

# A 1994 Review

## Upper Peninsula: Marquette Continues Domination

by John Vrancic

**T**he 1990's, for the most part, have been the years of the Marquette Redettes.

The Redettes successfully defended their turf for the second straight year at the 1994 Michigan High School Athletic Association Upper Peninsula Track and Field Finals by cruising to another Class A-B girls' title.

Marquette, which won the crown for the fifth time in six years, collected ten first-place finishes and 84 points last spring. Menominee was a distant second with 58. Escanaba, which won the title in 1992, had taken nine straight championships prior to 1989.

Sarah Heikkila notched three of Marquette's firsts, including a :26.28 clocking in the 200-meter dash, just fourth-tenths of a second shy of the record set by Crista Beaver of Gladstone in 1993. She also covered the 100 in :12.79 and the 400 in 1:00.04.

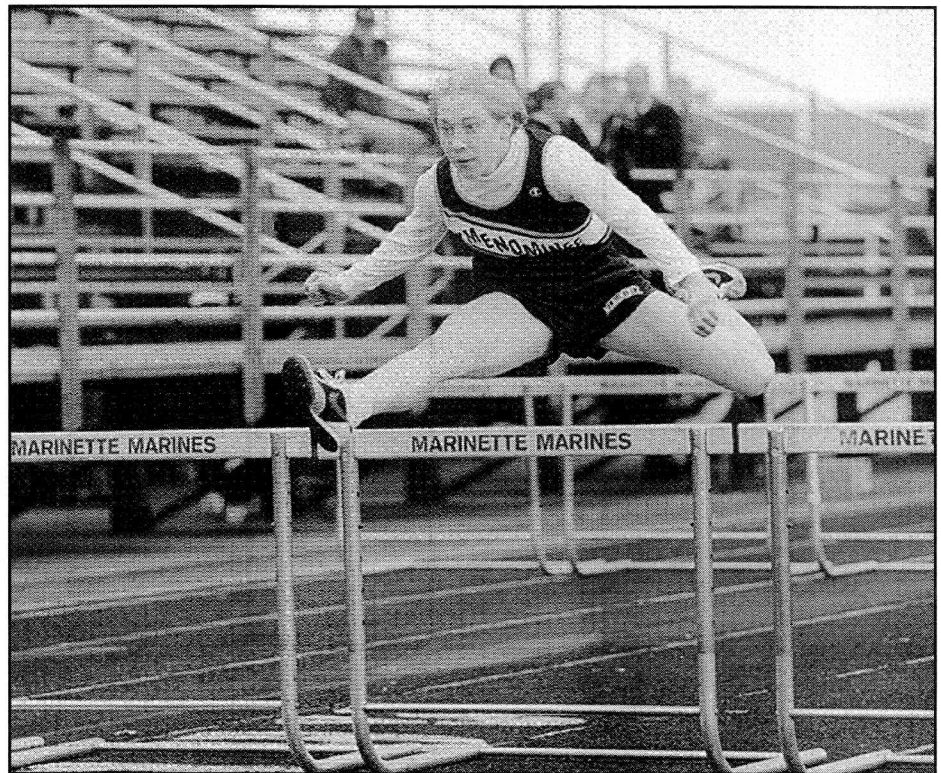
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The Menominee boys won their first title in three years by edging Marquette, 55-49. The Maroons were led by double-winner Steve Molnar at :22.46 in the 200 and :40.7 in the 300 hurdles. It was Molnar's second straight title in the 300 hurdles.

Marquette's Robin Martin became the first U.P. athlete to break the 50-second barrier in the 400 dash with a time of :49.85.

In the Class C boys meet, Munising breezed to its first title since 1980 by scoring 73 points, well ahead of runner-up Rudyard at 38.

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1:59.94 in the 800; 4:27 in the 1,600 and 9:56.16 in the 3,200. DeLisle won all three events for the second straight year, and his title in the 3,200 was his third.

Rudyard's Chris Suggitt took the 200 dash in the record time of :22.76 and the 400 in :50.83. Teammate Dan Hudson repeated in the shot put and also took the discus title.

The Ironwood girls captured their first Class C championship with 69 points. Munising took second with 48.

Multiple winners were Kelly Klein of Stephenson, who swept the high jump, long jump and 300 hurdle crowns for the second straight year; and Myra Peterson of Calumet, who won the 3,200-meter run for the second straight year, and the 1,600.

The last time Ontonagon won a Upper Peninsula track and field championship, the school was still in Class C

and Richard Nixon was president. Now competing in Class D, Ontonagon won its first boys title since 1969 with 47 points, seven better than Powers-North Central.

The Gladiators were led by speedsters Steve Mattson and Tim Goard, who grabbed the top two spots in the 100 and 200 dashes. Mattson copped the 100 in :11.45, and Goard, the 1993 champ in the 100, captured the 200 in :23.19.

