

THE VARSITY CLASSIC Monday, February 12, 2001

102nd Engineers Armory 168th Street and Fort Washington Avenue, New York City

GIRLS

55m: 1-LaToya Benson, Washington Township, 7.0. 2-Samantha Griffin, McNair Academic, 7.1. 3-Maame Darko, Lawrence, 7.2. 4-Collette DeBenedette, Mountain Lakes, 7.4. 5-Brittany Wright, Eastern, 7.4. 6-Stefanie Barron, Camden, 7.4.

55HH: 1-Amber Williams, Roxbury, 8.1. 2-Laura Paul, Monroe-Woodbury, 8.3. 3-Lisa Schenk, Jackson Memorial, 8.5. 4-Latifa El 'Amin, Willingboro, 8.5. 5-Dana McCurdy, Gov. Livingston, 8.6. 6-Kristina Keegan, Haddonfield Memorial, 8.6.

200m: 1-LaToya Benson, Washington Township, 25.1. 2-Danielle Myricks, Willingboro, 25.4. 3-Haleemah Fisher, Camden, 25.2. 4-Patrice Gaymon, Central, 25.9. 5-Laura Paul, Monroe-Woodbury, 26.1.

400m: 1-Raniyah Walker, Camden, 59.2. 2-Haleemah Fisher, Camden, 59.4. 3-Caitlin Sherry, River Dell, 59.8. 4-Nicole Montegary, Jackson Memorial, 60.1. 5-Agyeiwa Weathers, McNair Academic, 60.2.

800m: 1-Tawana Watkins, J.F.K., 2:09.6 (31.5, 64.2, 1:36.). 2-Erin Donohue, Haddonfield Memorial, 2:10.0 (31.4, 64.2, 1:36). 3-Lindsay Thomas, Overbrook, 2:17.7. 4-Dorraine Denton, NFA (Newburgh), 2:21.0. 5-Caitlin Smyth, IHA, 2:21.1

1600m: 1-Holly Cosnett, Haddonfield Memorial, 5:10.0. 2-Melanie Schorr, 5:10.5. 3-Christy Planer, Rumson-FairHaven(NJ), 5:13.1. 4-Kim Pereira, Parsippany HS, 5:17.4. 5-Kristina Miner, Suffield HS, 5:22.9.

3200m: 1-Hannah Oberman-Breindel, Fieldston School, 11:03.7. 2-Jesse Mizzone, Passaic Valley, 11:08.5. 3-Sarah Founds, Mendham, 11:31.5. 4-Briana Bayersdorfer, River Dell, 11:39.2. 5-Amy Maier, Morristown, 11:39.6.

Shot: 1-Amanda Thompson, Camden, 40-9. 2-Katie Pachuta, Middletown South, 39-6-1/2. 3-Devin Davis, Tom's River East, 37-6-1/2. 4-Rachelle Jenkins, Linden, 36-5. 5-Alteria Williams, J.F.K., 36-4.

High Jump: 1-Pam Pierne, Ramapo, 5-3. 2-Marie Michel, Irvington, 5-3. 3-Lisa Schenk, Jackson, 5-3. 4-Kristen Kalinowski, Clarkstown South, 5-3. TIE 5-Delora Vento, Freehold, 5-0. 5-Melissa Morriston, Willingboro, 5-0. 5-Odette Mueha, J.P. Stevens, 5-0. 5-Justine Wilmont, Monalpan, 5-0. 5-Jessica Leenis, Freehold, 5-0.

Long Jump: 1-April Williams, Elizabeth, 18-1. 2-Collette DeBenedetto, Mountain Lakes, 17-2-1/4. 3-Amber Williams, Roxbury, 17-2-1/2. 4-Lauren Rice, Washington Township, 16-4-1/4. 5-Shannan Alston, J.P. Stevens, 16-4. 6-Kathyn Vasquez, Nanuet, 15-10-1/4.

Triple Jump: 1-Andrea Herbert, Passaic County Tech., 35-6-3/4. 2-Kaitlyn Vasquez, Nanuet, 35-5-3/4. 3-Caitlin Sherry, River Dell, 35-1. 4-Aqulia Hamilton, Newburgh Free Academy, 34-7. 5-Pam Pierre, Ramapo, 34-2-1/2. 6-Nia Cooper, Newburgh Free Academy, 34-2-1/4.

Pole Vault: 1-Holly Stettner, Hunterdon Central, 10-6. 2-Meredith Mante, Warwick Central, 10. 3-Lindsay Rosahes, Washington Ville, 10. 4-Mandy Jewkins, Valley Central, 9-6. TIE 5-Megan Apers, Arlington, 9-6. 5-Michelle Lennox, Pearl River, 9-6.

