

MITCA Team Invitationals

For the second year, MITCA coaches organized the unofficial state team championship, in which the winning teams from regionals are invited to contest a "total team" meet.

In all, 33 of 58 regional champions participated, with the Class C girls seeing the best turnout, nine of 10. The Class D meets were cancelled again this year because of lack of interest. Some controversy erupted when St. Ignace LaSalle, the eventual Class C state runner-up in the Upper Peninsula, attempted to enter the Clare meet and was denied.

According to MITCA president James Okler, "The meet managers feel it would be difficult to set up the seeding and have this information out to the coaches as promised due to the lateness of the UP's regional meets. So the executive board is supporting their decision. I'm sure that as the meet develops we can become more efficient and perhaps work with the UP."

While the Lower Peninsula holds its regionals a week before the MITCA Team meets, the UP has its regionals in mid-week, several days before. Seeding a meet 24-48 hours before it starts is difficult, but perhaps MITCA officials might find the effort worthwhile. They are not bound by the MHSAA's obsolete separation of the peninsular state meets (a practice that was adopted because of World War II fuel shortages), and the claim to represent both peninsulas would seem to be one that MITCA would want to make.

In addition, while perhaps few UP schools would even want to contest the team invitationals, St. Ignace might have made a dent in Class C. At Marquette a week later, the Saints produced eight performances that would have been winners in Clare, and six others that would have made the top three. The Yoopers may have the best Class C "total teams" in the state.

An Effect on the State Finals?

A bigger issue, perhaps, is the scheduling of the team invitationals. Doubling, tripling, and quadrupling athletes the week before the state finals is troubling to some coaches. While some feel the team meets are an aid to their peaking, others have stayed away.

A comparison of how the event winners (individual and relay) did at the team invitationals versus the state finals produces sobering numbers. Some 40 performers improved a week later, while 36 did not (three stayed the same, and for 10 there wasn't adequate data; also, athletes who were not entered in the same event at state were not counted).

Class C had the most success, possibly because in some events—girls distances, for instance—the competition in Clare was not nearly at the same level as at the state finals. That allowed runners such as Stephanie Paterson to win with very modest times. Consequently, she and other Class C athletes saw big improvements in Saginaw (19 improved versus three who didn't).

Take out the Class C numbers and focus on Class A and B, and only 36% of the winners at the team invitationals performed better a week later. More than 56% did worse. Those are numbers that will not only give some coaches pause, but will concern the MHSAA, which is not likely to put its stamp of approval on a meet that might diminish the level of quality at the state finals.

The Team Invitational is a great concept, one that the athletes participating in truly enjoyed. Fitting it into the current schedule, though, may be the biggest challenge.

CLASS A BOYS, Brighton, May 29—

Teams: 1. East Kentwood 208; 2. East Lansing 180; 3. Saline 178; 4. Sterling Heights 126; 5. Warren DeLaSalle 114; 6. Lapeer East 83.



East Kentwood scored 208 points to win Class A.

100, Paul (EK) 11.18; 2. White (WDL) 11.24; 3. Bagwell (EL) 11.42. 200(0.5), Bannister (LE) 22.73; 2. Paul 22.76; 3. Adeleke (EL) 23.01. 400, Woods (EK) 49.92; 2. Burns (EL) 50.31; 3. Harris (S) 50.49. 800, Waite (EL) 2:00.04; 2. Sherel (S) 2:01.12; 3. Russell (S) 2:01.83. 1600, Kusner (S) 4:28.04; 2. Moore (S) 4:28.51; 3. Korpalski (LE) 4:32.04. 3200, Bruscha (SH) 9:44.82; 2. Moore 9:54.62; 3. Kusner 10:11.6. 110H(1.3), Freeman (EK) 14.57; 2. Lichocki (SH) 14.72; 3. Ochs (S) 14.92. 300H, Ochs 39.26; 2. Lichocki 39.50; 3. Melendez (S) 40.87.

HJ, Smith (EK) 6-1; 2. June (LE) 5-11; 3. Parisian (EL) 5-11. PV, Freeman 14-0; 2.

Mirandette (EK) 13-6; 3. Bannister 12-6. LJ, Freeman 22-5.5; 2. Stockel (S) 20-11; 3. Walker (EL) 19-11.5. SP, Croskey (EL) 59-0.75; 2. Maddens (WDL) 48-5; 3. Vernacke (SH) 48-3.75. DT, Carter (WDL) 154-1; 2. Paledink (WDL) 148-5; 3. Curtis (SH) 142-3.

