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Rochester 2nd, Seaholm 3rd at county meet

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Rochester High coach Hal Commerson wasn't talking about winning the Oakland County girls' track and field meet, he was more concerned about getting through it unscathed.

But when it was over, Commerson — Oakland County's Coach of the Year for the second straight season — was cheering on his team, which placed second to Pontiac Northern Northern, which had a 4-3 dual-meet record and placed fourth in the Greater Oakland Activities League, tallied 58 points to Rochester's 46. Birmingham Seaholm and Clarkson tied with 41 points, Pontiac Central scored 38, and Avondale, the top Class B team, finished with 35.

"The way we haven't done some things tonight, second place wouldn't be all that bad," Commerson said while the outcome was still in doubt.

ROCHESTER was shut out in the field events, but made a strong run in the running events.

"We started out like turtles," Commerson grinned, "but we came on pretty strong. We have a lot of depth and a lot of good performers, not a lot of great performers, which it takes to win a meet like this. We did it with our fifths, fourths, thirds and seconds. I'm very happy with our performance."

Rochester, which was second last year, last won the county meet in 1979. However, Commerson wasn't thinking about where his girls would place, but rather, how many would walk away from it.

"I wasn't thinking about it (placing) at all," he said. "All I was thinking about was surviving. We've been pretty banged up this season. And it's been rough lately with the regionals and league meets."

Tuesday, Rochester won the league meet, and three days previous was first in the Troy Athens Regional.

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failed to win an event. The best finish came from Judy Janusz, who was second in the 440-yard dash with a time of 59.27 seconds.

SEAHOLM's Karyn Finucan and Mary Ballantyne were county champs for the Maples. Finucan won the high jump (5 feet 5 inches), and Ballantyne was first in the 800 (2:19.94).

"Based on what we did at regionals (second at Athens), I thought we were contenders," Seaholm coach Ron Wheeler said. "I was fairly satisfied considering our girls came out of a very big meet (for league champs) on Tuesday. It was almost anticlimactic for us."

Farmington Harrison standout Alice Short was first in the shot put (43-2½) and 110 hurdles (1:52) but was upset in the discus when Avondale's Kim Woods set a meet record by heaving the disc 128-1. Short's second-place toss was 115-9.

Rochester Adams distance ace Kathy Kubicki led from wire to wire in the two-mile, and defeated Royal Oak Shrine's Tere Stouffer with a 11:21.40. Stouffer, a former Avondale runner, finished with an 11:25.63.

Harris, Soody, McCoy, 50.31; 3. Rochester, 50.75; 4. Avondale, 51.00; 5. Pontiac Central, 51.49; 6. Southfield, 51.44; 7. Farmington, 52.07.

400-yard relay: 1. Pontiac Northern (Tarpley, Wilson, Seaton, Johnson, 2:22.22); 2. Seaholm, 2:46.39; 3. Clarkson, 2:51.12; 4. Troy, 3:11.75; 5. Avondale, 3:12.87.

110 hurdles: 1. Alice Short (Harrison), 1:52; 2. Julie Beamer (Clarkston), 1:55; 3. Diane Kins (Adams), 1:55; 4. Karyn Finucan (Seaholm), 1:58; 5. Gloria Sullivan (Rochester), 1:58; 6. Lavada Perry (Oak Park), 1:59.

100 Dash: 1. Lisa McCoy (P. Northern), 11.6; 2. S. Arnold (P. Central), 11.8; 3. Molly Acio (Alhambra), 11.9; 4. Brooke (P. Northern), 12.0; 5. Bernice Braxton (Rochester), 12.0; 6. Kacia Green (Lakeside), 12.2.

400 Dash: 1. Tere Stouffer (Shrine), 1:13.75; 2. Kelly Geiger (W. Bloomfield), 1:17.58; 3. B. Lawrence (Kimball), 1:21.81; 4. Sharon Libby (Seaholm), 1:21.92; 5. Melanie Richards (Rochester), 1:27.50; 6. J. Shoben (Lakeland), 1:29.81.

400 Dash: 1. D. Bradley (P. Central), 1:17.45; 2. Judy Janusz (Rochester), 1:20.37; 3. J. Morris (Lakeside), 1:21.11; 4. T. Tarpley (P. Central), 1:21.20; 5. R. Wilson (Clarkston), 1:21.21; 6. Sue Nash (Troy), 1:21.57.

110 Hurdles: 1. Julie Beamer (Clarkston), 1:52; 2. Kelly Waldron (Laker), 1:52; 3. Gloria Sullivan (Rochester), 1:55; 4. Dana Kins (Adams), 1:55; 5. Kristie Walsh (Andover), 1:58; 6. Mary Mickley (W. Bloomfield), 1:58.