Distance Med: 1-Bellport High School, 11:58.4 (Corinne Gabriel-3:50.1, Kelly Powell-58.4, Rachel McGee-2:16.5, Theresa Fach- 4:53.4). 2-Hillsboro, 12:25.3 (Deanna Willard, Jaci Pfeiffer, Lauren Kloss, Kristin Meyer). 3-Hunterdon Central, 12:25.5 (Lindsay Force, Melanie Manzo, Rehana Lanewala, Shannon Hawrylo). 4-Middletown South, 12:34.5 (Lauren Dike, Kolleen McCauley, Lindsay Dike, Nicole Lombardy). 5-Voorhees, 12:37.5 (Liz Wort, Joanna Perez, Lauren Rugge, Sarah Rhode). 6-Ridgewood, 12:41.5 (Justine Lupo, Jen Zucaro, Katherine Zucaro,

Clair Nowakowski). 7-Woodrow Wilson, 12:42.0 (Tanesha Shelton, Lisa Kassa, Kenyetta Conway, T.C. Carter). 8-Suffield, 12:42.4 (Kristina Miner, Eileen O'Connor, Katie Parise, Melanie Schorr). 9-Warwick Valley, 12:50.1 (Deak, Mueller, Laperle, Whalen, Wright). 10-Cornwall-A, 13:06.1 (Jackie Twomey, Christine Piascik, Karen Welby, Mary Gillis). 11-Parsippany, 13:06.4 (Melissa Dearborn, Katie Johnson, Amanda Garcia, Kim Pereira). 12-Toms River South, 13:15.2 (Kelley Cannon, Chealsea Kendrick, Jazzmon Morgan, Erin Murphy).

4X800r: 1-Woodrow Wilson Camden, 9:37.3 (Qiana Mason, Taneesha Carter, Kenyetta Conway, Tanesha Shelton). 2-Rock, 9:41.9 (Leah Jenome, Kim Mineo, Danielle Patoin, Erin Henry). 3-Arlington, 9:42.8 (Sheena McMahon, Cheryl Fil, Natalie Lomoriello, Jolene McMahon-2:17.2). 4-Hunterdon Central, 9:45.1 (Lindsay Force, Rehanna Lanewala, Melanie Martin, Shannon Hawrylo). 5-Middletown South, 9:47.9 (Lauren Dike, Kolleen McCauley, Lindsay Dike, Nicole Lombardy). 6-Voorhees, 9:48.9. 7-Washingtonville, 9:50.1. 8-Ramapo(NY), 9:54.2. 9-Toms River East, 9:56.4. 10-IHA, 9:58.6. 11-Pearl River, 10:00.9. 12-Shoreham-Wading River, 10:01.6. 13-Toms River North, 10:02.7. 14-Hillsborough, 10:06.5. 15-Bishop Eustace, 10:08.2. 16-Morristown, 10:12.9.

4X400r: 1-Woodrow Wilson, Camden NJ (Mason-61.5, Whited-60.6, Kassa-57.9, Conway-58.0), 3:57.8. 2-Willingboro HS, 3:39.0, 3-Suffern, 4:04.6. 4-Esatern HS, 4:07.3. 5-South Brunswick, 4:07.6.

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BOYS

55m: 1-Michael Bolling, Willingboro, 6.0. 2-Maxwell Booker, Bishop Francis Essex Catholic, 6.0. 3-Todd Dutch, Washington Township, 6.2. 4-Tysheen Epps, Plainfield, 6.4. 5-Maurice Young, Camden, 6.4. 6-Alex Kennedy, Freehold Boro, 6.5.

55HH: 1-Anthony Acklin, Trenton, 7.2. 2-Dwight Ruff, Camden, 7.2. 3-Chris Stephens, Plainfield, 7.3. 4-Carl Williams, Plainfield, 7.3. 5-Brent Hobbs, Don Bosco Prep, 7.3. 6-Matt Dahms, Haddonfield, 7.6.

200m: 1-Todd Dutch, Washington Township, 21.7. 2-Chris Turner, Seton Hall Prep., 21.8. 3-Jamar Erun, Camden, 22.0. 4-Dwight Ruff, Camden, 22.0. 5-Chris Lolagne, Suffern, 22.1. 6-Chris Stephens, Plainfield, 22.1.

400m: 1-Jade Smith, Camden, 48.5. 2-John Morris, Camden, 48.6. 3-Eric Chekemian, Washington Township, 49.0. 4-Eric Green, Clifford J. Scott, 49.8. TIE 5-George Peterson, Pope John, 50.2. 5-Ron Hillian, Eastern, 50.2.

800m: 1-Marvin Lewis, Willingboro, 1:55.3. 2-Nat Glackin, CBA, 1:55.5. 3-Dave Hevana, West Milford, 1:56.8. 4-Zach McBride, Lenape, 1:57.3. 5-Brad Schmidt, Dover, 1:59.0. 6-Karl Goovaerts, Wallkill Valley, 1:59.6.