4x1, East Kentwood 43.87 (Adams, Barnett, M. Paul, K. Paul); 2. East Lansing 43.90; 3. Saline 44.27. 4x2, East Kentwood 1:30.84 (K. Paul, Barnett, M. Paul, Woods); 2. East Lansing 1:31.44; 3. Saline 1:32.85. 4x4, Saline 3:22.34 (Ochs, Melendez, Sherer, Russell); 2. East Kentwood 3:24.29; 3. East Lansing 3:25.98. 4x8, Saline 7:54.38 (Kusner, Sherer, Medley, Russell); 2. Sterling Heights 7:55.47; 3. Lapeer East 8:03.86.

CLASS B BOYS, Corunna, May 29—

Teams: 1. Caledonia 156.5; 2. Ogemaw Heights 155; 3. Corunna 132.5; 4. Marysville 131; 5. Whitehall 101.5; 6. Frankenmuth 95; 7. Stevensville Lakeshore 64.5; 8. Renaissance 49; 9. Haslett 44.

100, Currie (Co) 11.55; 2. Roh (Ca) 11.61; 3. Whitting (F) 11.65. 200, Haan (W) 22.88; 2. Roh 23.26; 3. Currie 23.28. 400, Haan 49.64; 2. Currie 50.11; 3. Murphy (F) 52.74. 800, Dalton (H) 1:56.27; 2. Aldrich (Co) 1:56.68; 3. Bell (OH) 2:00.58. 1600, Vyncke (M) 4:21.61; 2. Aldrich 4:25.63; 3. Mulder (H) 4:27.83. 3200, Lindell (Co) 9:46.54; 2. Vyncke 9:55.83; 3. Ross (Ca) 10:03.76.

110H, Nichols (W) 15.46; 2. Gave (Ca) 16.29; 3. Maxwell (M) 16.31. 300H, Nichols 41.00; 2. Tousciuk (OH) 42.04; 3. Gave 42.17.

HJ, Grysko (F) 6-3; 2. Fox (SL) 6-2; 3. Slot (Ca) 6-0. PV, Wilkerson (M) 13-0; 2. Ackerhoff (W) 13-0; 3. Temple (Ca) 12-6. LJ, Whitting (F) 19-5.75; 2. Warshefski (M) 18-5.75; 3. Anderson (R) 18-5.5. SP, Manz (OH) 54-1.5; 2. Agren (OH) 53-11; 3. Wangerin (Ca) 52-1.5. DT, Manz 156-6; 2. Agren 156-3; 3. McLean (Co) 140-10.

4x1, Stevensville Lakeshore 44.60 (Froelich, Adams, Jewell, Henderson); 2. Renaissance 44.60; 3. Caledonia 45.17. 4x2, Whitehall 1:31.73 (Brown, Rederstorf, Nichols, Haan); 2. Renaissance 1:32.73; 3. Caledonia 1:33.0. 4x4, Whitehall 3:26.31 (Haan, Nichols, DeMara, Smith); 2. Ogemaw Heights 3:28.68; 3. Stevensville Lakeshore 3:29.10. 4x8, Ogemaw Heights 8:01.91 (Bruder, Bell, Osterland, Johnson); 2. Caledonia 8:02.34; 3. Corunna 8:05.31.

CLASS C BOYS, Clare, May 29—

Teams: 1. Clare 177; 2. Bath 176.5; 3. Reese 157.5; 4. Kent City 118; 5. Quincy 110; 6. Lutheran Westland 66; 7. Maple City Glen Lake 63; 8. Summerfield 52.