Eben Junction-Superior Central's Jason Maki won the 1,600 and 3,200 in 4:39.09 and 10:32.4, respectively; and John Richard of Iron Mountain-North Dickinson won the 300 hurdles for the second straight year in a record clocking of :40.53.

The Class D girls' finals was a dog-fight, with Iron Mountain-North Dickinson and Lake Linden-Hubbell

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# Morris Does His Best

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day," Ely said. "It was a special day for Micah and for Bay City Central."

Detroit Cass Tech also enjoyed a special day in Midland, winning both the boys and girls team championships.

Cass Tech won the boys team crown with 74 points, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 53 and Pontiac Northern with 35. Cass Tech's 800-meter relay team of Fred Wilkerson, Clarence Williams, Jackari Johnson and Darryl Rankins set a meet record with a first-place time of 1:25.0; while the Technicians' 1,600 relay quartet of Wilkerson, Johnson, Williams and Dwayne Fuqua won that event in 3:17.1.

Jackson's Brandon Gunn won the 300 intermediate hurdles in a meet-record clocking of :37.5.

The girls scoring saw Cass Tech win its third straight title with 65 points, followed by Detroit Martin Luther King with 42 and Ann Arbor Pioneer with 37. Cass Tech won three of four relay races: The 800 relay team of Shantelle Nagbe, Julia Ford, Emily Higgins and Felicia Baker broke the tape in a meet record 1:38.4; Higgins, Nagbe, Lakesha Snooky and Tiffany McNair then won the 400 relay in :48.5; and Ford, Okioma Alhamisi, Nicole Callaway and Katie Chapman won the 1,600 relay in 3:56.5

Higgins won the 100 in :11.8, while Ford took the 400 in :55.1. Nikki Bouyer of Lansing Sexton set an all-class finals record in winning the 100 hurdles in :14.2. Bouyer swept the hurdling events for the second straight year, and won her third straight title in the 300.

The Class B boys meet at Saginaw High saw Comstock pull out a two-point win over Ypsilanti Lincoln. Comstock finished with 53 points to Lincoln's 51. The Colts' 800 relay team of J.B. Thomas, Aaron Gardner, Nathan Smeltzer and Randy Hunt took that event in 1:29.32.

Lincoln's Ted Adams won both the 100 (:10.97) and the 200 (:22.28) dashes, while Chelsea's David Beeman repeated as the winner in the shot put, and also won the discus with a meet record toss of 175-3.

River Rouge won the girls' Class B title at Saginaw in a meet which saw four final meet records fall. River Rouge finished first with 58 points, ten ahead of Caledonia. Hamilton took third.

Fremont's Shahla Bolbolan, the MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award winner in 1994 in girls track and field, set meet records in both the shot put (43-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the discus (142-10), while Petoskey's Kelly Smith set a meet record in the 800 with a 2:21.19 time. Smith won the 800 and 1,600 for the third straight year. Caledonia's 3,200 relay team of Shannon Houseman, Barb Warwer, Sarah Parbel and Karyn Duba set a final meet mark of 9:22.75 in taking that event.

New Haven won the Class C boys meet at Bay City Western with 46 points, followed by Breckenridge with 43.5 and Napoleon with 34. New Haven's John Mack won the 400 (:48.89), the 200 (:22.50) and joined Greg Bryant, Billy Chenault and Fred Jamison in winning the 1,600 relay (3:25.55). Breckenridge pole vaulter Casey Ward set a Class C finals meet record with a first-place leap of 14-9.

Clare cruised to the Class C girls crown, finishing with 48 points. Reading was second with 29, followed by Muskegon Catholic Central and Shepherd with 28 points each.

The Pioneers scored points in eight events, including a first-place effort from the 1,600-meter relay team of Katie Cole, Kylie Schultz, Dada Cole and Audrey Jelenek (4:08.09). Detroit Dominican's Dorothea Game won the 100 in :12.31, then joined teammates Nichelle Ewing, Bedria Purifoy and Daminya Allison in taking the 400 relay in :50.42.

Pittsford scored points in nine events enroute to winning the Class D boys championship at Bay City John Glenn High School. The Wildcats scored 66 points, while AuGres-Sims was second with 58 points and Battle Creek St. Philip was third with 46.

St. Philip's 800 relay team of Ben

McVeigh, Mike Hughes, J.J. Eldridge and Dieter Brown won that event in 1:33.26, while Eldridge, Hughes and McVeigh teamed with Jon Gardner to take the 400 relay in :44.75. Brown, meanwhile, won the 400 in :50.24.

Greg Kapus of Brethren won the 110 high hurdles in :14.98, and then set a meet record in taking the 300 intermediate hurdles with a :39.84. Grass Lake's Martin McGinn won the 3,200 run for the second straight year, and then joined Zach Hall, Trevor McGinn and Jason Embury in winning the 3,200 relay in 8:14.49.

