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points as Pam Treppa placed first in the 100 meters and long jump and ran a leg on the victory 400 and 800 relays. (Adams ended Southfield's streak of seven straight first-place finishes in the 800 relay.)

Walled Lake Central came in second with 73 points. Farmington Harrison emerged from a closely-contested boys meet with its first-ever title. The Terrell Mayberry-led Hawks, who after 10 events were in third place and trailed leader Walled Lake Western by five points, finished atop the standings with 69 points.

Mayberry was a double-winner for the Hawks, crossing first in the 400 (49.3) and 200 (21.31).

RECORD BREAKERS

Mayberry, Lake Orion's Ashley Patten and Southfield's Tenisha Griggs were among those to set new meet records Friday.

Mayberry's winning time of 21.31 in the 200 bettered the previous mark of 21.4 set by Pontiac Northern's Godfrey Herring in 1997. Patten crossed first in the 400 hurdles in 43.89, well ahead of Lashawn Blander's 44.2 clocked in '98 for Pontiac Northern; and Griggs emerged from a fast 200 meters race with a record time of 24.29, just ahead of the 24.4 turned in by Bluejays standout Carly Knazne in '99.

COLLECTION OF FIRSTS

There were a host of achievements Friday that either marked a first or broke a long drought for a certain school.

■ Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Andrew Bauer became the first Knight to win the boys 1,600 meters since Rob Huff in 1989. He also became the first Lahser

runner to win the boys 3,200.

■ Patten became first Lake Orion runner to win the girls 1,600. She's also the first Dragon to cross first in the 300 hurdles.

■ Southfield won the boys 800 relay for the first time since 1989.

■ Treppa became the first Adams runner to win the 100. She also became the first Highlander to win the girls long jump since Melvyn White in 1990.

■ Walled Lake Central's Brian Chrzanoski became the first Viking to win the boys 110 hurdles.

■ South Lyon's Kierstan Jeggrig became the first Lion to win the girls 100 hurdles.

■ Mayberry became the first Harrison runner to win the boys 400. He also became the first Hawk to win the boys 200.

■ Farmington's Bette Wade became the first Falcon to win the girls 400.

■ Lake Orion's Courtland Keyeyan became the first county runner to defend the boys 800 title since Birmingham Brother Rice's John Cowan won in 1990 and '91.

■ Clarkston's Corey Henne-man became the first Wolverine to win the boys pole vault.

■ Oxford's George Belitatos became the first athlete to win the boys shot put and discus throw at the same county meet since Farmington's Craig Petersmark in 1986.

■ Birmingham Seaholm won the boys 1,600 relay for the first time since 1967.

Official results were unavailable at press time. Check a future edition of *The Observer* for team scores and the top eight finishers in each event.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKNER

County champion: Farmington High School freshman Bette Wade won the Oakland County championship in the 400-meter dash Friday with a 59.61 time, edging Erica Elliott of Walled Lake Central (59.74).

Warriors win 14th Ambrose Relays crown

By MARTY BUDNER
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For the 14th time in its storied history, Birmingham Brother Rice is the Ambrose-Eccentric Relays champion.

The Warriors won four of the 12 scoring events to capture the crown with 69 points. It marks Rice's third consecutive championship — the third time in history the Warriors have won at least three consecutive titles.

Brother Rice won the first three meets from 1968-70 and took four straight titles from 1978-81. The only other area teams to have won three straight titles in the 35-year history of the Ambrose-Eccentric Relays are Southfield (1988-90) and Birmingham Groves (1975-77).

Birmingham Groves, making a return after five-year absence, tallied 58 points and placed second in the 11-team event held Tuesday afternoon in near ideal weather conditions on the Kermit Ambrose Track at Birmingham Seaholm High School.

Rochester and Birmingham Seaholm tied for third with 45 points while Troy Athens was fifth with 34 points. West Bloomfield (32), Bloomfield Hills Lahser (29), Farmington (23), Southfield (14), Troy (13) and North Farmington (11) rounded out the field.

"We came into this meet trying to run a good race without over-

running our kids who are going to run in the state meet," said veteran Brother Rice coach Bob Stark. "All of our distance runners, for instance, ran two hard races, but nowhere near their best."

"It's a good meet for us because it kind of takes our mind of the (upcoming) state meet, but yet it's a good warm-up for the state meet," he said. "It was a good performance and we had some great efforts. Jeff Allen went 22.9 in the long jump, and that's a pretty good jump."

