

Shot-putter shines in Spartan Relays

By TOM BAER

Based on his first two performances in spring, Southfield High's Dave Walmoth is the second-best high shot-putter in the state. But the 17-year senior has quite a ways to go to catch up with the leader — Redford's Mike Petsch.

Walmoth recorded a throw of 54 feet, 4 1/4 inches last Saturday to finish second in the shot-put event at the Spartan Relays in Michigan State University's Jenison Field House. Petsch finished first with 61-3, smashing a meet record which has existed since 1973.

The same thing happened a week earlier at the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University. Petsch won with a meet-record 61-2, and Walmoth was second with a 56-3.

"Dave and Mike are close friends," said Southfield coach Chuck Balog. "After they completed last Saturday, they went out to eat together. That's kind of a unique thing in track. I think you can throw 60 feet outdoors this year. Only thing is, when Dave throws 60 feet, this guy (Petsch) will probably be throwing 65."

Southfield scored 14 team points in the Spartan Relays thanks to Walmoth and teammates Ken Raby and Tom Church. Raby, a senior, finished first in the 60-yard high hurdles with a

.073 clocking, and senior Church turned in a 9:34.6 to finish sixth in the two-mile run.

CHURCH'S EFFORT, which chopped seven seconds off his previous best two-mile time, was especially pleasing to Balog.

"He's a super kid," Balog said. "Every time he runs, he takes seconds off my previous best. Last time, it was 9:41 (at the Huron Relays), and now it's 9:34. That's about a second for each quarter mile."

North Farmington, which scored in one event at the Huron Relays, produced points in three events at the Spartans. Senior Art Doran was first for the Raiders, taking fourth in the 60-yard high hurdles in .073, and anchoring the shuttle hurdle relay (with Mike Miller, Jeff Cohen and Rich Burrell), which finished fourth in .22.6.

"Doran was especially impressive," said North Farmington assistant coach Ed Davis. "He injured his knee in the preliminaries. He really cracked it. He didn't let that bug him at all. He just laid it down and came back and attacked those hurdles. He did a really great job."

Miller, a junior, finished eighth in the 60-yard low hurdles with a time of .07.6 for North's other scoring performance.

Farmington High scored six points

on the strength of senior Harold Rutla's showing in the two-mile run. He logged his best time ever, 9:26.16, and finished third.

"That's one of the best times in the state so far this year," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "Harold's going to be real strong for us this season if we can keep him healthy."

FARMINGTON'S RICK McKibben, who is capable of scoring in the high jump, missed the Spartans because of an injured knee suffered at the Huron Relays.

Farmington Harrison failed to score in the Spartan Relays just as it did in

the Hurons. Harrison's best effort came from senior Tom Reynolds, who made the semifinals of the 60-yard dash with a time of .06:9.

"We really had just a skeleton crew at the Spartans," said Harrison coach Tom Shalla. "Most of our kids were in Florida on Easter break. And we had another group which was involved in the finals of a church basketball league."

Grosse Pointe North won the Spartan Relays team title, scoring 44 1/2 points. Taylor Center was second with 37, and Flint Southwestern took third with 31.

Spartan Relays summary

SPARTAN RELAYS

TEAM FINISH — 1. Grosse Pointe North, 44 1/2 points; 2. Taylor Center, 37; 3. Flint Southwestern, 31; 4. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, 20; 5. Grand Blanc, 18; 6. Detroit Cass Tech, 17; 7. Jackson High, 15; 8. Pontiac Central, 11; 9. Holland, 10; 10. Farmington, 6.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
SHOT-PUT — 1. Mike Petsch (Redford Union), 61-3 (meet record); 2. Dave Walmoth (Southfield High), 54-4 1/4; 3. Bob Bentley (Lansing Everett), 53-6; 4. Dave Kriby (Livonia Churchill), 52-7.

POLE VAULT — 1. Jeff Ward (East Lansing), 13-6; 2. Paul Bahler (Redford Union), 14-4; 3. Jeff Luedersberg (Holland), 12-4; 4. Louis Jordanou (Flint Southwestern), 10-0.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Grand Blanc (Tim Hinerman, Bob Biddle, Mike Moore, Al Sufinski), 9:28.47; 2. Farmington, Brother Rice, 10:36.40; 3. Jackson High, 10:36.42; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 10:39.60.

