

1,600 relay decides title at Mott Relays

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In general, the 1,600 relay is one of the most exciting races at a track meet.

The relay format turns the long haul of the four-lap race into an all-out sprint. As the batons are passed between team members, leads change and a good or bad exchange can decide the outcome.

That race, in particular the last leg of the boys' version, provided plenty of excitement at the 31st Annual C.S. Mott Relays Friday afternoon at Houston Stadium.

Southwestern Academy seemed in control of the race after three laps, but Saginaw High's Charles Rogers erased a good 40-meter deficit to lead the Trojans to victory. As a result, Saginaw not only won that race, but took the team championship for the first time since 1989.

The Trojans placed first in the boys' portion of the meet with 60 points while Plymouth Salem was second with 52. Central was the top local team in the boys' field, placing fourth with 39 points while Northern was fifth with 34.

In the girls' meet, Pinckney took first with 73 points while Saginaw was second with 50. Central led local teams with 46 points to finish third, edging Southwestern Academy by one point.

Rogers, the defending state champion in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, isn't usually a member of the Trojans 1,600 relay.

"I didn't think we'd win, I just wanted to compete," said Rogers, a junior. "I wanted to show what kind of heart I have. I usually just run the 100 or 200 and the 400 or 800 relays, but we were short a man today so I ran."

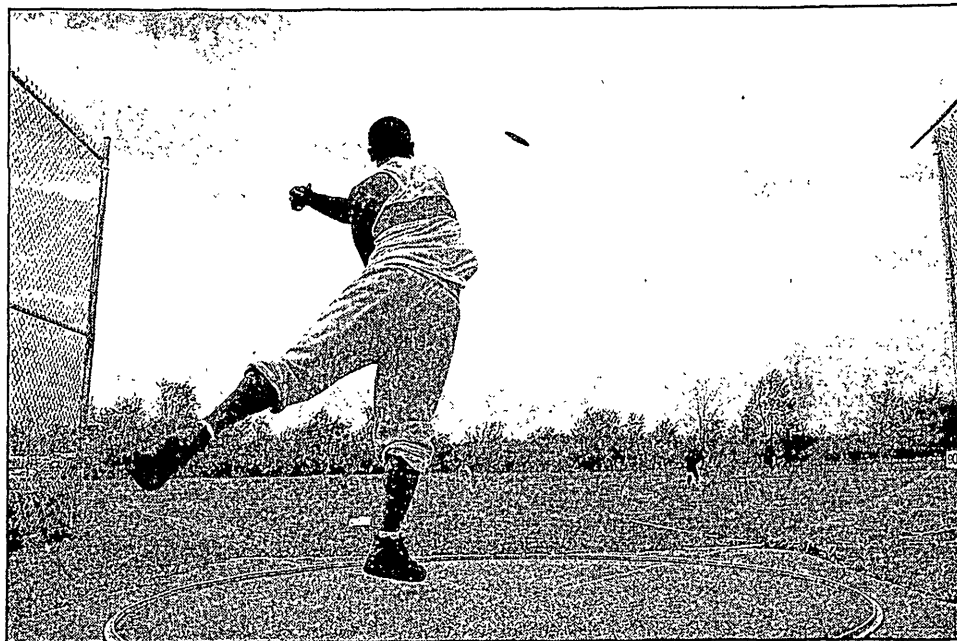
Saginaw finished the 1,600 relay in 3:26.92, edging Pinckney by two hundredths of a second. Southwestern Academy wound up third in 3:28.39.

While he turned in an impressive time in his first long sprint, Rogers did take a while to compose himself after the race. He tumbled into the infield grass at Houston stadium after finishing and was swarmed by his teammates.

"It was all right," said Rogers about running the 400. "I wouldn't recommend it for everybody though."

The girls' 1,600 relay wasn't nearly as dramatic as Central took the lead during the third lap and held on to win in 4:03.88. Crystal Ewell, who is strong in just about every race from 200 meters up to 3,200, anchored the Indians' squad.

Central's 1,600 relay team was the only local first-place finish in a



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Beecher's Michael Pope helped his team finish fifth in the discus.

running event in the girls' meet. Northwestern dominated the throws however.

The Wildcats' tandem of Sakeya Brown and LaWanna O'Neal took first place in both the shot put and discus. Brown and O'Neal combined to go 70-foot-6 to win the shot put, edging Central's team by nearly six feet. That pair added up to 195-3 in the discus to win by a similar margin over Pinckney's throwers.

