

Shawnee beats Elizabeth for boys

Willingboro girls win; Hicks leads Plainfield in shot

By PAUL FABBRI

Shawnee overcame the false-start disqualification of its shuttle hurdles team — expected to be a certain point producer — by winning the closing 1,600-meter relay in 3:31.5 to take the boys' Group 4 title in a close battle with Elizabeth yesterday at the NJSIAA Indoor Track and Field Relay Championships in Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

In Group 2, Asbury Park swept both the boys' and girls' championships.

The girls' Group 4 title went to Willingboro.

Shawnee nipped Elizabeth, 28-26. In boys' Group 2, Asbury Park easily beat Essex Catholic, 60-30. In the girls' division, Asbury Park outscored Lawrence, 33-26.

Chris Tarello gave Shawnee a lead in the 1,600 it would not yield when he ran a 51.5 leadoff leg.

"In the past when something would go wrong in a meet like this, it would be the domino-effect," said Tarello. "But all week in practice, the coaches kept emphasizing that, if we did make any mistakes, to put them behind us and pick up the slack in the next race."

"We had so many disappointments that it was amazing that we were still in it by the 1,600," said Shawnee coach Gary Williams after subpar performances in the team shot put, team high jump and the distance medley relay in addition to the shuttle hurdles disqualification. "And we weren't counting on finishing any higher than third in the 1,600. It's just that these four kids (Tarello, Jim Angermeier, Keith O'Brien and Ed Loges) on the last relay were our four toughest and they wanted to win a state championship."

Asbury Park used 12 runners

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VanWright anchored the 800 team which won in 1:50.0.

Janis Lemke used a determined kick in the final lap to run down Kearny's Paula Costa to give Toms River North a distance medley victory in 12:53.4 in girls' Group 4, the season's best time. Toms River North also won the 3,200 in 9:54.1, a shade off its state-best 9:53.5.

The Plainfield girls won the Group 4 team shot put as expected, but the surprise came when Nicole Sims was out-thrown for just the second time in her high school career — by her teammate, Kim Hicks. The best throw belonged to her teammate Hicks, who put the shot 45-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ to Sims' 44-9 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sims, the junior whose 51-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ heave at last year's Group 4 indoor championships set a national indoor scholastic record, last was outdistanced at the Eastern States Indoor Championships as a freshman by Candy Schumacher of Massachusetts.

"It's no big deal," said Hicks. "She just had an off day and I had a personal best. Today, we were members of the same team. Now if I beat her in an individual competition, that would be a big deal."

Mike Craig put the shot 62-2 $\frac{1}{4}$, the best throw in the state this season, to lead Trenton to the boys' Group 4 team shot put crown.

GROUP 2
BOYS

5-Bishop Eustace 11:03.1.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-South Plainfield (Nicole Young, Shineka Floyd, Maria Cumberbatch and Monika Patel) 4:33.6. 2-West Deptford 4:37.2. 3-Asbury Park 4:37.9. 4-Princeton 4:38.7. 5-Garfield 4:42.3.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-West Deptford (Georgine Ford, Becky Creedon, Danielle Kinsley and Catherine Kinsley) 13:35.7. 2-Hopewell Valley 13:45.8. 3-Voorhees 13:49.5. 4-Kittatinny 13:58.2. 5-Garfield 14:08.2.

SHUTTLE HURDLES: 1-Lawrence (Tysha Goss, Kia Watson, Samantha McKay and Susan Suh) 35.5. 2-Hanover Park 36.8. 3-Roselle and New Milford 37.1. 5-Roselle Catholic 37.2.

TEAM HIGH JUMP: 1-Moorsetown (Sha'fich Rivers and Robyn Berne) 9-10. 2-Millburn 9-8. 3-Garfield 9-8. 4-West Deptford 9-4. 5-Caldwell 9-0.

TEAM SHOT PUT: 1-Princeton (Ruth Williams and Alley Pennigroth) 68-5 $\frac{1}{4}$. 2-Jefferson 63-1 $\frac{3}{4}$. 3-Kittatinny 58-7 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4-Asbury Park 58-0 $\frac{3}{4}$. 5-Garfield 57-9 $\frac{1}{4}$.

GROUP 4
BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Shawnee 28. 2-Elizabeth 26. 3-Don Bosco Prep 24. 4-Seton Hall Prep, J. P. Stevens and Toms River East 14. 7-Willingboro, Eastern and Trenton 12. 10-Union and Brick 11. 12-Christian Brothers Academy, Hackensack and Lenape 10. 15-Highland and Madison Central 8. 17-East Brunswick 6. 18-Teaneck 4. 19-Middletown North and St. Joseph's (Met.) 3. 21-Ridgewood, Toms River North and Manalapan 2. 24-Piscataway and Hudson Catholic 1.

800-METER RELAY: 1-Union (Derrick Cannon, Terry Brown, Jerome Wilmore and Anthony Purcell) 1:35.8. 2-Elizabeth 1:35.9. 3-J. P. Stevens 1:36.7. 4-Willingboro 1:36.8. 5-Eastern 1:37.5.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Shawnee (Chris Tarello, Jim Angermeier, Keith O'Brien and Ed Loges) 3:31.5. 2-Elizabeth 3:32.9. 3-Don Bosco Prep 3:34.4. 4-Teaneck 3:35.8. 5-Trenton 3:36.1.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1-Seton Hall Prep (Brendhan Kennedy, Mark McCree, Jean Luc Grandchamp and Mike O'Connor) 8:20.1. 2-Highland 8:23.8. 3-Shawnee 8:26.8. 4-Toms River East 8:27.3. 5-Middletown North 8:30.8.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Lenape (Charles Simpson, Mike Nash, Taturu Mizuno and Clayton Baloche) 3:39.3. 2-Don Bosco Prep 3:40.1. 3-Shawnee 3:40.2. 4-Elizabeth 3:45.4. 5-Hackensack 3:48.2.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Don Bosco Prep (Jim Cronin, Tony Martone, Brian Barry and Chris Langan) 10:40.6. 2-Christian Brothers 10:44.5. 3-Shawnee 10:49.1. 4-Seton Hall Prep 10:49.2. 5-Ridgewood 11:03.0.

