

Rice replaces CC as Catholic League champion

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Birmingham Brother Rice was able to relieve itself of some frustration Tuesday as the Warriors won their first Catholic League boys track title since 1989.

In doing so, Rice beat two-time defending champ Bedford Catholic Central, which had foot the Warriors this season in football, basketball, baseball and the state hockey playoffs.

"After they've beaten us in all those sports this year, it was nice to beat them," said Rice senior Pete Rushman, who ran his best times of the year to help Rice capture two relays.

Rice won the meet at Farmington Hills Mercy with 137 1/2 points. U-D Jesuit won the 1,600-meter relay to take second place with 101, two better than the Shamrocks.

The win was especially gratifying for Rice coach Bob Stark and assistant coach Mike Thompson, who together have coached the Warriors since the late '60s.

BOYS TRACK

"We've won the league meet now in four different decades," Stark said. "That's a sure sign of senility."

CC coach Tony Magni wasn't surprised or disappointed with his team's third-place finish.

"I thought, with some breaks, we might be able to finish second," Magni said. "I knew after Rice, there would be a fight for second place. We had some fine performances today and overall we ran well."

Magni wasn't upset either surrendering the title he has won three of his five years as coach.

"I've had to get used to that this season," he said. "This was kind of a rebuilding year. We'll have to reload and try again next year. But I really like the nucleus we have coming back."

The Shamrocks had trouble competing with Rice and U-D in several events. Rice senior Kevin Davis proved to be one of the

standouts as he won the 100 and 200 dashes and was second in the 400.

Rice's Jack Manning won the high jump and teammate Unwana Uhom the long jump.

Manning also teamed with Rushman, Uhom and Justin Gueureux to win the 800 relay and with Rushman, Mike Ely and Kirk Mayes to take the 400 relay.

Rushman, who joined the two relay teams at the beginning of the season, ran his best times of the season to close out his career. Rushman ran an 11.3 in his leg of the 400 relay and a 23-second 200 split in the 800 relay.

"I will remember this day when I look back," Rushman said. "I surprised some of my teammates because I've had an off-year."

CC had its share of highlights as Jeremy Short won the 1,600 run and Derrick Faunce surprised some by winning the 800 after being seeded sixth.

"I ran a 4:28 at the regional on Friday and came in here for the first time as one of the favorites,"

Short said. "I'm a little disappointed that we didn't win the meet because of our school's reputation in track. But I am satisfied with my season. My first (1,600 run) of the season was a 5:11."

Another surprise for the Shamrocks was the effort by Chris Watts in the 110 hurdles. The junior finished second to U-D's William Brooks and "upset" two Rice runners in the process.

"I was a little bit surprised myself," Watts said. "That was the best I've run this year by a second. I think I was a little more pumped up today, but what I was trying to do was keep up with Brooks. I think it helps to be in a fast heat."

CC's Nick Kallas continued his season-long dominance of the shot put by winning the event with a heave of 53-10 1/2.

"We have eight guys qualified for the state meet, and probably our weight men (Kallas and Doug Brezinski) have the best chances," Magni said.

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plon, and Lindsay Soter, Kara McDonald, Nicole Clausen and Shannon Swish won both sprint relays.

"It was a long time coming," Ladywood coach Bob O'Brien said. "They haven't had anything like that in Ladywood in about 10 years. The kids worked real hard for this, and next year you're going to hear a lot more about them."

"We're mostly sophomores and freshmen, so I was satisfied with the results. These girls are going to be pretty tough in a couple years."

The Blazers did well in the sprints as Soter, Clausen and McDonald were among the top

six in the 100; Clausen, McDonald and Elizabeth Lemkuhl in the 200.

But Ladywood must wait until next year to dethrone Mercy.

"We got them in the dual meet," O'Brien said, "but when it came to the big meet situations, (Soter) had some real quality girls like O'Connell and Freund who can win two or three events."

Birmingham Marian's Brandi Bentley (long jump, 200) and Alys Bussey (100, 400) were double winners. The Mustangs were fourth in the six-team meet.