Brother Rice, which won the recent Division 1 regional tournament and will participate in the state meet Saturday at Rockford High School, won the long jump, 800-, 3,200- and 4,400-meter relays.

The winning long jump trio included Allen, Kendall Bowman and Jon Ashford who went a combined 62 feet. Allen, Tony Jackson, Bowman and Fred Brown combined to take the 800 relay.

Shane Giblin, John Black, Jason Hannawa and Marc Roualet combined to win the 4,400 relay and the foursome of Mike Bair, James Dowd, Ryan Gregory and Brad Brinkman won the 3,200 relay.

Groves participated in the meet for the first time since 1996 and placed second with several strong performances, including a

victory in the 400 relay. The foursome of Dennis McDonald, Jarrett Smith, Ken Woodard and Delando Bradford won the 400 relay in a school-record time of 43.59.

The Falcons also won the shuttle hurdle relay (Steve Anton, James Winston, Vova Severovas and Ryan Wiltshire) and took second in the high jump, long jump, 800 relay and 4,400 relays.

"I was very satisfied with our performance today," said Groves' fourth-year head coach Jim Sherman. "We knocked off at least three seconds on our shuttle hurdle relay team and we threw in some guys in the throwing events who haven't throw before and one of the gentleman threw a 38-footer."

"We had a couple PR's in the long jump and we beat the school record in the 400 relay in the last even we competed in today. That's something they've been shooting for all season, but we've had some trouble because of the cold weather."

"This was an invitational we haven't been coming to the last few years, so we decided to come to this year," he said. "It's only a couple of miles from our school so I thought it's about time we get back here. There was good competition and some of our guys really stepped up today."

Rochester and Birmingham Seaholm each won two events.

Rochester produced strong field-event efforts in winning both the discus and shot put relays behind the trio of Doug Dawson, Isaac Zager and Adam Cooley. The threesome won the discus in 393-11 (Cooley's 156-4 led the way) and the shot put in 150-7 (Dawson's 54-3 1/2 paced the pack). In the other two field event relays, Rochester placed third; its best track event finish was fourth in the 800 relay.

"We came out of the field events real strong," said Rochester assistant coach Gary Coudine, whose team finished with a 6-1 overall record and placed second to Lake Orion in OAA Division 1 competition. "A lot of our kids who are on the running relays are real young. So we finished kind of where we expected and I was real pleased with the kids' effort today."

Host Seaholm won the sprint medley relay (Dan Lafave, Ryan Yates, Scott Koehler and Sebastian Lounis) in 3:40.42 and the 1,600 relay (Lounis, Mike Barton, Yates and Joe Person) in 3:30.66.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser won the high jump and distance medley relays.

Once again, Kermit Ambrose, the 91-year-old legendary Seaholm High School track coach and longtime Oakland County starter, was the official meet director.

"The meet is to honor Kermit, first and foremost," said Stark. "Finally, it was a great night to run with warm weather and clear skies. It's a great way for all the kids here to either finish up their careers or finish up their seasons. There were some superb performances and all the kids had a good time," he said. "On behalf of all the coaches, we would like to thank The Eccentric for helping to put the tournament on."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FLYERS HOCKEY TRYOUTS

The Farmington Flyers high school hockey team will have summer tryouts 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 14, and 4-5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 15, at Suburban Training Center. For more information call Mark Vellucci at (248) 730-2233.

OCC GIRLS HOOP CAMP

Oakland Community College will have its annual basketball camp for girls entering fifth through 10th grades from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 24-28 at the Orchard Ridge Campus.

The directors for the camp are St. Fabian CYO coach Mike King, a former Mercy High School varsity assistant, and Tim Brehmer, assistant girls

basketball coach at South Lyon High School. The camp counselors will be experienced high school and college players.

Participants will be grouped by age and ability for drill work on fundamentals and scrimmages. Awards will be given daily for a variety of contests.

The cost is \$120 per person or \$110 per person for groups of six or more. For more information, call (248) 522-5572 or (248) 573-8150, ext. 3349.

RAIDERS NEED GRID COACHES

North Farmington High School is looking for volunteer football coaches at all levels. Contact head coach Rich Burrell at (248) 426-2616.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

35TH ANNUAL AMBROSE-ECCENTRIC BOYS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

(May 28-29, Birmingham Seaholm)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 69; 2. Birmingham Groves, 58; 3. (tie) Rochester, Birmingham Seaholm, 45; 5. Troy Athens, 34; 6. West Bloomfield, 32; 7. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 29; 8. Farmington, 22; 9. Southfield, 14; 10. Troy, 13; 11. North Farmington, 11.

