

Boys Lower Peninsula Track

Pontiac Northern Claims City, State Win

The champion of Pontiac -- and the state -- is Pontiac Northern. The Huskies' cross-town rival, Central, is second-best.

The two Pontiac schools took their year-long battle to the Lower Peninsula Class A track and field finals in Rockford, and Northern put an exclamation point on the season with its first title since 1990. Northern had 74 points and Central 52. Lansing Sexton was third with 27 before 8,000 fans in Ted Carlson Memorial Stadium.

"This is beyond great," said Northern senior Godfrey Herring, who won the 400-meter (46.95), the 200 (21.24), anchored the winning 1,600 relay (3:19) and was second in the 100 in a photo finish. "If we can't win a meet, we hope Central wins. But to win the state meet, it feels unbelievable."

Pontiac Central won the 800 relay in 1:28. Jon Hall, Gerald Rasool, Jalilu Mayo and Sherrod Maye edged Northern 1:28.52 to 1:28.89. Mayo also won the 110 hurdles (13.91) and Hall was first in the long jump (22-6).

Anthony Spires of Detroit Mumford capped a superb career by winning the 1,600 (4:16) and 3,200 (9:23).

Paul Terek of Livonia Franklin broke the final meet record in the pole vault, going 16-feet-6.

Todd Duckett of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix set a final meet record with a shot put toss of 63-6.

*By Ted Kulfan
The Detroit News*

Team Scores		
Place	School	Score
1	Pontiac Northern	74
2	Pontiac Central	52
3	Lansing Sexton	27
4	Detroit Mumford	25
5	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	22
	Jackson	22
7	White Lake Lakeland	20
	Lansing Eastern	20
9	Traverse City	17.50
10	Detroit Central	16

PONTIAC NORTHERN 1997 CLASS A CHAMPIONS



FIRST ROW: L to R — Phillip Trimble, Lee Hamilton, Mike Niman, Rodell Smith, Tim Smith, Jason Rutilio-Lopez, Willie Moss, D'Coby Johnson, Joshua Williams, Darrius Humphrey, Cliff McCoy, Eugene Lundy. **SECOND ROW:** James Hall, Jason Hall, Corey Coleman, Bryan Green, Jason Wingo, Kareem Manley, Torey Coleman, Aaron Herring, Mike Jackson, William Griffin. **THIRD ROW:** Head Coach James Nelson, Norbert Mosley, Cortez Strickland, Robert Davis, Julius Hall, Rickey Logan, Jimmy Landrom, Jason Usher, Godfrey Herring, Marlin Viverette, Warren Rodgers, Assistant Coach Tony Pizza.

Class A Track Finals Held at Rockford High School May 31, 1997

SHOT PUT			
Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Todd Duckett	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	63-6*
2	Joe Keller	Lansing Eastern	61-6
3	Greg Cox	FlintCarman-Ainsworth	57-0.25
4	Eric Mikula	Troy Athens	55-1
5	Josh Thornhill	Lansing Eastern	54-10.75
6	Ron Pennington	Wayne Memorial	54-9.75
7	Larry King	Lansing Sexton	54-5.25
8	Nick Shaieb	Farmington Hills Harrison	54-3
HIGH JUMP			
Place	Name	School	Height
1	Jeff Kus	Grand Ledge	7-0 #
2	Elvin Jones	Ferndale	6-8
3T	Bill Nash	Highland Milford	6-6
	Lucas Babbitt	Grand Ledge	6-6
5	Jalilu Mayo	Pontiac Central	6-6
6	Jacob Surber	Rochester	6-6
7	Reggie Baldwin	Saginaw	6-6
8	Eric Wilson	Lapeer East	6-4
POLE VAULT			
Place	Name	School	Height
1	Paul Terek	Livonia Franklin	16-6
2	Brent Sheffer	Traverse City	14-7
3	ared Hager	Rockford	14-7
4T	Rooney Johnson	Traverse City	14-4
	Jake Lande	Dearborn	14-4
6	Jimmie Freeman	East Kentwood	14-4
7	Craig Wenzel	Midland	14-1
8	Todd Vanpelt	Flint Kearsley	14-1
LONG JUMP			
Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Jon Hall	Pontiac Central	22-6
2	Dave Jarrett	Westland John Glenn	21-11.75
3	Tim Smith	Pontiac Northern	21-11.75
4	Joe Alls	Utica Stevenson	21-8.25
5	Nick Mckinnie	Romulus	21-7.75
6	Demont Smith	Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills	21-7.25
7	Levar Sommerville	Ann Arbor Huron	21-5.25
8	Deocco Long	Lansing Sexton	21-3.25

*Class A L.P. finals record

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1997 Track and Field Final Results—Boys L.P. (Concluded)

Class A

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Place	Name	School	Distance
1	Chad Peters	Mt. Pleasant	177-9
2	Nate Golin	Grandville	166-8
3	Nate Piggot	St. Johns	165-11
4	Joe Keller	Lansing Eastern	162-6
5	Eric Mikula	Troy Athens	161-8
6	Josh Thornhill	Lansing Eastern	158-6
7	Aaron Burton	Rochester	158-1
8	Matt Kropf	Traverse City	156-1

3,200-METER RELAY

Place	School—(Competitors)	Time
1	White Lake Lakeland (Lance Binoniemi, Ryan Johns, Nick Gow, Anthony Sager)	7:49.58
2	Pontiac Northern	7:50.22
3	Kalamazoo Central	7:53.33
4	Portage Northern	7:54.45
5	Sterling Heights	7:58.63
6	Ann Arbor Pioneer	7:59.44
7	Traverse City	8:02.00
8	Brighton	8:02.50