SHUTTLE HURDLES: 1-Eastern (Preston Beckley, Creighton Riggs, Kimatni Rawlins and

Vince Rawlins) 30.8. 2-Willingboro 31.0. 3-Toms River East 31.1. 4-J. P. Stevens 32.0. 5-Toms River North 32.4.

TEAM HIGH JUMP: 1-Brick (Mike Kiesche and John Fleming) 12-4. 2-Hackensack 11-10. 3-East Brunswick 11-10. 4-J. P. Stevens 11-8. 5-St. Joseph's (Met.) 11-8.

TEAM SHOT PUT: 1-Trenton (Michael Craig and Jamie Whitaker) 106-1. 2-Madison Central 103-10 $\frac{1}{4}$. 3-Elizabeth 94-0 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4-Toms River East 90-7. 5-Manalapan 89-5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-Willingboro 50. 2-Plainfield and Toms River North 22. 4-Ridgewood 17. 5-Hackensack 14. 6-Columbia and Kearny 12. 8-Middletown South 11. 9-Manalapan, Randolph, J. P. Stevens and Trenton 10. 13-Linden 8. 14-Paterson Kennedy 7. 15-East Brunswick and Madison Central 6. 17-Clifford Scott and Woodbridge 4. 19-Perth Amboy, Elizabeth, Toms River East, Lenape and Freehold Township 2. 24-Vineland, Edgewood and Highland 1.

800-METER RELAY: 1-Willingboro (Tiffany Butler, Shawnet Bright, Tomika Jones and Kia VanWright) 1:50.0. 2-Plainfield 1:51.5. 3-Columbia 1:52.8. 4-Clifford Scott 1:53.4. 5-Elizabeth 1:53.8.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Willingboro (Larae Gray, Shawnet Bright, Tiffany Brisbane and Tasha Minkins) 4:12.3. 2-Hackensack 4:12.7. 3-Columbia 4:16.6. 4-Plainfield 4:18.6. 5-Trenton 4:19.5.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1-Toms River North (Carolyn Lemke, Kim Sollman, Jen Flood and Janis Lemke) 9:54.1. 2-Ridgewood 9:59.7. 3-Willingboro 10:03.8. 4-Kearny 10:05.3. 5-Madison Central 10:07.3.

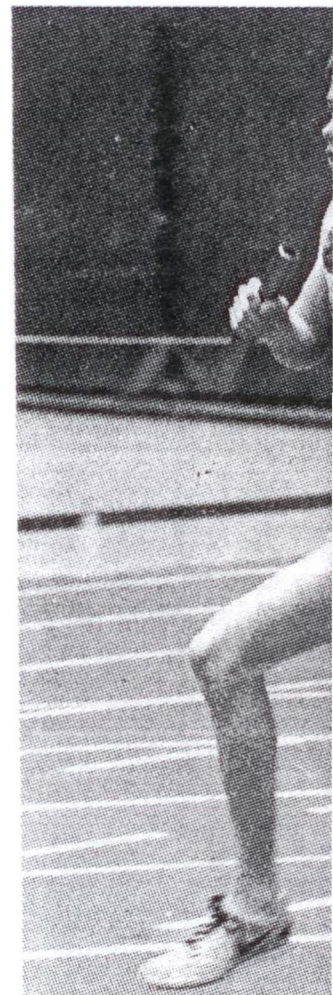
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Willingboro (Tiffany Brisbane, Tiffany Butler, Kia VanWright and Tasha Minkins) 4:22.2. 2-Trenton 4:25.3. 3-Paterson Kennedy 4:28.9. 4-Ridgewood 4:33.6. 5-Toms River North 4:37.5.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Toms River North (Kim Sollman, Carolyn Lemke, Jen Flood and Janis Lemke) 12:53.4. 2-Kearny 12:55.4. 3-Hackensack 12:55.8. 4-Ridgewood 13:05.6. 5-Randolph 13:16.1.

SHUTTLE HURDLES: 1-J. P. Stevens (Ginger O'Toole, Reema Fozdar, Carla Frazier and Tracey Terry) 33.7. 2-Willingboro 34.3. 3-East Brunswick 34.6. 4-Middletown South 34.9. 5-Toms River East 35.0.

TEAM HIGH JUMP: 1-Manalapan (Jen Rubin and Michele Weinstein) 10-2. 2-Linden 10-0. 3-Middletown South 10-0. 4-Madison Central 9-6. 5-Lenape 9-4.

TEAM SHOT PUT: 1-Plainfield (Kim Hicks and Nicole Sims) 90-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ meet record; former record 83-7 $\frac{1}{4}$, Plainfield, 1991. 2-Randolph 68-5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3-Willingboro 65-9 $\frac{1}{4}$. 4-Woodbridge 61-8 $\frac{3}{4}$. 5-Perth Amboy 60-6.



Seton Hall Prep's Mike O'Connell leads in shot put meter relay in Group 4 at Jadwin Gym, Princeton