Maple City-Glen Lake got first-place finishes from three different athletes in taking the girls Class D team championship. Glen Lake finished with 67.5 points, Pittsford was second with 46 and Posen was third with 44.

Glen Lake's Liz Martin defended her 1,600 title, winning in a time of 5:18.25; Tanya Wilcox took the 300 low hurdles in :47.31; and Ellen Schultz won the 3,200 in 11:31.69. Covert's Cynthia White set a meet record in taking the 100 in :12.10; and Holly Lampkin of McBain Northern Michigan Christian repeated as champion in the 100 high hurdles.

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sharing the title with 38 points each and Cedarville finishing a close third at 36. It was the second time a tie had ever taken place in a U.P. final, with Cedarville and Norway sharing the Class D crown in 1981.

It marked Lake Linden's first title in 1983 and the first for North Dickinson since 1989.

North Dickinson's Dana Feak won four events — becoming a four-time winner in the 1,600, a three-time winner in the 800, and two-time winner in the 3,200 in addition to a title in the 400 dash. Christina Koski paced Lake Linden by winning the 100 and 200 dashes.

Jill Gobert of Rock-Mid Peninsula won the high jump with a leap of 5-2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and the 300 hurdles in :49.23, nearly five seconds faster than her qualifying time in the regionals; and Sarah Hood of Baraga won the shot put and discus for the second straight year.

Tawna Union became the first

Mackinac Island athlete to win a U.P. title by soaring 14-10 in the long jump. She also placed third in the 100 and 400, leading the Lakers to their best finish ever.

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## Lower Peninsula: Morris Does His Best

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**M**icah Morris was the Lower Peninsula Class A boys champion in the 100-meter dash in 1993, but the Bay City Central student knew there was something more.

So did his coach.

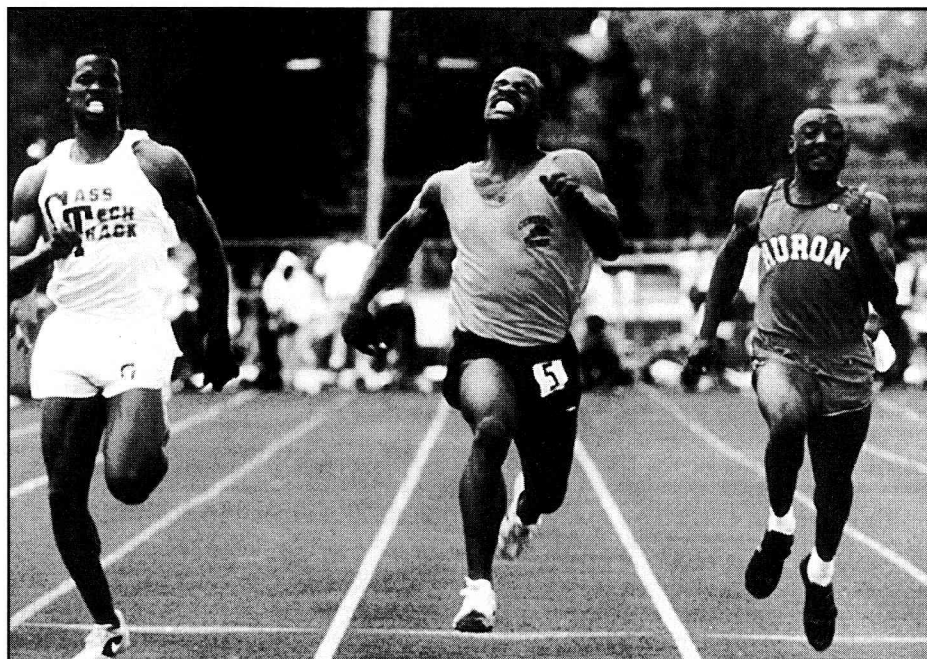
"He won the 100 as a junior, but the weather was miserable in Grand Rapids that day and he didn't feel he had done his best," said Scott Ely, Morris' coach at Central. "And he really wanted to do better in the 200."

The result? On a warm, sunny day at Midland High last June, Morris won the 100 in an all-class finals record time of :10.3 seconds. Later in the day, he won the 200 dash in :21.4.

Not bad for someone who never participated in track and field until his junior year in high school.

"We knew what the record was in the 100, but honestly, neither of us were really thinking about it that

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Dick VanNostrand, Bay City Times

*Bay City Central's Micah Morris (center) battles down the stretch in the finals of the 100-meter dash at the 1994 MHSAA Lower Peninsula Class A boys finals. Also shown are Fred Wilkerson (left) of Detroit Cass Tech, who finished second; and Osai Garnett (right) of Ann Arbor Huron, who was third. Morris set an all-class finals record with a time of :10.3 seconds.*