110-METER HURDLES

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Jalilu Mayo	Pontiac Central	13.91
2	Chris Evans	Clarkston	14.20
3	Arthur Bouyer	Lansing Sexton	14.30
4	Jason Fouse	Flint Northern	14.58
5	Justin Goike	Macomb L'Anse Creuse North	14.59
6	Chris Cunningham	Detroit Cody	14.61
7	Justin Rumph	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix	15.08

100-METER DASH

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Lamar Courtney	Muskegon Mona Shores	10.81
2	Godfrey Herring	Pontiac Northern	10.81
3	Kande Ngalamulume	East Lansing	10.82
4	Gerald Rasool	Pontiac Central	10.90
5	Fred Russell	Romulus	10.91
6	Dwight Smith	Detroit Central	10.96
7	Jason Umberger	Taylor Kennedy	11.15
8	Sam Card	Detroit Cass Tech	11.17

800-METER RELAY

Place	School—(Competitors)	Time
1	Pontiac Central (Jon Hall, Gerald Rasool, Jalilu Mayo, Sherrod Maye)	1:28.52
2	Pontiac Northern	1:28.89
3	Jackson	1:29.31
4	Utica Ford	1:29.83
5	Farmington Hills Harrison	1:30.15
6	Detroit Chadsey	1:30.20
7	Detroit Cass Tech	1:30.96
8	Sterling Heights	1:31.15

1,600-METER RUN

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Anthony Spires	Detroit Mumford	4:16.99
2	Ben Wojcik	Wyandotte	4:19.29
3	Kevin Avenius	Novi	4:20.58
4	Kevin Blacquiery	Zeeland	4:21.08
5	Brian Carion	Sterling Heights	4:22.58
6	Neil Sobek	Warren Delasalle	4:23.15
7	Ryan Piipo	Trenton	4:23.78
8	Les Crosby	Battle Creek Lakeview	4:24.20

400-METER RELAY

Place	School—(Competitors)	Time
1	Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (Justin Rumph, John Bradford, Todd Duckett, Little John Flow)	42.59
2	Detroit Central	42.68
3	Romulus	42.95
4	Pontiac Central	43.18
5	Utica Ford	43.43
6	Utica Stevenson	43.54
7	Pontiac Northern	43.56
8	Farmington Hills Harrison	43.77

400-METER DASH

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Godfrey Herring	Pontiac Northern	46.95
2	Ken Nelson	Port Huron North	47.33
3	Chris Hubbard	Detroit Chadsey	48.97
4	Coye Bouyer	Lansing Sexton	49.10
5	Brian Teefey	Redford Detroit Catholic Central	49.22
6	Josh Leake	Troy Athens	49.30
7	Joe Simko	Monroe	49.37
8T	Carl Lee	Detroit Osborn	49.38
	Dana Thomas	East Lansing	49.38

300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Arthur Bouyer	Lansing Sexton	37.74
2	Jalilu Mayo	Pontiac Central	38.61
3	Cortez Strickland	Pontiac Northern	38.88
4	Jake Lake	Temperance Bedford	39.38
5	Ryan Kearney	Livonia Churchill	39.45
6	Raymond Jones	Lansing Sexton	39.60
7	Joel Gaff	Traverse City	39.95
8	Derrick Barnes	Utica	39.99

800-METER RUN

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Nick Gow	White Lake Lakeland	1:54.80
2	Victor Acosta	Ann Arbor Pioneer	1:55.4
3	Ian Searcy	Plymouth Salem	1:55.42
4	Kevin Blacquiery	Zeeland	1:56.24
5	Matt Carroll	Northville	1:56.81
6	Matt Jackson	Troy Athens	1:57.03
7	Kareem Manley	Pontiac Northern	1:57.87
8	Tom Haapala	South Lyon	1:58.70

200-METER DASH

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Godfrey Herring	Pontiac Northern	21.24
2	Josh Culver	Jackson	21.46
3	Chris Hubbard	Detroit Chadsey	21.72
4	Dwight Smith	Detroit Central	21.73
5	Michael Jackson	Pontiac Northern	22.07
6	Jason Umberger	Taylor Kennedy	22.15
7	Joe Simko	Monroe	22.23
8	Derrick Lee	Flint Northern	22.65

3,200-METER RUN

Place	Name	School	Time
1	Anthony Spires	Detroit Mumford	9:23.13
2	Jason Hartman	Rockford	9:28.32
3	Mike Wisniewski	Temperance Bedford	9:30.48
4	Paul Niedzwiecki	Adrian	9:32.37
5	Jason Petipren	Warren Cousino	9:34.35
6	Ben Evans	Birmingham Brother Rice	9:36.12
7	Sean Secord	Rochester	9:36.52
8	Rich Hicks	Holly	9:44.02

1,600-METER RELAY

Place	School—(Competitors)	Time
1	Pontiac Northern (Kareem Manley, Godfrey Herring, Jason Wingo, Jason Lopez)	3:19.03
2	Jackson	3:19.65
3	East Lansing	3:22.50
4	Detroit Mumford	3:23.64
5	Sterling Heights	3:25.47
6	Warren DeLaSalle	3:25.95
7	Lowell	3:26.56
8	Portage Northern	3:27.11