

OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

33RD ANNUAL BOYS OBSERVERLAND RELAYS May 3 at Farmington High School

Team standings: 1. Farmington Harrison, 87.5 points; 2. Plymouth Canton, 19; 3. Northville, 62; 4. Redford-Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson, 47; 6. Livonia Churchill, 37; 7. Plymouth Salem, 31; 8. Farmington, 29; 9. Westland John Glenn and Garden City, 19; 11. Wayne Memorial, 12; 12. Livonia Franklin, 11; 13. North Farmington, 9.5; 14. Redford Union, 4; 15. Plymouth Christian, 2; 16. Plymouth, Livonia Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland, Redford Thurston, Redford Bishop Borgess, 0.

FIELD EVENTS

Pole vault: 1. Harrison (Brett Laird, 12-6); 2. Ramy Sulaiman, 12-0; 3. Grabinski, 11-0; 3.5-6: 2. Canton, 34-6; 3. Churchill, 31-0; 4. Salem, 30-0; 5. H. Farmington, 29-0; 6. Stevenson, 26-0. Individual best: Jon Chapman, Canton, 13 feet.

Long jump: 1. Northville (Bill Brown, 20-10); 2. Matt Cornelius, 19-9; 3. Scott Hammette, 18-3.5; 5.8-9.5: 2. Garden City, 55-2.5; 3. Canton, 55-0.5; 4. John Glenn, 55-0.5; 5. Stevenson, 53-8; 6. Catholic Central, 51-5. Individual best: Bill Brown, Northville, 20-10.

High jump: 1. Franklin (Joe Mielke, 6-2); 2. Brian Graham, 5-10; 3. Matt Graham, 5-10; 17-10: 2. Northville, 17-2; 3. Stevenson, 17-0; 4. Canton, 16-10; 5. H. Farmington, 16-6; 6. Harrison, 16-6. Individual best: (tie) Joe Mielke, Franklin; Alan Shankski, Northville; and Brad Waldman, Canton, 6-2.

Discus: 1. Stevenson (Hady Rahman, 139-7); 2. Brian Nakonecny, 123-5.5; 3. John Rehberg, 121-2; 384-2; 2. Catholic Central, 375-4; 3. Churchill, 372-6; 4. Canton, 369-11; 5. John Glenn, 359-11; 6. Garden City, 355-11. Individual best: Paul Stadner, Garden City, 359-8.

Shot put: 1. Catholic Central (John Mulroy, 46-10.5); 2. Patrick Clark, 45-5.5; 3. Jon Smart, 42-2.5; 134-6.5: 2. Stevenson, 133-6.25; 3. Canton, 128-11.75; 4. Garden City, 127-10.75; 5. Churchill, 124-6; 6. John Glenn, 123-9.25. Individual best: Hady Rahman, Stevenson, 52-9.5.

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before the final results could be announced. A short time later, Harrison was declared the pole vault and meet winner. Canton was second in both.

"The pole vault is one of the most popular events at our school," Reed said, attributing Harrison's success in that event to assistant coach Richard Penderal. "Everybody wants to be a pole vaulter."

As expected, the Hawks did well in the sprint events. They also won the 800 relay, while senior Marcus Woods won the individual 100 dash.

Led by high hurdles champion Kevin Davis, Harrison fared well in the hurdles and was a surprise winner in the 3,200 relay since distance running is not a traditional team strength.

"I'm really proud of my 3,200 team (Charlie Gass, Andrew Slinger, Brian Coats and Ferman Tate)," Reed said. "But we've been quietly working on it. We've got our time down to 8:15, and we're going to try to place in the (Division 2) state meet with that."

"That was our surprise event. We knew we were going to do well in that, but I don't think other teams realized we would have a time like that." Woods, Robert McCall, Charles Pickett, Charles Stewart, Coats, Tate and Davis contributed to two relay victories each.

Harrison's 400 time is the fastest in the state, and its 800 time is among the top three, according to Reed.

"We went after the events we knew we could do well in," Reed said, "but we did go after others (pole vault and hurdles). We are doing other events."

As opposed to Harrison, Canton had a more balanced approach to team scoring.

The Chiefs didn't win an event, but earned points in all but two of the 16. Canton had four seconds, five thirds, fourth fourths and one fifth. "We scored in so many places, and that's a compliment to our kids," Canton



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Harrison's Brett Laird clears 5 feet, 8 inches in the high jump at Saturday's Observerland Track Meet.

coach Bob Richardson said. "We have some real good athletes and some depth."

"I'm real proud of my guys and the effort they gave today. This is one of the best teams we've had at Canton High School. They're a hard-working bunch and also good kids."

Canton and Livonia Churchill (976-78) are the only schools to have won the championship three consecutive years.

Churchill hasn't won since 1989, but has the most overall titles with eight. Plymouth Salem is next with six, followed by Canton (which also won in 1986) and Westland John Glenn.

"We would've liked to have been the only team to win it four years in a row," Richardson said.

"We enjoyed our run of three in a row. We gave it our absolute best effort, and Harrison was just a little better than us today."

"Our seniors can say they were Observerland champs three out of their four years." Brad Waldman, who recently returned from a quadricrip injury, had a personal best in the discus (136-6), tied two others as the best high jumper (6-2) and had Canton's fastest split in the shuttle hurdle relay.

Richardson also cited Dan Driscoll, who scored in four events, and Corey Walser, who was third the 100 and anchored the second-place 400 relay team.

"The Chiefs, who trailed Northville early, didn't start

to instill (a commitment to hard work and to change some attitudes), and it's starting to take hold. Success breeds success and we're looking forward to the future."

Reed added the meet was a homecoming for the Farmington schools, which moved to the Oakland Activities Association last fall.

"We were looking forward to running against our old rivals (in the Western Lakes Activities Association)," he said. "We're used to seeing them, and now we only see them once; so that was fun."

"We always know Canton is going to be right there. Canton has a really outstanding track team. We know, if we're doing well, they'll be right there."

Other winners included Livonia Franklin in the high jump; Livonia Stevenson, discus; Redford Catholic Central, shot put and 6,400 relay; Churchill, distance medley; Salem's Justin Hajduk, individual 1,600 run; and Farmington, sprint medley.

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