100, Kolbe (C) 11.42; 2. Rasmussen (R) 11.70; 3. Elsesser (R) 11.82. 200, Kolbe 23.15; 2. Nugent (B) 23.75; 3. Houseman (KC) 24.00. 400, Kolbe (C) 50.04; 2. Houseman 51.39; 3. Nugent

51.87. 800, Hughes (C) 2:01.35; 2. Ebers (KC) 2:03.15; 3. Grawey (C) 2:04.31. 1600, Hughes 4:28.77; 2. Kibbey (MCGL) 4:31.02; 3. Boylan-Pett (B) 4:31.84. 3200, Warner (C) 10:04.49; 2. Boylan-Pett 10:04.54; 3. Dunham (B) 10:22.61. 110H, Seeger (B) 15.24; 2. Ollinger (LW) 15.26; 3. Gornowicz (R) 15.40. 300H, Seeger 40.09; 2. Wiesen (MCGL) 41.69; 3. Braspenix (KC) 41.94. HJ, King (B) 6-4; 2. Everline (Q) 6-0; 3. Forsberg (C) 6-0. PV, Bolster (S) 14-0; 2. Derksen (B) 13-6; 3. Smith (Q) 13-6. LJ, Ollinger 19-6.5; 2. Teachout (Q) 19-4.75; 3. Leis (C) 19-4.25. SP, Elsesser (R) 56-8.25; 2. Maczlik (R) 52-9; 3. May (Q) 50-8. DT, Maczlik 161-6; 2. Bartell (Q) 145-7; 3. Elsesser 143-6.

4x1, Reese 45.51 (Elsesser, McKinzie, Morris, Rasmussen); 2. Clare 46.21. 3. Kent City 46.35. 4x2, Clare 1:31.61 (Rowley, Leis, Kiley, Kolbe); 2. Reese 1:33.23; 3. Summerfield 1:34.90. 4x4, Clare 3:31.53 (Kiley, Hughes, Dreyer, Leis); 2. Bath 3:33.75; 3. Quincy 3:35.94. 4x8, Clare 8:02.71 (Kiley, Grawey, Warner, Hughes); 2. Kent City 8:11.99; 3. Bath 8:15.81.

CLASS A GIRLS, Brighton, May 29—

Teams: 1. Rockford 239; 2. Pinckney 231; 3. Ann Arbor Huron 139.5; 4. Livonia Stevenson 90; 5. Sterling Heights Stevenson 80; 6. Grosse Pointe South 77.5.

100, Howard (AAH) 12.87; 2. Trumball (P) 13.20; 3. Mercer (R) 13.34. 200, Cowdrey (P) 26.35; 2. Trumball 26.69; 3. Kirk (AAH) 26.90. 400, Schiesser (R) 59.69; 2. Kirk 60.38; 3. Kopp (P) 62.40. 800, Podein (R) 2:18.04; 2. Blaisdell (R) 2:18.93; 3. Emery (P) 2:21.36. 1600, Toedebusch (R) 5:05.23 (4:48.6); 2. Smiley (SHS) 5:09.02; 3. Parker (LS) 5:15.43; ...dq—Blakeslee (R). 3200, Blaisdell 11:08.9; 2. Toedebusch 11:17.8; 3. J. Fitzgerald (SHS) 11:19.7. 100H, Cowdrey 14.74; 2. Nagy (R) 16.23; 3. McAvinchey (AAH) 16.36. 300H, Cowdrey 45.99; 2. Tzilos (LS) 47.59; 3. Magnus (AAH) 48.35.

HJ, Cowdrey 5-2; 2. Nagy 5-1; 3. Roderick (P) 4-11. PV, Fear (AAH) 9-6; 2. McCall (P) 9-0; 3. tie, VanderKuyl (R) & Wolbrink (P) 8-6. LJ, Smialek

(GPS) 16-3; 2. Kuspanck (LS) 15-10.5; 3. Grange (P) 15-7. SP, Forman (R) 35-0.75; 2. DeRosia (P) 34-7.5; 3. Yambasky (LS) 34-6.75. DT, Forman 126-5; 2. DeRosia 121-1; 3. Purefoy (AAH) 109-1. 4x1, GP South 52.44 (Laperriere, Whiteley, Marsh, Smialek); 2. Rockford 53.14; 3. AA Huron 53.16. 4x2, AA Huron 1:47.72 (Howard, Gatewood, Magnus, Kirk); 2. Pinckney 1:47.74; 3. Rockford 1:48.64. 4x4, Rockford 4:01.94 (Keenan, Sobie, Ellis, Podein); 2. Pinckney 4:04.49; 3. AA Huron 4:16.14. 4x8, Rockford 9:30.21 (Sobie, Blaisdell, Colligan, Podein); 2. Pinckney 9:37.73; 3. SH Stevenson 9:47.86.

