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## Stevenson ends Farmington reign

### Canton runner-up at RU-Observer meet

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The Livonia Stevenson girls track team had every reason to be tight coming into Saturday's fifth running of the Redford Union-Observersland Girls Track and Field Relays at Kraft Field.

They were picked by the Observer (and most area coaches) to win the meet, which is generally a kind of death. They are a young team (70 percent freshmen and sophomores) and were running against perennial powers Farmington Hills Mercy, Bishop Borgess and Plymouth Salem, not to mention up-and-coming power Plymouth Canton.

But the Spartans ran without fear, winning the meet comfortably. They amassed 77 points to runner-up Canton's 65. Borgess was third with 58 and last year's champion Mercy placed fourth with 54. (See statistical summary for complete results.)

"I'll tell you, these girls are so young and so naive about what this is all about, they couldn't tell you who won this meet last year or who was in it this year," said Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg. "They just came out here and did what we asked."

WHAT HOLMBERG asked of his talent-rich crew was score in every event, which the Spartans did with the exception of the final relay.

"That's what we had to do, we had to score in every event," Holmberg said. "We ran 28 kids which is the most we've ever run in a big meet. Not too many had to double up in events. The kids just ran real well. This is a hungry group and they are getting better and better."

The Spartans placed first in three events.

Shella Taormina, Michele Economou, Amy Kazmarik and Suzanne Moore teamed up to win the 3-mile relay in 16:35.34. In the forever dangerous shuttle hurdle relay, Karen Allen, Susan Geisz, Tracy Ridley and Kim Smith won with a 1:12.13. (Several hurdlers fell hard on the cinder track during the race.)

Economou, Smith and Kathy Long combined on a 41-9/10, to win the long jump. Long had the best leap of the day at 14-10 1/2.

"I thought for a while that we may win the meet without taking a first," Holmberg said. "But I really liked what was going on throughout the meet. We were getting the places we had hoped for."

Long took a second in the 100-yard dash for Stevenson (12.04) and the Spartans took thirds in the 4-mile relay, open hurdles (Karen Miller, 17:01), distance medley relay, 800 relay, sprint medley relay and 440 relay — a clinic on how to win big meets.

THERE WERE no tears for the runners-up. Plymouth Canton won four events and scored in 11 of 15 events.

"Our distance kids just ran out of their minds," said first-year Canton coach George Fryzgodski. "Every-one ran great. I can be nothing but proud of our performance today."

Rachel Mann and Marie Jarosz were the top scorers for the Chiefs. Jarosz won the open mile (5:45.53). Both teamed with Kris Marquard and Lynda Schendel to win the 4-mile relay (23:36.2), and Mann anchored the first-place distance medley team, teaming with Tricia Carney, Angie Miller and Karen Boluch on a 13:55.7.

Canton also took first in the high jump relay as Miller, Janet Armstrong and Jarosz leaped 14-6 combined.

Bishop Borgess' Cheri Johnson took individual honors in the high jump with a 5-4, tying the meet record owned by former Borgess star Sambia Shivers.

SUE NASTER helped Borgess pull a sweep in the throwing events. Naster, Chris Winharski and Tracie Woods won discs with a combined 286-6V4. Naster's 110-6 was the best individual toss.

Naster teamed with Sue Jenkins and Shelley Blanding to win the shot put (94-1). Naster's 35-4 was the top toss.

Mercy, as expected, was strong in the sprint events. Terri Ford won the 100 (11.56). Adrienne Clark, Adonna Amanze, Michelle Smith and Ford teamed up to win both the sprint medley relay (3:07.19) and the 440 relay (53.08).

In the 440, Ford came from 20 yards back to catch Garden City at the wire. Garden City, who placed fifth overall in the meet, ran a 53.2.

The Cougars picked up a first in the 800 relay as Debbie Babb, Marcia McKenzie, Missy Ward and Nikki Stubbs went 1:51.01.

Livonia Franklin got an individual first from Lisa Dominato in the 110 hurdles. She ran a 16:36 to nip both Ward (16:54) and Miller (17:01).

LIVONIA LADYWOOD placed eighth in the meet, but it easily put the most exciting runner on the track Saturday. Joan Arndt ran the last leg of Ladywood's 4-mile, 2-mile and mile relays. In each race she made up incredible ground.

The Blazers were close seconds in both the 4-mile and 2-mile, but Arndt brought home the mile relay first in 4:18.90. She made up more than 60 yards in her 440 lap.

