewis flies through the air in the girls' long jump to capture the best distance by an individual.

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Torns, who started his leg of the race from third place. " (Waiting for the baton) I saw the guy from Northern standing next to me and I knew he was tough. On the back stretch I passed (Central's) Jim Rief, who's a good miler. He's strong and that made me go faster.

"After that I just thank God I had the strength to hold them off."

C.S. Mott Relays

Girls

Team standings - 1 Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 91
2 Saginaw 40, 3 Midland 30, 4 Flint Northern 28,
5 Pontiac Central 27 6 Detroit Mumford 26, 7
(tie) Beecher, Flint Central Southwestern Academy
Saginaw Arthur Hill 20, 11 Detroit Redford 10, 12
Detroit Northern 5, 13 Ann Arbor Huron 4, 14
Highland Park 1, 15 (tie) Northwestern, Inkster,
Saginaw Buena Vista 0

C.S. Mott Relay - 1 Kalamazoo Loy Norrix
(Laura Edwardson, Lashanda Johnson, Janella
Penn, Becky Weinhold) 7 13 7, 2 Southwestern
Academy 7 21 6, 3 Pontiac Central 7 24, 4 Sagi-
naw Arthur Hill 7 29 2, 5 Detroit Mumford 7 35 9

Shot put relay - 1 Beecher (Rhoda Russell, Tracy
Watson) 66-8, 2 Saginaw 64 5, 3 Southwestern
Academy 62 5, 4 Detroit Northern, 5 High-
land Park 56-1 1/2

Shuttle hurdle relay - 1 Detroit Mumford
(Shaunetta Smith, Monique Jarrett, Kelly Willis,
Branna Brown) 1 07 7, 2 Midland 1 09 3, 3 Loy
Norrix 1 11 34, 4 Pontiac Central 1 14 4, 5 Ann
Arbor Huron 1 15 2

800 relay - 1 Saginaw (Danyella Akins, Takyah
Gasken, Natilija Thomas, Latasha Holmes) 1 47 7,
2 Loy Norrix 1:48.5, 3 Pontiac Central 1 48 6, 4
Flint Northern 1 49.3, 5 Flint Central 1 49.4

High jump relay - 1 Midland (Michelle Ma-
cRae, Lundy Hartley) 10-0 2 Saginaw 9-4, 3
Southwestern Academy 5-7, 4 Beecher 4-10, 5
Pontiac Central 4-8

3,200 relay - 1 Loy Norrix (Edwardson, Becky
Weinyald, Katie Snyder, Shoree Holmes) 10 37 1,
2 Arthur Hill 10 50 4 3 Detroit Redford 11 00 2,
4 Detroit Mumford 11 16 2, 5 Detroit Northern
11 56 9

100 - 1 Flint Central (Ada Malloy) 12 68, 2 Loy
Norrix 12 69, 3 Northern 12 74, 4 Beecher
12 79, 5 Pontiac Central 13 0

Long jump relay - 1 Flint Northern (Domicka
Fordham, Marjua Hicks) 29-0 1/2, 2 Flint Central
28-3 1/2, 3 Beecher 28-2 1/2, 4 Midland 28-1 1/2, 5
Loy Norrix 27-9 3/4.

1,600 - 1 Loy Norrix (Edwardson) 5:41 5, 2
Saginaw Arthur Hill 5:47.3, 3 Loy Norrix 5:49.5, 4
Detroit Redford 5:49.5, 5 Ann Arbor Huron
6 10.3

400 relay - 1 Saginaw (Teoahanna Hill, Thomas,
Akins, Holmes) 51 13, 2 Flint Northern 51 45, 3,
Flint Central 51 57, 4 Loy Norrix 51 58, 5 Pontiac

Central 51 80

1,600 relay - Loy Norrx (LaShanda Johnson,
Lisa Holmes 4 12 65, 2 Detroit Mumford 4 16.70,
3 Pontiac Central 4 17 37, 4 Midland 4 17.37, 5.
Southwestern Academy 4 18.06.

