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Canton, Salem 1-2 in WLAA



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North's Scott Seizer is the fastest man in the Western Lakes as he won the 100-meter dash at the league meet Wednesday.

By Chris McCoskey
staff writer

"We bad, we sweet, we can't be beat."

They were singing in the park Wednesday night — Plymouth-Canton's Centennial Educational Park, that is, home of the Plymouth-Canton Chiefs and the Plymouth Salem Rocks.

The Chiefs and Rocks turned the 12-team Western Lakes boys track and field meet at Livonia Churchill into a "reunion" of the Mangon Reys — with the Chiefs edging Salem 99-94 for their first WLAA title.

"This says a lot about the park when this kind of meet comes down to Salem and Canton," said Canton coach Bob New. "But I'll tell you, it's scary when Salem is breathing down your neck. Gary Balconi (Salem coach) will find a way to beat you."

The meet maintained its drama right to the bitter end.

CANTON BUILT a large lead early thanks to strong showings in the long jump (1-2), 110-meter high hurdles (2-4), 500 yards (1-6) and 800 relay (1). But then Salem came roaring back.

With the track closed and the pole vault still in progress, Salem needed a first place to stay alive. Ron Plwko edged with the pole vault, but Canton's Scott Seizer won the 100-meter dash.

Seizer also won the 100 in 11.05. Churchill, fourth place overall, got a first from Jim Rintilla in the high jump (6-4). Teammate Jason Belaire was second (6-2).

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FOR CANTON, Tyrone Reeves (20-24) and Roger Trice (19-104) went 1-2 in the long jump. Reeves and Trice, along with Jim Young and Brian Carney won the 800 relay (1:31.2). Dan Houdek won the 500 lows for the Chiefs (39.8).

Farmington certainly made an impression on the meet. The Falcons finished third, but scored six firsts and set two records.

Chris Inch won both the 1,600 (4:20.0) and 3,200 (9:58.31). His 1,600 time shattered the old record by nearly seven seconds.

Craig Petersmark won both the shot put (54-44) and the discus (159-5). Al Stebbins won the 800 (1:55.92). Bruce Kratt, Ron Smedley, John Pickens and Stebbins set a 3,200 relay record winning in 8:04.2. The old mark was 8:13.8.

NORTH FARMINGTON also set a meet record. Its 400 relay team of Marc Brown, Mark Weintraub, Chris Christman and Scott Selzer went 44.27.

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WESTERN LAKES BOYS TRACK MEET Wednesday at Churchill

Team results: 1. Plymouth Canton, 96 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 94; 3. Farmington, 67; 4. Livonia Churchill, 56; 5. North Farmington, 44; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 39; 7. Livonia Franklin, 35; 8. Westland John Glenn, 32; 9. Walled Lake Western, 30; 10. Walled Lake Central, 22; 11. Northville, 12; 12. Farmington Harrison, 3.

FIELD EVENTS

Discus: 1. Craig Petersmark (Farm), 159-5; 2. Matt Puck (LS), 159-0; 3. Harold Lovelace (40), 158-10; 4. Scott Shattuck (WV), 154-5; 5. Chris Fory (LF), 149-7; 6. Doug Copley (LC), 140-2.

Shot put: 1. Craig Petersmark (Farm), 54-44; 2. Scott Hoeller (WV), 47-6; 3. Chris Fory (LF), 47-5; 4. Matt Puck (LS), 46-1; 5. Kevin Bely (LS), 46-0; 6. Doug Copley (LC), 45-9.

Long jump: 1. Tyrone Reeves (PC), 20-24; 2. Roger Trice (PC), 19-104; 3. Brian Newhardt (PS), 19-6; 4. Brent Widak (LC), 19-5; 5. Don Chapin (WLC), 19-3; 6. Marc Brown (HF), 19-0.

High jump: 1. Jim Rintilla (LC), 6-4; 2. Jason Belaire (LC), 6-2; 3. (tie) Steve Gonyk (PC), Mike Alderton (PS), Tony Moore (PS), 6-0; 6. Rob Day (LF), 6-0.