With Stevenson winning, it breaks up the four-year reign of the Farmington schools. Mercy had won the meet twice, Harrison and Farmington once each prior to Saturday.



FIFTH ANNUAL RU-OBSERVERSLAND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD RELAYS Saturday at Kraft Field

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 77; 2. Plymouth Canton, 65; 3. Redford Bishop Borgess, 58; 4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 54; 5. Garden City, 50; 6. Livonia Franklin, 45; 7. Plymouth Salem, 43; 8. Livonia Ladywood, 32; 9. Livonia Churchill, 17; 10. Redford Union, 16; 11. Northside, 7.

FIELD EVENTS  
Shot put relay: 1. Bishop Borgess (Sue Jenkins, Shelley Blanding, Sue Naster), 94-1; 2. Livonia Franklin, 87-5; 3. Plymouth Canton, 89-11; 4. Livonia Salem, 83-9; 5. Redford Union, 82-11; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 82-3.

Long jump relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Michele Economou, Kim Smith, Kathy Long), 41-9/10; 2. Plymouth Salem, 41-4; 3. Livonia Franklin, 39-7; 4. Bishop Borgess, 38-1/2; 5. Livonia Church, 37-7; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 37-5.

High jump relay: 1. Plymouth Canton (Janet Armstrong, Marie Jarosz, Angie Miller), 14-6; 2. Bishop Borgess, 13-10; 3. Farmington Mercy, 12-4; 4. Livonia Franklin, 10-5; 5. Garden City, 10-4; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 10-4.

Discus relay: 1. Bishop Borgess (Chris Winharski, Tracie Woods, Sue Naster), 168-1/4; 2. Livonia Franklin, 265-1; 3. Plymouth Salem, 247-10/10.

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259-1/4; 4. Plymouth Canton, 244-1/2; 5. Farmington Mercy, 250-8/10; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 247-10/10.

RELAYS  
4-mile: 1. Plymouth Canton (Rachel Mann, Kris Marquard, Lynda Schendel, Marie Jarosz), 23:36.2; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 23:36.45; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 23:53.24; 4. Northside, 24:27.38; 5. Livonia Franklin, 24:59.21; 6. Farmington Mercy, 25:03.7.

Distance medley: 1. Plymouth Canton (Tricia Carney, Angie Miller, Karen Boluch, Rachel Mann), 13:55.7; 2. Livonia Churchill, 14:05.99; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 14:48.31; 4. Plymouth Salem, 15:02.77; 5. Redford Union, 15:45.49; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 15:49.83.

800-yard: 1. Garden City (Debbie Babb, Marcia McKenzie, Missy Ward, Nikki Stubbs), 1:51.02; 2. Farmington Mercy, 1:51.6; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:55.29; 4. Plymouth Salem, 1:58.84; 6. Livonia Ladywood, 1:57.2; 8. Redford Union, 1:57.25.

2-mile: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Michele Economou, Kim Smith, Kathy Long), 11:11.76.

Canton's Rachel Mann, left, and Stevenson's Kathy Long were two of the top point producers at Saturday's fifth running of the Redford Union-Observersland Girls Track and Field Relays. Mann helped the Chiefs to a second-place finish running legs of Canton's 4-mile and distance relay teams. Stevenson, champions of the meet, got points from Long in the 100 dash, long jump and two sprint relays. Long was the individual winner of the long jump with a 14-10 1/2 leap. Stevenson's victory marks the first time a non-Farmington area school has won the meet. Eleven area teams competed.

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Mohamare, Sarah Adorna, Monica Ost, Joan Arndt, 4:18.90; 2. Garden City, 4:19.02; 3. Bishop Borgess, 4:24.74; 4. Plymouth Canton, 4:25.01; 5. Farmington Mercy, 4:28.03; 6. Plymouth Salem, 4:32.43.

OPEN EVENTS  
110 hurdles: 1. Lisa Dominato (Franklin), 16:36; 2. Missy Ward (Garden City), 16:54; 3. Karen Miller (Stevenson), 17:01; 4. Nicole Kostuch (Mercy), 17:07; 5. Amy Johnson (Salem), 17:14; 6. Andrea Jackson (Borgess), 17:52.

Mile run: 1. Terri Ford (Mercy), 5:45.51; 2. Joana Blandin (RU), 5:51.00; 3. Carol Sulik (Church), 6:55.09; 4. Cheryl Darter (Salem), 6:54.61; 5. Anne Griffith (Northside), 6:57.59; 6. Michele Dayney (Borgess), 6:02.87.