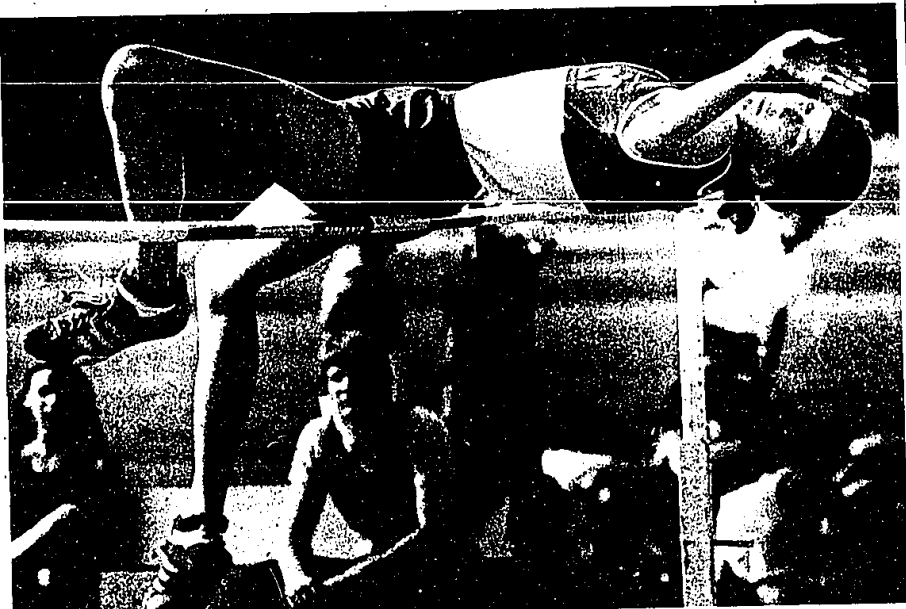
200 Run: 1. Mary Ballantyne (Seaholm), 2:19.94; 2. Amanda Salts (Kingwood), 2:20.49; 3. Tere Stouffer (Shrine), 2:20.72; 4. Kelly Geiger (W. Bloomfield), 2:21.51; 5. Gail Baron (Andover), 2:23.0; 6. Alison Saylor (Seaholm), 2:24.75.

200 Dash: 1. Lisa McCoy (P. Northern), 21.84; 2. D. Bradley (P. Central), 22.00; 3. Molly Acio (Alhambra), 22.41; 4. Robin Nash (Kimball), 22.92; 5. Paula Buckhalter (Avondale), 23.89; 6. M. Johnson (W.L. Western), 24.41.

Two Mile Race: 1. Kathy Kubicki (Adams), 11:21.40; 2. Tere Stouffer (Shrine), 11:25.63; 3. H. Meyer (Berkley), 11:31.88; 4. B. Lawrence (Kimball), 11:31.92; 5. Melanie Richards (Rochester), 12:05.40; 6. L. Ferrero (Perdado), 12:05.47.

800-yard relay: 1. Pontiac Northern (Soody, Owsley, McCoy, Adams), 4:42.28; 2. Rochester, 4:42.28; 3. Avondale, 4:47.24; 4. Laker, 4:48.04; 5. Southfield, 4:48.77; 6. Clarkson, 4:49.28.

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Birmingham Seaholm's Karyn Finucan (above) won the high jump at the Oakland County Meet Thursday with a clearance of 5-5. Troy's Kim Davis (below) was sixth in the long jump with a 15-2½. Southfield runner Kathy Smith (below right) and her Blue Jay teammates had an off night as they scored just four points. Pontiac Northern won the meet with 58 points, Rochester was second with 46, and Birmingham Seaholm and Clarkson tied for 41. Avondale finished as the top Class B team with a sixth-place total of 35 points.



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OAKLAND COUNTY GIRLS' TRACK MEET TEAM PLACINGS

1. Pontiac Northern, 58; 2. Rochester, 46; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 41; 4. Clarkson, 41; 5. Pontiac Central, 38; 6. Avondale, 35; 7. Farmington Harrison, 35; 8. Royal Oak Shrine, 21; 9. Royal Oak Kimball, 12; 10. Bloomfield Hills Laker, 10; 11. Troy Athens, 10; 12. Walled Lake Western, 11; 13. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Kingwood, Clarkson, Berkley, 7; 14. Farmington, 4; 15. Walled Lake Central, 4; 16. Lake Orion, 3; 17. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Andover, Troy, Southfield, 2; 18. Waterford Mont., 2; 19. (tie) Ferndale, Southfield-Lathrup, Oak Park, Milford Lakeland.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

100-yard dash: 1. Alice Short (Harrison), 15.4; 2. Kay Wells (West Bloomfield), 16.11; 3. Caryn Lamb (W. Central), 16.8; 4. Laura Gavel (Avondale), 17.3; 5. Kim Woods (Avondale), 17.94; 6. Lisa VanBuskirk (Lathrup), 18.5; 7. Doreen J. Kim Woods (Avondale), 19.1; 8. Alice Short (Harrison), 19.6; 9. Beth Sherman (Farmington), 19.8; 10. Lavada Perry (Oak Park), 19.9; 11. Lisa McCoy (P. Northern), 19.9; 12. K. Spradley (Berkley), 20.4.