Pole vault: 1. Ron Plwko (PC), 12-6; 2. Jim Robe (LS), 12-4; 3. Eric Guzman (LC), 12-4; 4. Jones (LF), 12-0; 5. Greg Houston (PC), 12-0; 6. Rich Zelasko (LS), 12-0.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

400-meter dash: 1. Brian Newhardt (PS), 49-2; 2. Don Chapin (WLC), 49-7; 3. Jim Young (PC), 51-92; 4. Mike Pionick (LF), 51-92; 5. Chris Hayash (PC), 52-45; 6. Dave Weis (PC), 52-7.

110 high hurdles: 1. Chris Range (PS), 15-3; 2. Bryan Whitely (PC), 15-31; 3. Matt Esser-macher (WV), 15-4; 4. Dan Houdek (PC), 15-72; 5. Mark Beebe (LC), 16-2; 6. Chris Wolpewicz (HF), 16-0.

800 run: 1. Al Stebbins (Farm), 1:55.92; 2. Kyle Szakalis (JC), 1:59.75; 3. Scott Butler (LF), 2:00.0; 4. Jeff Hays (H), 2:00.34; 5. Matt Clements (LS), 2:00.8; 6. Ron Smedley (Farm), 2:00.9.

1500 dash: 1. Scott Selzer (NF), 11:06; 2. Brian Tiller (PS), 11:23; 3. Tyrone Reeves (PC), 11:31; 4. Marc Brown (NF), 11:45; 5. Mark Weintraub (WV), 11:5; 6. Jim Guillard (LF), 11:51.

300 low hurdles: 1. Dan Houdek (PC), 39-8; 2. Matt Esser-macher (WV), 40-28; 3. Chris Christman (LF), 40-35; 4. Tim Molen (WV), 41-2; 5. Hoi (PS), 40-35; 4. Tim Molen (WV), 41-2; 5. Hoi (PS), 40-35.



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Jeff Armstrong (PS), 41:35; 6. Bryan Whitely (PC), 41:5.

200 dash: 1. Brian Newhardt (PS), 22-43 — meet record, old mark 21:38 by Stevenson, 1982; 2. Don Chapin (WLC), 22-62; 3. Brent Widak (LC), 23-22; 4. Brian Carney (PC), 23:31; 5. James Desko (LF), 23:7; 6. Garrett Bowe (PS), 23:9.

1,000 run: 1. Chris Inch (Farm), 4:20.0 — meet record, old mark Kyle Chava of Western, 4:28.3 in 1984; 2. Mike Armstrong (WV), 4:24.99; 3. Rob Annett (LC), 4:28.3; 4. Jeff Madsen (WLC), 4:33.92; 5. Jay Swebek (PC), 4:33.8; 6. Chris Hart (HF), 4:35.7.

3,200 run: 1. Chris Inch (Farm), 9:58.31; 2. Don Ladd (JC), 10:06.21; 3. Steve Quenneville (Farm), 10:11.0; 4. Rob Annett (LC), 10:14.51; 5. Scott Leslie (LS), 10:18.00; 6. Brian Annett (PS), 10:21.45.

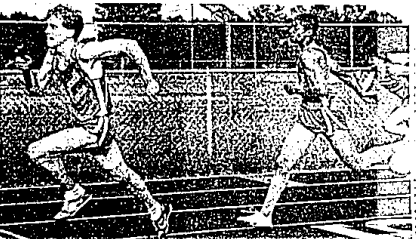
RELAY EVENTS

3,200: 1. Farmington (Bruce Kratt, Ron Smedley, John Pickens, Al Stebbins), 8:04.2 — meet record, old mark 8:13.8 by Stevenson, 1984; 2. Stevenson, 8:17.31; 3. Churchill, 8:18.82; 4. Canton, 8:10.5; 5. Harrison, 8:21.2; 6. John Glenn, 8:23.2.