100 dash: 1. Terri Ford (Mercy), 11:56; 2. Kathy Long (Stevenson), 12:04; 3. Marcia McKenzie (Garden City), 12:17; 4. Anna Wideman (Borgess), 12:62; 5. Joanne Lenaghan (Ladywood), 12:63; 6. Karen Sitarski (RU), 12:95.

INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS  
Shot put: Sue Naster, Bishop Borgess, 94-1; Discus: Sue Naster, Bishop Borgess, 110-6; Long jump: Kathy Long, Livonia Stevenson, 14-10 1/2.

High jump: Cheri Johnson, Bishop Borgess, 5-4.



Mark Schmidt pitched well enough to win Wednesday, but his Harrison teammates were zipped by Canton's Adam Koick.

## Canton no-hits Harrison

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The last time Plymouth Canton hurler Adam Koick faced Farmington Harrison he was roughed up pretty good in a 6-0 loss.

On Wednesday, Koick roughed up Harrison.

The senior left-hander no-hit the hard-hitting Hawks in the Chiefs' 3-0 Western Lakes victory at Harrison. Koick faced only 21 batters, the minimum number for a seven-inning game.

Only two runners reached base, both on errors. Sam Rineer hit a one-hopper off Canton third baseman Tom Kenyon's glove leading off the fifth to spoil Koick's perfect game. But Koick promptly picked off pinch-runner Lawrence Collins.

In the sixth, Gary Schwedt tapped a three-hopper that eluded Koick. Next hit Mark Murray hit into a bang-bang double play — second to short to first. Koick struck out four hitters, including all-state and All-Area shortstop Brian Smolinski twice. It was a masterful performance.

him up. We noticed that he was throwing all his pitches at the same rate of speed," said Canton coach Fred Crissey. "We got him to take a little bit off certain pitches and that made the difference today. He slowed up his curve ball and they were swinging late at his fastball."

Harrison coach John Herrington was equally impressed: "He mixed his pitches well. We had been hitting the ball pretty well coming in but we couldn't get anything to fall today. The balls we did hit hard were right at the shortstop."

The Canton shortstop, Junior Steve Waite, saved Koick's no-hitter twice. In the second inning, he stopped a slow-roller in the hole and fired a rocket to nip Rineer at first base by a half-step. Waite then got the final out fielding Shawn Brecknan's sharply hit grounder behind and gunning him down at first.

MARK SCHMIDT pitched a strong game for Harrison and would have gotten a victory on a normal day. He was touched for just five hits, three in the first inning. He fanned five and only allowed one runner past second base after the first inning.

But that first inning cost him the game. Chris Siler walked and stole second. Tony Alken brought him home with a single to center. With two out, and Alken on second, freshman Mike Culver hit a hanging curveball into right center to score Alken.

"He told me that it takes him one or two batters to get the curve ball down," Herrington said of Schmidt. "I told him to pitch to those two batters in warm-ups."

Canton added the third run in the fourth on a single by Kenyon, a sacrifice by Art Darg and an RBI single from Siler.

THE REST of the game belonged to Koick.

He pitched every Hawk batter tough, but he was toughest on Smolinski. Smolinski had entered the game hitting better than .430. He had gotten at least one hit in every game except one — in that game North Farmington walked him four times.

In Smolinski's second at-bat of the game, Koick put on a pitcher's clinic. He started the stocky left-handed hitter with a slow breaking ball that

was fouled off. Then he sneaked a fastball on the inside corner, catching Smolinski leaning over the plate expecting another curve.

On the 0-2 pitch, Koick missed with a wicked side-arm curve to the outside. He came back with another slow curve that Smolinski fouled off. He struck him out on a high hard fastball — the two preceding curve balls disabled Smolinski's cut at the 1-2 fastball.

"Koick could go pitch somewhere (after high school) because he has the brains to do it," Crissey said. "You have to throw with your head first and then your arm."

The win improves Canton's record to 8-8. Harrison is 7-6.

N. FARMINGTON 6, STEVENSON 2: RBI singles by Todd Shepard and Mike Rudin, plus a two-run double by Rick Karscher keyed a four-run fifth inning to pace the Raiders Wednesday.

Shepard and Karscher were 2-for-3 on the day.

Shepard was the winning pitcher allowing just one earned run on five hits in seven innings. He walked two and fanned four.

North is 6-7 on the season, 7-4 in the Western Lakes.

THE LAST time Harrison beat