

# Central girls edged out in Mott Relays

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Decent weather, something that has been lacking in recent years, and an enthusiastic crowd made for an exciting event at the 30th Annual Mott Relays Friday afternoon.

The meet, with its storied tradition, drew 37 teams from throughout the state to Houston Stadium. Though no meet records were set, times overall were faster than the past two years in which runners had to battle chilly temperatures and/or high winds. Those in attendance saw several dramatic finishes in various races and the girls' team standings saw only two points separate the top three teams.

In the girls' meet, Plymouth Salem edged Central to take the team title. The Rocks finished with 50 points, while Central tallied 49 and Detroit Renaissance finished with 48.

The boys' portion of the meet didn't have quite as much drama as Kalamazoo Loy Norrix won its second consecutive team title. The Huskies finished with 67 points, while Brighton was second with 59 and Pinckney was third with 53. Central was the leading area team, placing fourth with 41 points.

"We had only 10 girls participating today. We had a couple out sick," said Central coach Otha Hill. "We thought it would be tight. The girls that ran, ran great races today."

"I can't say much more about these girls. They're hard workers. If we had 25 girls, it would be better, but you can only work with what you have. Mia Malloy, Crystal Ewell, Simone Plump - they have no quit in them. They have injured legs, but they push one another."

The Indians' girls placed first in the C.S. Mott relay and the 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relays as well. In addition to Malloy, Ewell, and Plump, Corinthian Car-

outhers and Ebony Small ran in those races to score for Central.

Carouthers, Ewell, Plump and Malloy set a school record in the 1,600 relay with their time of 4:06.17.

Salem scored big points in the distance races, placing second in the 3,200 relay and having the top two runners in the individual 1,600 run.

In the boys' portion of the meet, Loy Norrix did most of its damage in the sprints, winning C.S. Mott relay, the sprint medley and the 400-meter relay. The Huskies also placed first in the distance medley relay.

Central's team of Isaac Lightfoot, Jamaal Jordan, Alan Bogan and Chris Lewis placed first in the shuttle hurdle relay. Southwestern Academy's David Hatter and Brandon Womack won the long jump relay for the area's only first-place finishes in the boys' portion of the meet.

Central coach Carlos Benton said the meet was a good test for teams at this point in the season. "There is good competition here," said Benton. "This is a good meet to see how strong the kids are and how well they can recover. This prepares you for the regionals."

"It was good to see a lot more teams here than last year. There was a pretty good crowd here, too. I think the Mott relays are coming back up to where it used to be."

## BOYS

**Team standings** - 1. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 67; 2. Brighton 59; 3. Pinckney 53; 4. Flint Central 41; 5. Grand Blanc 34; 6. Southfield 28; 7. Midland 23; 8. Southwestern Academy 20; 9. Saginaw 14; 10. Flint Northern 12; 11. Alpena 9; 12. Detroit Renaissance 8; 13. Saginaw Buena Vista and Beecher 1; 15. Detroit Redford, Flint Northwestern, Saginaw Arthur Hill 0.

**4,400** - 1. Pinckney (Ryan Kennedy, Ryan Rau, Matt Wehrman, Randy Schoufete) 18:56.5; 2. Brighton 18:59.12; 3. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 19:16.08; 4. Grand Blanc 19:44.02; Midland 20:20.

**C.S. Mott** - 1. Loy Norrix (Justin Rumph, John Bradford, Nata Jordan, Little John Flowers) 2:29.96; 2. Grand Blanc 1:32.15; 3. Saginaw 1:32.26; 4. Southfield 1:32.98; 5. Brighton 1:34.20.

**Shuttle hurdle** - 1. Central (Isaac Lightfoot, Jamaal Jordan, Alan Bogan, Chris Lewis) 1:01.64; 3. Midland 1:04.93; 4. Brighton 1:05.29; 5. Loy Nor-



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Northern's Lenisha Perry leaps over a hurdle during the Mott Relays Friday.

rix 1:05.43.

**Sprint medley** - Loy Norrix (Bradford, Mike Dyson, Flowers, Jordan) 2:29.55; 2. Central 2:29.61; 3. Southfield 2:29.76; 4. Pinckney 2:30.15; 5. Southwestern Academy 2:30.77.

**Pole vault** - 1. Midland (Ken Garrett, Matt Whitaker) 24-0; 2. Pinckney 23-6; 3. Alpena 22-6; 4. Grand Blanc 22-6; 5. Beecher 11-0.

**3,200** - 1. Brighton (Nate Edmund, Jim Muchuga, Jeremy Whitman, Alex Taylor) 8:20.24; 2. Central 8:31.69; 3. Pinckney 8:32.13; 4. Midland 8:35.3; 5. Loy Norrix 8:38.19.

**Long jump** - 1. Southwestern Academy (David Hatter, Brandon Womack) 40-0; 2. Loy Norrix 39-7/8; 3. Brighton 36-11/8; 4. Renaissance 36-9; 5. Buena Vista 35-10.