Discus relay - 1 Loy Norrx 184-4, 2 Midland
181-6, 3 Midland 167-8, 4 Southwestern Aca-
demy 164-5, 5 Detroit Northern 154-10

Boys

Team standings - 1 Flint Central 58, 2 (tie)
Midland and Pinckney 40, 4 Highland Park 34, 5
(tie) Southwestern Academy and Northern 29, 7
Midland Dow and Saginaw 28, 9 Ann Arbor Huron
26, 10 (tie) Mumford and Beecher 24 12 Kalamazoo
Loy Norrix 10, 13 Saginaw Arthur Hill 1 14
(tie) Detroit Redford Detroit Western Flint North-
western, Inkster, Saginaw Buena Vista 0

6,400 relay - 1 Pinckney (Ryan Swan, Chris
Wehrman, Bryan Nance, Casey Linco) 18 43 9, 2
Flint Central 19 00 2, 3 Ann Arbor Huron 19 54 2,
4 Midland Dow 19 56 9, 5 Loy Norrix 20 07 2

C.S. Mott relay - 1 Saginaw (Leron Davis, Reg-
gie Menzie, Fredrick Lincoln, Tony Martin) 1 31 1,
2 Flint Northern 1 31 3, 3 Flint Central 1 31 7, 4
Midland Dow 1 32 2, 5 Ann Arbor Huron 1 34 0

Long jump relay - 1 Highland Park (T Reed,
A Brown) 39-4, 2 Midland 38-6 1/2, 3 Flint Central
38 5 4 Midland Dow 37-10 1/2 5 Flint Northern
37 10 1/2

Shuttle hurdle relay - 1 Flint Central (Neil
Malloy, Zaakir Koroom Fred Jackson, Andra
Weathers) 1 01 1, 2 Ann Arbor Huron 1 03 0, 3
Midland 1 04 5, 4 Detroit Mumford 1 05.4, 5
Beecher 1 06 9

Sprint medley relay - 1 Northern (Ryan Thom-
as, James Webb, Idi Beard, Jason Coulter) 2 27 7
2 Highland Park 2 28, 3 Southwestern Academy
2 28 6, 4 Midland Dow 2 31 9, 5 Saginaw
2 32 5

Discus relay - 1 Beecher (Daniel Johnson,
Darnell Wilson) 268-3, 2 Midland High 260-7, 3
Pinckney 242-10, 4 Flint Central 235-2, 5 Mid-
land Dow 232-3

3,200 relay - 1 Midland (John Dill, Kyle Such,
Jon Price, David Nowell) 8 10.4, 2 Southwestern
Academy 8 15.4, 3 Beecher 8 42.5, 4 Detroit
Mumford 8 48, 5 Pinckney 8 53 4

Shot put relay - 1 Flint Central (George Ghat-
tas, Stan Brown) 97-1, 2 Midland 92-9 3/4, 3 Bee-
cher 91-3 3/4, 4 Highland Park 84-0 1/2, 5 Arthur
Hill 80-10 1/2

Pole vault relay - 1 Pinckney (Tony Wallace,
Adam Haberkorn) 24-6, 2 Ann Arbor Huron 23-6,
3 Loy Norrix 12-6, 4 Beecher 12-6, 5 Midland
Dow 10-6

Distance medley relay - 1 Pinckney (Scott
Morehouse, John Kelly, Chris Wehrman, Ryan
Swan) 10 51 3, 2 Flint Central 11 05.4, 3 Mid-
land Dow 11 09 2, 4 Loy Norrix 11 32 5, 5 South-
western Academy 11 43 2

400 relay - 1 Highland Park (A Greene, A
Crosby T Reed, A Brown) 42 55, 2 Detroit Mum-
ford 43 63, 3 Midland Dow 44.05, 4 Saginaw
44 22 5 Flint Central 44 25

High jump relay - 1 Saginaw (Reggie Menzie,
Reggie Baldwin) 12-2, 2 Flint Northern 12-0, 3
Midland 6-0, 4 Highland Park 5-10, 5. Southwestern
Academy 5-0.

1,600 relay - 1 Southwestern Academy (Greg
Wilson, Robbie Simmons, Corey Eare, Anthony
Toms) 3:24.6, 2 Detroit Mumford 3:25, 3 Flint
Central 3:25.8, 4 Ann Arbor Huron 3.26 9, 5. Flint
Northern 3:27 2

Second half goal wins for Epton 3-2