For local boys, Northern had the only first-place finishes at the meet.

The Vikings' Chris Wilson, Jerrell Batson, Nick Morgan and Jerome Adams teamed up to easily win the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:01.51. Central placed second in that event at 1:04.61.

In the high jump, Northern's Matt Trannon and Donte Louis teamed up to clear 12-9 and take first place over a Cass Tech duo that went 12-0.

Milford Lakeland's boys ran a meet best time of 18:04 in the 6,400 relay under windy conditions. The previous best time was 18:06.6 by Kearsley in 1982.

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Boys results

Team standings - 1. Saginaw 60; 2. Plymouth Salem 52; 3. Milford Lakeland 46; 4. Flint Central 39; 5. Northern 34; 6. Detroit Cass 28; 7. Livonia Stevenson 26; 8. Pinckney 25; 9. Grand Blanc 21; 10. Beecher 13; 11. Alpena, Southwestern Academy 12; 13. Detroit King 10; 14. Detroit Central, Northwestern, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Kalamazoo Loy Norx, Lansing Everett, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Saginaw Buena Vista 0.

6,400 - 1. Lakeland (Pat Klein, Eric Jedgek,

Rick Ollesvig, Anthony Sayer) 18:04; 2. Plymouth Salem 18:36; 3. Livonia Stevenson 19:28; 4. Alpena 19:58; 5. Grand Blanc 20:11.

C.S. Mott (4x200) - 1. Saginaw (Lawrence Eastern, Monquiz Wedlow, Jeremiah McLaurin, Charles Rogers) 1:28.56; 2. Cass Tech 1:31.93; 3. Flint Central 1:31.99; 4. Northern 1:32.27; 5. Grand Blanc 1:33.31.

Long Jump - 1. Cass Tech (Angelo Finnie, Dean Smith) 41-2½; 2. Saginaw 38-2; 3. Plymouth Salem 37-11; 4. Flint Northern 37-4½; 5. Flint Central 36-6.

Shuttle hurdle - 1. Northern (Chris Wilson, Jerrell Batson, Nick Morgan, Jerome Adams) 1:01.51; 2. Flint Central 1:04.61; 3. Plymouth Salem 1:05.48; 4. Lakeland 1:06.69; 5. Livonia Stevenson 1:12.43.

Sprint Medley - 1. Pinckney (Paul Lodholz, Neil Thybaul) 2:28.83; 2. Flint Central 2:29.53; 3. Southwestern Academy 2:32.02; 4. Northern 2:32.06; 5. Alpena 2:32.63.

Discus - 1. Livonia Stevenson (Dusty Willim, Kurt Plankch) 263-6; 2. Plymouth Salem 251-10; 3. Saginaw 248-8; 4. Grand Blanc 237-2; 5. Beecher 231-11½.

3,200 - 1. Milford Lakeland (Klein, Ryan Bartman, Olteavig, Anthony Sages) 8:11.41; 2. Detroit King 8:30.34; 3. Plymouth Salem 8:37.18; 4. Flint Central 8:41.86; 5. Grand Blanc 8:45.39.

Pole vault - 1. Milford Lakeland (Kevin Nenendorf, Justin Rogers) 25-0; 2. Alpena 23-6; 3. Beecher 12-0; 4. Livonia Stevenson 11-0; 5. Pinckney 11-0.

Distance Medley - 1. Plymouth Salem (Bobby Cushman, Matt Anderson, Jon Little, Nick Allen) 10:45.56; 2. Milford Lakeland 11:01.37; 3. Livonia Stevenson 11:16.63; 4. Grand Blanc 11:20.20; 5. Flint Central 11:30.88.

Shot put - 1. Saginaw (Robert Gaines, Jeremy Casey) 95-5½; 2. Beecher 90-8; 3. Plymouth Salem 88-24; 4. Pinckney 84-3¼; 5. Detroit King 81-5½.

400 - 1. Saginaw (Anthony Ware, Wedlow, Mose Holmes, Rogers) 43.53; 2. Grand Blanc 44.19; 3. Flint Central 44.49; 4. Detroit Cass 44.89; 5. Plymouth Salem 44.99.

1,600 - 1. Saginaw (Antwan Haynes, Wedlow, McLaurin, Rogers) 3:26.92; 2. Pinckney 3:27.90; 3. Southwestern Academy 3:28.39; 4. Flint Central 3:29.9; 5. Northern 3:32.72.