**Distance medley** - 1. Loy Norrix (James Cakola, Eric Therkidsen, Andrew Kramer, David Hughes) 11:05.76; 2. Grand Blanc 12:12.16; 3. Brighton 11:24.37; 4. Central 11:26.48; 5. Southfield 11:33.41.

**400** - 1. Loy Norrix (Justin Rumph, Bradford, Jordan, Flowers) 43.13; 2. Southfield 43.77; 3. Grand Blanc 44.00; 4. Saginaw 44.22; 5. Southwestern Academy 44.44.

**Shot put** - 1. Brighton (Dave Pearson, Adam LaCroix) 107-1; 2. Pinckney 91-10/8; 2. Pinckney 91-10/8; 3. Saginaw 91-8; 4. Alpena 89-6/8; 5. Central 85-3.

**1,600** - 1. Southfield (Jamar Wright, Allen Wiley, Brent Massey, James Boyle) 3:27.27; 2. Central 3:27.60; 3. Pinckney 3:30.47; 4. Northern 3:31.85; 5. Alpena 3:35.10.

**High jump** - 1. Brighton (Jake Falls, Anthony Quinn) 11-8; 2. Renaissance 11-6; 3. Pinckney and Loy Norrix 11-4; 5. Midland 11-4.

**Discus** - 1. Pinckney 263-7; 2. Grand Blanc 259-4/4; 3. Southwestern Academy 251-3; 4. Alpena 240-4/4; 5. Brighton 239-2.

## GIRLS

**Team standings** - 1. Plymouth Salem 50; 2. Flint Central 49; 3. Detroit Renaissance 48; 4. Pinckney 40; 5. Midland 38; 6. Saginaw 28; 7. Pontiac Central 18; 8. Bay City Western; 9. Flint Northern and Southwestern Academy 8; 11. Flint Northwestern 7; 12. Detroit Redford and Arthur Hill 4; 14. Loy Norrix 2; 15. Alpena, Beecher, Highland

Park, Lansing Everett, Saginaw Buena Vista 0.  
**Discus** - 1. Renaissance (M. Baon, K. Sampson) 248-2; 2. Pinckney 230-9; 3. Plymouth Salem 211-8; 4. Midland 190-4; 5. Northwestern 187-1.

**C.S. Mott** - 1. Flint Central (Crystal Ewell, Mia Malloy, Corinthian Carouthers, Simone Plump) 7:03.41; 2. Renaissance 7:05.12; 3. Midland 7:06.17; 4. Pinckney 7:09.08; 5. Plymouth Salem 7:12.24.

**Shuttle hurdle** - 1. Pinckney (Marcos Grange, Jewell Malloy, Chrissy Brackett, Lisa Cowdry) 1:08.22; 2. Pontiac Central 1:08.7; 3. Midland 1:11.00; 4. Plymouth Salem 1:11.24; 5. Northern 1:13.28.

**Shot put** - 1. Renaissance (Makiba Batten, Niki Henderson) 73-9; 2. Midland 68-0; 3. Pinckney 67-8; 4. Northwestern 61-4; 5. Plymouth Salem 60-8.

**High jump** - 1. Bay City Western (Sarah Post, Heather Jahr) 9-8; 2. Plymouth Salem 9-8; 3. Saginaw Arthur Hill 9-6; 4. Loy Norrix 9-6; 5. Flint Central 9-4.

**800** - 1. Flint Central (Ebony Small, Ewell, Plump, Malloy) 1:44.81; 2. Renaissance 1:45.49; 3. Saginaw 1:46.78; 4. Plymouth Salem 1:48.33; Pinckney 1:48.45.

**3,200** - 1. Midland (Martha Graham, Danielle Schiel, Jenny Waters, Sheona Brandt) 10:11.24; 2. Plymouth Salem 10:24.34; 3. Pinckney 10:29.74; 4. Detroit Redford 10:42.42; 5. Bay City Western 10:57.55.

**100 dash** - 1. Gabrielle Moore (Saginaw) 12.83; 2. Erin Anderson (Renaissance) 12.85; 3. Krysta Watkins (Saginaw) 12.87; 4. Shelliha Alston (SWA) 13.00; 5. Tracy Johnson (Saginaw) 13.09.

**1,600 run** - 1. Alyson Floka (Salem) 5:27.64; 2. Evelyn Rahhal (Salem) 5:31.85; 3. Graham (Midland) 5:33.36; 4. Sarah Ritz (Pinckney) 5:35.53; 5. Danielle Schiel (Midland) 5:49.11.

**Long jump** - 1. Pontiac Central (Eaton, Dunham) 31-2; 2. Northern 30-10; 3. Saginaw 30-1; 4. Northwestern 29-2/8; 5. Plymouth Salem 29-1.

**400** - 1. Flint Central (Shelonda Walker, Ewell, Plump, Malloy) 50.10; 2. Saginaw 50.34; 3. Southwestern Academy 50.58; 4. Plymouth Salem 51.60; 5. Northwestern 52.34.

**1,600** - 1. Flint Central (Carouther, Ewell, Plump, Malloy) 4:06.17; 2. Renaissance 4:09.45; 3. Plymouth Salem 4:09.59; 4. Pinckney 4:12.58; 5. Midland 4:12.98.