TRACK RESULTS

CATHOLIC LEAGUE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS Tuesday at Farmington Hills Mercy

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 137 1/2
2. U-D Jesuit, 101
3. Bedford Catholic Central, 99
4. Farmington Hills Mercy, 77 1/2
5. Warner Woods, 76
6. Dearborn Divine Child, 44
7. Madison Heights Bedford, 1

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 100 yard: 1. Unwana Uhom (BR), 20:11.2; Freddie Taylor (CC), 20:6; 3. James Dillard (U-D), 20:3; 4. William Brooks (U-D), 20:3 1/2; 5. Mike Darnie (BR), 19:10; 6. Andy Gueureux (BR), 18:10.
- 200 yard: 1. Jack Manning (BR), 50:2; 2. Unwana Uhom (BR), 51:1; 3. Greg Soren (U-D), 51:4; 4. Carlos Owsen (CC), 51:5; 5. Randy La Grou (U-D), 51:6; 6. Adam Bridges (BR), 51:10.

Shot put: 1. Nick Kallas (CC), 53-10 1/2; 2. Ray Bruce (U-D), 53:7; 3. Doug Brezinski (CC), 52:10; 4. Nick Zwarg (CC), 47:5; Jeff Moore (CC), 46:1 1/2; 6. Rocco Foggo (BR), 45:3.

Discus: 1. Ray Bruce (U-D), 161:5; 2. John Telford (BR), 151:7; 3. Joe Washrock (CC), 143:1; 4. James Gansu (ND), 139:8; 5. Nick Matus (U-D), 137:4; 6. Jonathan Swan (CC), 135:4.

3,200-meter relay: 1. DeLaSalle, 8:10.0; 2. Rice, 8:17.2; 3. U-D Jesuit, 8:17.2; 4. Notre Dame, 8:22.6; 5. Divine Child, 8:22.6; 6. Bedford (CC), 8:32.0.

110 hurdles: 1. William Brooks (U-D), 15:0; 2. Chris Watts (CC), 15:4; 3. Nick Ely (BR), 15:8; 4. Kim Mayes (BR), 16:0; 5. Randy La Grou (U-D), 16:2; 6. Keith McDonald (BR), 16:4.

100 dash: 1. Kevin Davis (BR), 11:1; 2. James Dillard (U-D), 11:2; 3. Freddie Taylor (CC), 11:2; 4. James Gansu (ND), 11:2.5; 5. John Monaghan (U-D), 11:6; 6. Mike Ely (BR), 11:7.

800 relay: 1. Rice (Justin Gueureux, Pete Rushman, Jack Manning, Unwana Uhom), 1:32.7; 2. Notre Dame, 1:34.0; 3. U-D Jesuit, 1:34.4; 4. DeLaSalle, 1:35.3; 5. Divine Child, 1:35.6; 6. Bedford CC, 1:36.5.

1,600 run: 1. Jeremy Short (CC), 4:30.5; 2. David Sox (CC), 4:31.6; 3. John Gels (U-D), 4:32.1; 4. Mark Leo (CC), 4:32.5; 5. Mike Bepko (U-D), 4:37.3; 6. Mike Harper (ND), 4:45.6.

400 relay: 1. Rice (Mike Ely, Pete Rushman, Kim Mayes, Jack Manning), 45:3; 2. Notre Dame, 45:4; 3. DeLaSalle, 45:5; 4. U-D Jesuit, 47:1; 5. Bedford CC, 47:3; 6. Divine Child, 47:3.

400 run: 1. James Dillard (U-D), 50:2; 2. Kevin Davis (BR), 50:6; 3. Doug Den Dooven (ND), 50:9; 4. Chris Gibson (ND), 52:7; 5. Keith Geyer (CC), 53:6; 6. Brian Koczek (CC), 54:2.

300 hurdles: 1. William Brooks (U-D), 40:0; 2. Brad Harmon (BR), 42:6; 3. Bob Doffner (BR), 42:9; 4. Nick Ely (BR), 43:1; 5. Brandon O'Connell (CC), 43:7; 6. Randy LaGrou (U-D), 43:9.

800 run: 1. Derrick Faunce (CC), 2:08.2; 2. Eric Richardson (U-D), 2:01.2; 3. Jim Crawford (BR), 2:02.1; 4. David Sox (CC), 2:02.0; 5.

Chris Burt (CC), 2:04.9; 6. Gardner Edwards (U-D), 2:05.8.

200 run: 1. Kevin Davis (BR), 22:3; 2. William Brooks (U-D), 22:8; 3. Karen Dillard (U-D), 22:9; 4. Freddie Taylor (CC), 23:2; 5. Unwana Uhom (BR), 23:5; 6. Doug Den Dooven (ND), 23:6.