High Jump - 1. Northern 12-9 (Matt Trannon, Donte Louis) 12-9; 2. Detroit Cass 12-0¼; 3. Saginaw 11-10; 4. Plymouth Salem 11-4; 5. Grand Blanc 6-3.

Girls results

Team standings - 1. Pinckney 73; 2. Saginaw 50; 3. Flint Central 46; 4. Southwestern Academy 45; 5. Livonia Stevenson 34; 6. Flint Northwestern 24; 7. Detroit Northwestern 8; 8. Alpena 6; 9. Lansing

Everett 5; 10. Bay City Central, Northern, Milford Lakeland, Plymouth Salem 4; 14. Saginaw Arthur Hill 3; 15. Detroit King, Pontiac Central 2; 17. Beecher 1; 18. Detroit Redford, Highland Park, Kalamazoo Loy Norx, Saginaw Buena Vista 0.

C.S. Mott relay (800x400x400x800) - 1. Pinckney (Rhea Agostizi, Dobbie Hulsagel, Lisa Cowdrey, Ashley Emery) 7:03.17; 2. Southwestern Academy 7:10.50; 3. Flint Central 7:15.34; 4. Livonia Stevenson 7:16.27; 5. Detroit King 7:16.90.

Shot put - 1. Flint Northwestern (LaWanna O'Neal, Sakeya Brown) 70-6; 2. Flint Central 64-7¼; 3. Livonia Stevenson 64-3¼; 4. Lansing Everett 61-8; 5. Pinckney 60-5.

800 - 1. Saginaw (Lydia Moore, Patricia Glenn, Krystal Watkins, Gabrielle Moore) 1:45.78; 2. Flint Central 1:46.61; 3. Southwestern Academy 1:48.38; 4. Detroit Northwestern 1:48.87; 5. Arthur Hill 1:49.32.

3,200 - 1. Pinckney (Sarah Reste, Ely Douglass, Emery, Marcie Growsi) 10:09.99; 2. Livonia Stevenson 10:16.46; 3. Southwestern Academy 10:34.38; 4. Bay City Central 10:44.99; 5. Alpena 11:06.49.

Long Jump - 1. Saginaw (G. Moore, Watkins) 30-7¼; 2. Southwestern Academy 30-7; 3. Flint Northwestern 30-2; 4. Northern 29-6½; 5. Pinckney 28-7½.

100 dash - 1. Gabrielle Moore (Saginaw) 12.02; 2. Krystal Watkins (Saginaw) 12.62; 3. Shelitha Alston (SW Academy) 12.93; 4. Tara Berry (Pontiac Central) 13.31; 5. Joann Rushton (Arthur Hill) 13.32.

1,600 run - 1. K. Seter (Pinckney) 5:32.56; 2. J. Miller (Milford Lakeland) 5:36.33; 3. H. Vondette (Livonia Stevenson) 5:37.73; 4. M. Sustek (Alpena) 5:39.45; 5. S. Brentz (Pinckney) 5:40.36.

High Jump - 1. Pinckney (Cowdrey Rodenck) 9-11; 2. Flint Central 9-10; 3. Plymouth Salem 9-4; 5. Livonia Stevenson and Beecher 9-4.

Discus - 1. Flint Northwestern (O'Neal, Brown) 195-3; 2. Pinckney 189-1; 3. Livonia Stevenson 185-185-2; 4. Northern 177-2½; 5. Lansing Everett 168-4.

Shuttle hurdle - 1. Pinckney (Janell Barnard, Marcia Grazo, Chrissy Brockett, Cowdrey) 1:08.7; 2. Livonia Stevenson 1:10.26; 3. Saginaw 1:16.94; 4. Southwestern Academy 1:16.41; 5. Alpena 1:17.67.

400 - 1. Saginaw (L. Moore, G. Moore, Patricia Glenn, Watkins) 49.63; 2. Flint Central 50.83; 3. Southwestern Academy 51.68; 4. Pinckney 52.90; 5. Lansing Everett 52.94.

1,600 - 1. Flint Central (Connthian Carouthers, Tiffn Scott, Ebony Small, Crystal Ewell) 4:03.88; 2. Pinckney 4:05.96; 3. Southwestern Academy 4:06.49; 4. Detroit Northwestern 4:06.99; 5. Livonia Stevenson 4:14.53.