800: 1. Canton (Tyrone Reeves, Jim Young, Roger Trice, Brian Carney), 1:32.65; 2. North Farmington, 1:33.10; 3. Salem, 1:33.48; 4. Franklin, 1:33.67; 5. Churchill, 1:33.60; 6. John Glenn, 1:34.74.

400: 1. North Farmington (Marc Brown, Mark Weintraub, Chris Christman, Scott Selzer), 44.27 — meet record, old mark 44.5 by Salem, 1984; 2. Canton, 44.8; 3. Salem, 45.0; 4. Franklin, 45.4; 5. Western, 45.6; 6. Stevenson, 45.7.

1,600: 1. Salem (J.P. Lafoch, Brian Tiller, Ron Williams, Brian Neuhardt), 3:20.08; 2. John Glenn, 3:20.0; 3. Canton, 3:29.49; 4. Churchill, 3:31.9; 5. Western, 3:36.1; 6. Franklin, 3:35.38.



Jim Young takes the handoff from Tyrone Reeves in Canton's winning 800 relay run.

North girls stave off Stevenson for crown

By Brad Emons
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North Farmington coach Ralph Temby had a look of concern. Maybe fear is a better term as the outcome of the Western Lakes Activities Association girls track meet apparently hinged upon the final event, the 1,600-meter relay.

The announcement from the Walled Lake Central press box blared out: North, 76 points; Stevenson, 754.

But on the way home on the bus, Temby's assistant coach Greg Goudick, scouring the scoresheet, found a mistake. In the high jump, Northville had wrongfully been awarded four points, which should have gone instead to North.

Temby, who predicted North would have to score 80 points to win the meet, ultimately finished with 84. Stevenson, the Lakes Division dual meet winner during the regular season, scored 754 to finish second. Plymouth Salem, which made a dramatic improvement in the 12-school league gathering, took third with 57 (see statistical summary).

"THIS IS CERTAINLY gratifying to win in this new league," said Temby, who last guided North to a North-west Suburban League title in 1982. "We came prepared to run and I'm proud of all of them."

North finished first in both the 400 and 800 relays (both school records), and thrower Nancy Cothran took a first in the shot put and second in the discus.

North's win in the 400 came as somewhat of a surprise as Tammy Spengler, Dianna Richel, ninth grader Joanna Wallace and Terry Spengler ran a 51.5. Wendy Love, Wallace and the Spengler sisters also took the 800 relay in 1:47.1.

Stevenson, the pre-meet favorite, appeared to be in good shape after Karen Miller, despite stumbling on the final turn, won the 300 hurdles, followed by Michele Economou's upset win in the 3,200 run.

girls track

very inspirational," said Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg. "There were one or two places that we didn't get where maybe I was disappointed, but the kids did a real good job and you can't take anything away from them. At the end of the meet we gave everything we got."

STEVENSON'S OTHER FIRST came in the 3,200 relay as Economou, Sheila Taormina, Amy Kasmarik and Suzanne Moore clocked in a league record of 9:45.6. Livonia Franklin's Lisa Dominato stood out individually, capturing the long jump (15 feet, 10 1/2 inches) and 100 hurdles (15.7).

In one of the best races of the day, Farmington Harrison's Jenny Anderson ripped Churchill's Karen Kantor at the wire.

Other area winners included Plymouth Canton's Tricia Carney in the 400 run (1:01.4), Plymouth Salem's Karen Marelinik in the discus (110-3) and Westland John Glenn's Karen Opp, setting a league record in the 800 run (2:19.2).

Walled Lake Western's Michelle Jablonsky, meanwhile, captured the 100 and 200 dashes.

WESTERN LAKES GIRLS TRACK MEET Wednesday at Walled Lake Central

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. North Farmington, 84 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 754; 3. Plymouth Salem, 57; 4. Walled Lake Western, 45; 5. Plymouth Canton, 42; 6. Farmington Harrison, 40; 7. Walled Lake Central, 38; 8. Farmington, 37; 9. Livonia Franklin, 26; 10. Westland John Glenn, 24; 11. Livonia Churchill, 20; 12. Northville, 5.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Cothran (NF), 33 feet, 9 inches; 2. Graham (JC), 32-7; 3. Snyder (LS), 32-0; 4. Brandon (LF), 32-1; 5. Marcknick (PO), 31-11; 6. Deane (Farm), 31-10.