CLASS B GIRLS, Corunna, May 29—

Teams: 1. Ogemaw Heights 146; 2. Wyoming Park 146; 3. Corunna 132; 4. Battle Creek Lakeview 128; 5. Coopersville 108; 6. Grosse Ile 89; 7. Vicksburg 87; 8. Madison Heights Lamphere 37; 9. Saginaw Nouvel 32; 10. Ortonville Brandon 27.

100, Graham (BCL) 12.79; 2. Dobbin (V) 12.96; 3. Beattie (OH) 13.13. 200, Lucas (OH) 26.61; 2. Price (BCL) 27.07; 3. Bouwman (WP) 27.27. 400, Price 57.27; 2. Lucas 57.94; 3. Beattie 61.68. 800, Bennink (Coop) 2:19.77; 2. Johnson 2:20.65; 3. Robach (WP) 2:26.41. 1600, Kraft (OH) 5:13.29; 2. Cox (BCL) 5:14.61; 3. Lange (Cor) 5:25.56. 3200, Cox 11:32.77; 2. Lange 11:38.68; 3. Nelkie (OH) 12:01.23. 100H, Graham 15.16; 2. Dumasius (GI) 15.43; 3. Bouwman 15.89. 300H, Graham 45.68; 2. Perez (WP) 46.28; 3. Bouwman 47.58.

HJ, Sager (Cor) 5-4.25; 2. Tagai (MHL) 5-0; 3. Wolhuis (V) 5-0. PV, Carr (Cor) 9-6; 2. J. Stevenson (WP) 9-0; 3. S. Stevenson (WP) 9-0. LJ, Dobbin 15-2; 2. Holman (Coop) 14-4.25; 3. Willoughby (V) 13-11.75. SP, Neal (WP) 36-7.5; 2. A. Gross (Cor) 36-1.25; 3. J. Gross (Cor) 34-11. DT, A. Gross 119-0; 2. Moeller (Cor) 115-4; 3. Baber (GI) 113-0.

4x1, Wyoming Park 51.92 (S. Stevenson, Strickland, Chase, J. Stevenson); 2. Coopersville 52.65; 3. Ortonville Brandon 52.94. 4x2, Wyoming Park 1:48.29 (Perez, Strickland, Chase,

Bouwman); 2. Battle Creek Lakeview 1:48.75; 3. Ortonville Brandon 1:50.92. 4x4, Battle Creek Lakeview 4:04.11 (Johnson, Gremor, Graham, Price); 2. Wyoming Park 4:12.18; 3. Ogemaw Heights 4:16.25. 4x8, Corunna 9:39.15 (Lange, Johnson, Faber, Krzyminski); 2. Battle Creek Lakeview 9:39.37; 3. Wyoming Park 10:00.70.

CLASS C GIRLS, Clare, May 29—

Teams: 1. Lutheran Westland 192.5; 2. Benzie Central 179; 3. Maple Valley 139.5; 4. Mayville 136; 5. Saginaw Michigan Lutheran 133; 6. Marcellus 112.

100, Filthout (SML) 13.41; 2. Romero (LW) 13.96; 3. Maak (Mar) 14.04. 200, Filthout 27.42; 2. Mueller (SML) 28.03; 3. Squires (May) 28.12. 400, Bigelow (BC) 60.85; 2. Warnke (BC) 60.90; 3. Squires 61.82. 800, Eberly (MV) 2:27.50; 2. Patterson (May) 2:27.52; 3. Kuehne (LW) 2:33.34. 1600, Patterson 5:36.23; 2. Kuehne 5:44.45; 3. Wade (BC) 6:04.61. 3200, Patterson 12:38.94; 2. Wade 12:56.90; 3. Kuehne 13:08.27. 100H, Bright (BC) 15.45; 2. McFarland (SML) 16.30; 3. Franzel (May) 17.00. 300H, Bright 46.04; 2. Mueller 48.58; 3. Hughes (LW) 49.45.

HJ, Habedank (BC) 5-2; 2. Hoffmeier (LW) 5-0; 3. Louisignau (BC) 4-10. PV, Spitzley (MV) 9-6; 2. Wilson (MV) 9-6; 3. Franzel 9-0. LJ, McFarland 15-7.75; 2. Warnke 15-2.75; 3. Morrisette (SML) 14-8.75. SP, Krolik (MV) 38-5.25; 2. Zacharko (SML) 34-7.75; 3. Schecke (LW) 32-6. DT, Krolik 101-11; 2. Prath (Mar) 98-4; 3. Dash (LW) 95-1.