EVENT RESULTS

DISCUS RELAY: 1. Rochester (Doug Dawson, Isaac Zager, Adam Cooley), 399.8; 2. West Bloomfield, 393.11; 3. Troy Athens, 362.11; 4. Brother Rice, 361.2; 5. Seaholm, 351.0; 6. North Farmington, 340.3.

SHOT PUT RELAY: 1. Rochester (Isaac Zager, Adam Cooley, Doug Dawson), 150.7; 2. Troy Athens, 137.2; 3. West Bloomfield, 131.0; 4. North Farmington, 124.5; 5. Groves, 119.8; 6. Seaholm, 118.2.

LONG JUMP RELAY: 1. Brother Rice (Jeff Allen, Kendall Bowman, Jon Ashford), 62.2; 2. Groves, 59.3; 3. Rochester, 57.5; 4. Seaholm, 55.3; 5. Lahser, 54.6; 6. Athens, 53.1.

HIGH JUMP RELAY: 1. Lahser (Chris Faison,

Peter Baumann, Stefan Milich, 17.10; 2. Groves, 17.4; 3. Rochester, 16.9; 4. North Farmington, 16.7; 5. Brother Rice, 16.0; 6. Troy, 15.1.

800-METER RELAY: 1. Brother Rice (Jeff Allen, Tony Jackson, Kendall Bowman, Fred Brown), 1:21.75; 2. Groves, 1:39.59; 3. Farmington (Eric Gaughan, John Kopko, Joe Green, Pat English), 1:34.15; 4. Rochester, 1:35.03; 5. West Bloomfield, 1:36.05; 6. Troy, 1:36.32.

4,400-METER RELAY: 1. Brother Rice (Shane Giblin, John Black, Jason Hannawa, Marc Roualet), 19:07.34; 2. Groves, 19:14.36; 3. West Bloomfield, 19:23.65; 4. Lahser, 19:50.54; 5. North Farmington, 19:52.70; 6. Troy, 19:57.49.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Seaholm (Dan Lafave, Ryan Yates, Scott Koehler, Sebastian Lounis), 3:49.42; 2. Brother Rice, 3:41.53; 3. Troy, 3:42.65; 4. Southfield, 3:49.34; 5. Athens, 3:51.6; 6. Rochester, 3:53.34.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Lahser (Eddie Cusack, Peter Baumann, Ben Raphaelson, Andrew Bauer), 10:54.92; 2. Brother Rice, 11:14.20; 3. Farmington (Tom Eason, Chris Clark, Ryan Chalkins, Ryan Kibawa), 11:19.0; 4. Groves, 11:24.49; 5. West Bloomfield, 11:25.00; 6. Athens, 11:29.49.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Brother Rice (Mike Bair, James Dowd, Ryan Gregory, Brad Brinkman), 8:39.83; 2. Athens, 8:54.64; 3. Farmington (Mike Garley, Kevin Heist, Tom Reszak, Andrew Anis), 9:01.65; 4. Seaholm, 9:07.20; 5. Rochester, 9:18.40; 6. Lahser, 9:19.30.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Groves (Steve Anton, James Winston, Vova Severovas, Ryan Wiltshire), 1:03.56; 2. Seaholm, 1:04.93; 3. Troy Athens, 1:06.53; 4. Rochester, 1:07.07; 5. Lahser, 1:08.20; 6. Brother Rice, 1:09.77.

HEAVY MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Farmington (Jason Abrecht, Tom English, Sherman Taylor, Chad Brooks), 1:44.22; 2. West Bloomfield, 1:44.82; 3. Troy, 1:47.81; 4. Athens, 1:48.48; 5. Seaholm, 1:49.31; 6. Lahser, 1:52.74.

400-METER RELAY: 1. Groves (Dennis McDonald, Jarrett Smith, Ken Woodard, Delando Bradford), 43.59; 2. Southfield, 43.83; 3. Seaholm, 44.84; 4. Farmington (Eric Gaughan, John Kopko, Joe Green, Pat English), 45.08; 5. Rochester, 45.57; 6. Athens, 46.68.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1. Seaholm (Sebastian Lounis, Mike Barton, Ryan Yates, Joe Person), 3:30.66; 2. West Bloomfield, 3:34.78; 3. Brother Rice, 3:36.94; 4. Troy, 3:38.18; 5. Southfield, 3:39.0; 6. Athens, 3:43.14.

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