3,200 run: 1. Phil Sobock (U-D), 9:35.5; 2. Paul Atterberry (CC), 9:43.2; 3. Mark Leo (CC), 9:43.3; 4. Joe Leo (CC), 10:00.7; 5. Tom Gass (BR), 10:04.0; 6. Jeremy Short (CC), 10:12.5.

900 relay: 1. U-D Jesuit, 3:32.2; 2. Divine Child, 3:36.0; 3. Bedford CC, 3:38.7; 4. DeLaSalle, 3:40.1; 5. Rice, 3:42.5; 6. Bedford (CC), 3:44.8.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 132.2
2. Unwana Uhom, 93.2
3. Dearborn Divine Child, 83.2
4. Birmingham Marian, 78.2
5. Madison Heights Bedford, 65.2
6. Harper Woods, 62.4

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Renee Arcano (FM), 32:10; 2. Lynn Fleming (U-D), 31:6 1/2; 3. Teana Coppus (FM), 30:9 1/2; 4. Renee Lyben (BM), 30:7 1/2; 5. Kim Hermann (CC), 30:3; 6. Laura Plochin (BR), 29:10 1/4.

Discus: 1. Lynn Fleming (U-D), 110:7; 2. Teana Coppus (FM), 102:1; 3. Rebecca Lyben (BM), 94:1; 4. Renee Arcano (FM), 92:5; 5. Kim Hermann (CC), 89:11; 6. Rebecca Gernardson (BR), 87:1.

High jump: 1. Jennifer McCarty (HWR), 5:0; 2. Vanessa Kaurras (BR), 5:0; 3. Stacia Johnson (U-D), 4:10; 4. (tie) Julie Anger (FM) and Kristen Quare (CC), 4:7; 6. (tie) Darlene Pagano (BM), Lisa Buckner (CC), James Van Buren (U-D), Amy Burt (FM) and Rachel Macdonald (BR), 4:4.

Long jump: 1. Brandi Bentley (BM), 17:0; 2. Anne Adamczyk (CC), 16:0; 3. Alys Bussey (BM), 15:8 1/2; 4. Gina Stanton (BR), 15:8 1/2; 5. Natalie Kobayashi (CC), 15:1; 6. Darlene Pagano (BM), 14:8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Mercy (Elean O'Connell, Amy Freund, Lisa Hobler and Brandy Johnson), 10:14.5; 2. Divine Child, 10:26.8; 3. Ladywood, 10:31.1; 4. Marian, 11:41.3; 5. Foley, 11:53.7.

100 hurdles: 1. Amy Burt (FM), 16:3; 2. Ra-

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wood bat, you really know it. I went up there (this spring) expecting to get a hit."

Young's outstanding season — he also made the All-MAC and all-tournament teams — has raised his stock as a potential Major Leaguer. It's quite likely he could be a high pick in the upcoming amateur draft.

Many of the pro scouts have spoken with Young and he would entertain the right offer, but he also has some unfinished business as a college player.

"I hope to be high pick, but I've really enjoyed myself this year more than I ever had," he said. "I've got some awards and accomplished some of my goals, but I'd like to be an All-American. If I could accomplish that, I'd remember it the rest of my life."

Young has more pressing matters on his mind this week, however.

"To be honest with you, talking to all the scouts is fun, but we have a regional coming up and that's big," he said. "You have to put the other stuff on hold. It's hard to think about that and play well."

After losing a four-game series to Bowling Green, the Chippewas

finished fourth in the MAC standings but won a tie breaker with Western Michigan to get in the tournament. They sandwiched a pair of wins over Kent State and a whitesash (5-0) of Ohio University to win it.

"It was something else," Young said. "It was the biggest thrill I've ever had playing baseball. "It was as if we said 'Oh, yeah, we're a great team; we'll get it going (against BG), but we never got it going. We're communicating better now and getting our jobs done."

CNU opens against No. 8-ranked and No. 2-seeded Florida State today. The other entries in the six-team regional are Ohio State, Kansas, Jacksonville and Brigham Young.

"We can win this thing," Young said. "It's not a very strong region, with a No. 1 or 2 team. Ohio State can be beaten. We beat Michigan and Michigan beat Ohio State."

"If we do what we've done all year, we can hang with anyone in the nation. You have to like playing right now. Thirty-two teams are still alive, and the rest are home watching TV."

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