4x1, Michigan Lutheran 52.61 (Naumann, Mokma, Morrisette, Kelley); 2. Maple Valley 53.79; 3. Benzie Central 54.11. 4x2, Benzie Central 1:48.93 (Taraney, Williams, Bigelow, Bright); 2. Saginaw Michigan Lutheran 1:52.42; 3. Marcellus 1:53.14. 4x4, Benzie Central 4:15.89 (Taraney, Bigelow, Warnke, Bright); 2. Mayville 4:20.82; 3. Lutheran Westland 4:22.30. 4x8, Benzie Central 10:21.96 (Desheck, Wade, Bigelow, Warnke); 2. Lutheran Westland 10:23.17; 3. Marcellus 10:51.01.

1999 Boys State Finals

These state final results differ from the official MHSAA results in several important respects. Most importantly, all known results are published here, not just the top 8. I have included heats, semifinals, and complete field event results where possible. Thanks to meet managers Phil Bedford (Midland-Class A), Marty Gottesman (Bay City Western-Class B) and Gary Bruns (Frankenmuth-Class D) for allowing me full access to their original results.

In addition, these results indicate which races were hand-timed and which were FAT. Only confirmed FAT performances are listed to the hundredth of a second. All others are rounded up to the nearest tenth. Wind readings are noted where they were taken (Class A only).

Class A Boys

Midland, June 5--

TEAMS: 1. Detroit Mumford 65; 2. Rockford 42; 3. tie, Saginaw & Saginaw Heritage 30; 4. Saginaw 30; 5. Detroit King 19; 6. Monroe 18.75; 7. tie, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Pontiac Central, Portage N, Walled Lake Central & Walled Lake W 18; 12. Milford 16; 13. Detroit Cass Tech 15; 14. Saline 13;

15. Detroit Catholic Central 12; 16. tie, East Lansing, Holland West Ottawa, Lapeer East, Novi, Pontiac N & White Lake Lakeland 11; 22. Lansing Sexton High 10.75; 23. tie, Battle Creek C, Benton Harbor, East Kentwood, Flint Northern, Grand Rapids Forest Hills C, Kalamazoo Norrix & Traverse City C 10; 30. tie, Ann Arbor Huron, Grandville, Pinckney & Troy 9; 34. tie, Flint Central & Holland 8; 36. tie, Bay City C, Charlotte, Garden City & Wyandotte Roosevelt 6; 40. tie, Dearborn, Grand Blanc, Taylor Truman & Warren Cousino 5; 44. tie, Clarkston, Flint Southwestern, Jackson, Lake Orion & Southfield Lathrup 4; 49. Birmingham Rice 3.75; 50. tie, Birmingham Seaholm, Farmington Hills Harrison, Grand Ledge, Hartland, Okemos, Plymouth Canton, Sterling Heights, Waterford Kettering & Woodhaven 3; 59. tie, Alpena, Grand Haven, Ionia, Lansing Everett, Plymouth Salem, Swartz Creek & Ypsilanti Lincoln 2; 66. tie, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Grosse Pointe North, Waterford Mott & Zeeland 1; 70. Sterling Heights Stevenson 0.75.

100(2.2—wind-aided), Stuart Schweigert (Saginaw Heritage) 10.60w; 2. Charles Rogers (Saginaw) 10.68; 3. Joseph Binion (Detroit King) 10.91; 4. Regis Benton (Grand Blanc) 10.91; 5. Kolin Bernard (Ann Arbor Huron) 10.93; 6. Ken Franklin (Brownstown Woodhaven) 10.97; 7. Lorenzo Parker (Walled Lake Western) 10.97; 8. Carey Warner (Dearborn Edsel Ford) 11.10; 9. Kip Paul (East Kentwood) 11.13.

Heats: 1(1.9)-1. Rogers 10.98; 2. Benton 11.03; 3. Lawrence Clossum (Anchor Bay) 11.14; 4. Ken Franklin (Woodhaven) 11.17; 5. Corey Warner (Edsel Ford) 11.24; 6. Quincy Roberts (Benton Harbor) 11.28; 7. Mark Graham (Monroe) 11.32; 8. Eric Sage (Walled Lake Western) 11.35; 9. Antoine Bagwell (East Lansing) 11.48.