Discus: 1. Marcknick (PS), 110-3; 2. Cothran (NF), 106-2; 3. Gibson (WV), 102-6; 4. Deane (Farm), 101-4; 5. Brandon (LF), 101-4; 6.

Mathews (Farm), 100-10.

Long jump: 1. Dominato (LF), 15-10 1/2; 2. Koval (WLC), 15-9 1/2; 3. Radke (HF), 15-9 1/2; 4. Solomon (HF), 15-8 1/2; 5. Long (LS), 15-8 1/2; 6. Gots (LS), 15-7.

High jump: 1. Roselle (WV), 5-1 (fewer misses); 2. Miller (PC), 5-1; 3. Armstrong (Farm), 4-10; 6. (tie) Miller (LF) and Dewet (LS), 4-8 each.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Dominato (LF), 15-7; 2. Hosteny (PS), 16-2; 3. Roselle (WV), 16-3; 4. Molen (LS), 16-5; 5. Johnson (PS), 16-7; 6. Gots (LS), 17-1.

300 hurdles: 1. Miller (LS), 48-0; 2. Casarof (Farm), 49-0; 3. Hosteny (PS), 48-2; 4. Chal-cione (HF), 48-7; 5. Miller (LF), 49-8; 6. McPhoe (LC), 50-7.

400 dash: 1. Jablonsky (WV), 12-4; 2. Spengler (HF), 12-8; 3. Long (LS), 13-0; 4. Head (PS), 13-1; 5. Holman (LS), 13-2; 6. Radke (HF), 13-7.

800 run: 1. Jablonsky (WV), 26-7; 2. Spengler (HF), 26-9; 3. Loyd (LC), 28-0; 4. Opp (LS), 27-2; 5. Long (LS), 27-7; 6. Spengler (HF), 27-7.

1,600 run: 1. Carney (PC), 1:01.4; 2. Garscyn-ski (HF), 1:07-3; 3. Long (LS), 1:02-2; 4. Felix (WLC), 1:02-7; 5. House (Farm), 1:03-0; 6. Sison (HF), 1:03-8.

3,200 run: 1. Opp (LC), 2:19.2 (league record); 2. Yuhn (WV), no time available; 3. Moore (LS), 4; 4. Quenneville (Farm), 5; 5. Jaroze (LF), 5; 6. Sison (HF), 5.

1,600 run: 1. Anderson (HF), 5:21.1; 2. Kantor (LC), 5:21.2; 3. Stecker (Farm), 5:22.4; 4. Taormina (LS), 5:23.9; 5. Jaroze (PC), 5:31.6; 6. Chuba (HF), 5:34.9.

3,200 run: 1. Economou (LS), 11:55.8; 2. Anderson (HF), 11:59.2; 3. Mann (PC), 12:04.4; 4. Chuba (HF), 12:11.8; 5. Kupski (LS), 12:14.0; 6. Joley (Farm), 12:23.7.

RELAY EVENTS

400 relay: 1. N. Farmington (Michelle Wallace, Terry and Tammy Spengler), 51.5; 2. Stevenson, 52.5; 3. Salem, 52.4; 4. (tie), Churchill and Western, 52.5 each; 5. Farmington, 53.4.

800 relay: 1. N. Farmington (Love, Wallace, Terry and Tammy Spengler), 1:47.1; 2. Salem, 1:48.1; 3. Farmington, 1:51.6; 4. Northville, 1:51.7; 5. Stevenson, 1:51.8; 6. Harrison, 1:52.0.

3,200 relay: 1. Central, 4:12.0; 2. Salem, 4:14.7; 3. Harrison, 4:14.0; 4. N. Farmington, 4:15.6; 5. Canton, 4:17.9; 6. Farmington, 4:18.1.

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