TRACK EVENTS

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Southfield boys defend league track championship

Southfield High and Birmingham Seaholm were crowned undefeated champions in the boys' and girls' Southeastern Michigan Association track and field league meets last week. Both posted comfortable margins of victory after going 7-0 in dual meets. Southfield won its second straight championship as the Blue Jay boys rolled up 167½ points to second place Troy's 116. Seaholm won its first girls' championship with 112 to Southfield's 92.

In the boys' meet, Seaholm was third with 48 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Andover (46), Royal Oak Kimball (43½), Ferndale (42), Hazel Park (30) and Berkley (11).

Glen Williams and Terrence Robinson once again paced Southfield with wins in two events. Williams won the 100-meter high hurdles (14.7) and 300 low hurdles (37.6), while Robinson was victorious in the 100 (10.9) and 200

(22.4). Southfield's Chris Key also won two events, with firsts in the high jump (6-4) and long jump (20-9½). The Blue Jays also won all three relay events. Darryl Saylor, Key, Garrett Dunn and Robinson teamed to win the 800 (1:29.9), while Robinson, Melvin Peoples, Torin Dorn and Greg Towns won the 400 (42.3). Reggie Anderson, George Smith, Key and Williams won the 1,600 (3:22.9).

Derrick Perry was a double winner for Troy as he was first in the shot put (52-10½) and in the discus (160-0). Rochester Darrin Deese won the 400 in 50.8.

Birmingham Seaholm was led by double winner Eric Wittenberg, who was first in the metric mile (4:24.4) and the 3,200 (9:31.2). Teammate Jay Warner won the pole vault with a clearance of 13-0.

IN THE GIRLS' meet, Karyn Finucan won the high jump (5-4½) and 100

hurdles (15.0) to lead Seaholm. Teammate Mary Ballantyne was first in the 400 (58.8), as was the 1,600 relay team (4:03.1). Southfield was led by Delda Cheeks, who won the 100 (12.5) and was a member of the winning 400 and 800 relay teams. Cheeks joined Sonja Williams, Javay Williamson and Katie Loog to win the 400 (51.9) and 800 (1:47.6). Marla Fraser was Southfield's other champ with a 32-1 in the shot put.

Troy High, which finished fifth, had one league champ when Kim Davis leaped 16-9½ to win the long jump.

GOAL MEET

Rochester High dominated both ends of the Greater Oakland Activities League meet as the Falcons won the boys' portion with 181 points and the girls' event with 148 points.

In the boys' meet, West Bloomfield placed fourth with 47 points.

Robert Hess was a double winner for the Falcons with firsts in the long jump (22-7½) and the 100 (10.77). Other individual Rochester winners were Ed Ostin in the high jump (6-1), Bob Faltel in the pole vault (12-8), David Tallman in the 100 hurdles (15.15), Jeff Zargable in the 400 (49.77) and Bob Thompson in the 3,200 (9:43.65).

Rochester's 1,600 relay team of Zargable, Chad Haller, Scott Butler and Terry Walt won with a time of 3:22.77.

In the girls' meet, West Bloomfield finished runner-up to the Falcons with 98½ points. Kelly Geiger won three events and Kay Wells won two to lead the Lakers.

Geiger registered firsts in the 800 (2:19.84), 1,600 (5:10.95) and 3,200 (11:40.33), while Wells won the shot put (34-11¼) and the discus (101-0).

Rochester won two relays and one individual event. Julie Szaki, Angie

McCrone, Kelly Stevens and Berni Branton teamed to win the 400 (49.69), while Teresa Streetman, Judy Janusz, Stevens and Branton won the 800 (1:44.60).

Kathy Willard was first for the Falcons in the long jump (7-2).

MSAA MEET

Rochester Adams' girls and Royal Oak Dondero's boys were the champions following the Metro Suburban Activities Association league meet.

Adams rolled up 133 points to outpoint regular season champ Lakeside by seven. Troy Athens followed with 166, Southfield-Lathrup scored 83, Dondero tallied 22 and host Birmingham Groves finished with 11.

Kathy Kubicki doubled to win the 1,600 (8:19) and 3,200 (11:37) for Adams, while teammate Terri Eselink was first in the 800 (2:23.8). Adams also won the 1,600 relay in 4:06.7.

Lahser was led by Kathy Waldron's three first-place efforts of 15-4½ in the long jump, 14.9 in the 100 hurdles and 45.5 in the 300 hurdles. The Knights also were first in the 400 (51.3) and 800 (1:48.2) relays.

Molly Acio picked up three of Athens' four firsts as she won the 100 (12.4), 200 (25.9) and 400 (50.0). Teammate Terri Smith was first in the high jump (5-1).

Lisa VanBuskirk picked up Lathrup's lone firsts as she won the shot put (32-10¼) and discus (95-4).

IN THE BOYS' meet, Groves' scored 114 points to finish second behind Dondero (158). Athens scored 98, Adams had 54, Lathrup tallied 40 and Lahser finished with 22.

Craig Compton won the high jump (6-4) and long jump (23-4¼) for Groves, while Steve Hitchcock won the pole vault (12-4) and Chuck Loughrey was first in the 400 (51.4).