TWO-MILE RELAY — 1. Midland High (Scott Gregory, Herb Whelan, Duane Johnson, Tom Delaney), 9:11.41; 2. Grosse Pointe North, 9:14.37; 3. Detroit Northwestern, 9:25.25; 4. Grand Blanc, 9:29.28.

60-YARD HIGH HURDLES — 1. Marcus Allen (Detroit Cass Tech), 07.3; 2. Shelby Johnson (Taylor Center), 07.3; 3. Richard Wadkins (Pontiac Central), 07.3; 4. Art Doran (North Farmington), 07.3; 5. Ken Raby (Southfield High), 07.3.

TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Mike White (Jackson High), 9:23.46; 2. Dave Egan (Grosse Pointe North), 9:24.60; 3. Harold Rutla (Farmington High), 9:26.16; 4. Mike Moore (Grand Blanc), 9:26.50; 5. Bob Church (Southfield High), 9:34.60.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Detroit Redford (Andy Woodson, Ahmed Lile, Ken Watkins, James

Woods), 2:28.45; 2. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, 2:31.60; 3. Benton Harbor, 2:31.70; 4. Detroit Wainwright, 2:32.70.

60-YARD DASH — 1. Tony Batts (Flint Southwestern), 06.4; 2. Bob Johnson (Detroit Central), 06.4; 3. Andre Williams (Ann Arbor Huron), 06.4; 4. Cal Thomas (Taylor Center), 06.3.

60-YARD LOW HURDLES — 1. Richard Watkins (Pontiac Central), 07.1; 2. Brian Carpenter (Flint Southwestern), 07.1; 3. Bob Clements (Taylor Center), 07.1; 4. Jud Woods (Lansing Everett High), 07.5; 5. Mike Miller (North Farmington), 07.4.

100-YARD RELAY — 1. Detroit Cass Tech (John Holloway, Arndell Casson, Arnie Lacey, Marcus Allen), 1:33.11; 2. Benton Harbor, 1:34.0; 3. Taylor Center, 1:34.1; 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 1:34.6.

MILE RUN — 1. Mike White (Jackson High), 4:28.12; 2. Frank Ward (Holland), 4:28.45; 3. Al Sufinski (Grand Blanc), 4:27.73; 4. Harry Barnett (Pontiac Central), 4:31.18.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Dan Satt (Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills), 6-5; 2. Jon English (Farmington Brother Rice), 6-5; 3. Dave Elliott (Ann Arbor Huron), 6-4; 4. Steve Jim Luke (East Lansing) and Chris Koger (Belle Isle), 6-3.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY — 1. Taylor Center (Scott Gregory, Herb Whelan, Duane Johnson, Tom Delaney), 29:15; 2. Detroit Cass Tech, 29:24; 3. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, 29:34; 4. North Farmington (Mike Miller, Jeff Cohen, Bob Burrell, Art Doran), 29:34.

LONG JUMP — 1. Brian Carpenter (Flint Southwestern), 22-10 1/2; 2. Scott Waldman (Holland), 21-4 1/2; 3. Gary Granger (Taylor Center), 21-2.

MILE RELAY — 1. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills (Richard Watkins, Walker Luster, Jeff Robinson, Mike Taylor), 9:22.2; 2. Grand Rapids Central, 9:22.32; 3. Detroit Mumfords, 9:32.56; 4. Grosse Pointe North, 9:33.69.

4 bowlers win classic

Champions were crowned in four divisions in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's inaugural bowling classic held March 24 at two area bowling establishments.

Don Gracy won the men's under-129 title with a 156-130 decision over Andy Marshman at Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington. Billie Lomik became the day as if she were going to run away with the crown, posting victories over Raeline Leinweber, 176-121, and Chris Wollas, 212-117, before running into Allen and losing, 171-149.

In the women's over-130 competition, Cindy Brinkley bested Sherry Bevis, 159-134, in the finals, also held at Bel-Aire. Joan Scord survived her first two matches, beating Pat Lytle, 136-123, and Phyllis Semewald, 169-162, before coming up on the losing end of a 213-148 score against Brinkley.

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MSU alumni host net party

The third annual Spartan Tennis Party, sponsored by the Michigan State University Alumni Club of Oakland County, will be held April 8 at the Rochester Hills Racquet Club.

The event, which will take place from 8-11 p.m., is open to the public, and MSU graduates are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$8 per person, and each ticket

includes refreshments and tennis.

Token prizes will be awarded.

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