

High Schools

River Rouge is girls champ; Comstock victor among boys

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SAGINAW — For the second consecutive season, a sophomore sprinter from a suburban Detroit school won four events and led her team to the girls Class B track and field championship.

Charnell Lynn grabbed the spotlight last spring as she swept the 100, 200 and 400 dashes and ran the anchor on the winning 400-meter relay, leading Inkster to its first

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girls state title.

This year, it was Kenyetta Grigsby and River Rouge. Rouge was second to Inkster a year ago. Both schools are members of the Suburban Athletic Conference.

Grigsby placed first in the two hurdle events (100 and 300) and ran on two winning relay teams (400 and 800), helping the Panthers claim the school's first girls state track championship with 58 points.

Caledonia was second with 48.

The competition in the boys meet was considerably closer. Comstock, which finished second in the Wolverine Conference and second to Plainwell at the regional, won the school's first title, outpointing Ypsilanti Lincoln, 53-51. Comstock won just one event (800 relay), but Randy Hunt, who anchored the relay team, also finished second in the 200 and 400 dashes.

Of the girls championship, Grigsby said, "This makes the

whole season worth all the hard work. I came here expecting to place first in all four events. I just feel so happy and so tired."

Said Rouge Coach Robert Washington: "This has really put a cap on our season. We were second at the Spartan Relays and two other relays before winning the Algonac and News-Herald relays. Then we won the regionals. By finishing second last year, we knew we had to be prepared for Inkster and anyone else for that matter."

Adding to the excitement at Saginaw High, where next season's Class A meet will be held, were Class B state-meet records by three individuals in four events.

In the girls shot put, Shahla Bolbolan of Fremont defended her title with a record-setting effort of 43 feet, 11¼ inches. It was two feet farther than the previous record by Sue Breternitz of Hemlock in 1986. Bolbolan also set a record in the discus with a toss of 142 feet, 10

inches, exceeding the record of 138-11 by Sharon Granberry of Flint Beecher in '81.

A 4:48.41 by Petoskey's Kelly Smith in the 1,600 run took seven seconds off the 4:55.49 record she set a year ago.

In the boys discus, David Beman of Chelsea won with a record 175 feet, 3 inches. The previous best was 175 feet by Tim Fellows of Flint Carman-Ainsworth in 1982. Beman had thrown 182-2 this season.