1600m: 1-Mike Myers, Eastern HS, 4:18.4. 2-Joe Jacobs, Butler, 4:26.8. 3-Joe Clabby, Rumson-FairHaven, 4:31.1. 4-B.J.Kraska, Toms River East, 4:31.4. 5-Sam Hetzel, Metuchon, 4:31.7.

3200m: 1-Joe Jacobs, Butler, 9:34.4. 2-Vinnie Zarrillo, Southern Regional, 9:40.3. 3-Owen Bourgholtzer, Mahwah, 9:41.3. 4-Jesse Millner, Lawrence, 9:46.1. 5-John Trott, Washingtonville, 9:47.3.

Shot: 1-Derek Gilson, Middletown North, 58-0. 2-Micheal Claney, Toms River North, 57-5. 3-Augie Siciliano, Toms River East, 54-9-1/2. 4-Jon Lanza, Hanover Park, 52-11-1/2. 5-Seam Duggan, CBA, 52-3.

High Jump: 1-Lonnie Washington, Elizabeth, 6-3. 2-Grey Ostrowicki, Howell, 6-3. 3-Michael Morrison, Willingboro, 6-3. TIE 4-Brent Hobbs, Don Bosco, 6-0. 4-Trevor O'Grady, Wood Ridge, 6-0.

Long Jump: 1-Will Nunez, Washingtonville, 21-7-1/2. 2-Irving Stills, Trenton Central, 21-3/4. 3-Marcus Brown, Bredgeton, 21-2-1/2. 4-Leon Dixon, Glen Mills, 20-9. 5-Adam Weiner, Valley Central, 20-7-1/2. 6-Tony Burgess, Plainfield, 20-5-1/2.

Triple Jump: 1-Joe Williams, Willingboro, 43-1-3/4. 2-Scharai Horton, Glen Mills, 43-0-1/4. 3-Weston Daniel Jr., Bergenfield, 42-11-1/2. 4-Henry Smith, Ellington, 42-2-3/4. 5-Brandon Edmonds, Spring Valley, 40-11-3/4. 6-Rowan Clark, Teaneck, 40-10.

Pole Vault: 1-Dave Vickers, Shenendahowa, 14. 2-Alex Berardi, Washingtonville, 13-6. 3-Taylor Majewski, Warwick Valley, 13-6. 4-Mark Peros, Saddle Brook, 13. 4-(tie)Tim Murray, James O'Neill HS, 13.

Distance Med: 1-Parsippany Hills, 10:25.4 (Craig Beall-3:15.1, Dan Mayer-53.4, Jeremy Zagorski-2:02.2, Brian Boyett-4:14.9). 2-Suffern, 10:30.8 (Justin Romaniuk, Cherian Kurian, Chris Lolagne, Matt Gallagher). 3-CBA, 10:32.1 (Jeff Peterson, Paul Cawley, Erik Reulbach, Trevor Roer-Byro). 4-Wayne Valley, 10:37.2 (Derek Storbeck, Craig Kolk, Jon Healey, Chris Healey). 5-Memorial, 10:46.5 (Anderson Tejada, Stan Radu, Luis Ortiz, William Canon). 6-Tom's River North, 10:50.9. 7-B. Loughlin, 10:51.3. 8-Collegiate, 10:56.7. 9-Hillsborough, 10:56.9. 10-Warwick Valley, 11:01.8. 11-Pope John, 11:06.2. 12-Tri-Valley, 11:11.6. 13-Ridgewood, 11:13.9. 14-Matawan, 11:16.9.

4X800r: 1-Mt. St. Michael, 7:59.6 (Xavier Durrant, Geoffrey Carter, Barney Brown, Rich Villanevua). 2-Don Bosco Prep, 8:02.9 (Matt Horesta, Chris Reinert, James Clifford, Rob McKay). 3-Morristown, 8:11.1 (Gray Reinhard, Travis Frezel, Adam Hunt, Bob Sparano). 4-Bridgeton, 8:11.5 (Gabe Cintron, Marlin Gross, Robert Edwards, James Holden). 5-Willingboro, 8:12.7 (Rashaad Lee, Chris Jackson, Ed Dixon, Marvin Lewis). 6-Colts Neck, 8:13.1. 7-Toms River South, 8:19.3. 8-Bishop Loughlin, 8:21.9. 9-Cranford, 8:24.3. 10-Glen Mills, 8:29.1. 11-Bishop Eustace, 8:30.1.

4X400r: 1-Camden, 3:23.7. 2-Glen Mills, 3:23.9. 3-Trenton Central, 2:24.0. 4-Bridgeton, 3:25.7. 5-Pleasantville, 3:26.7.

Passaic Tech's Herbert takes her turn at fame

By PAUL SCHWARTZ
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Andrea Herbert has spent much of her time on the Passaic Tech track team in a supporting role to such stars as now-graduated Kenneisha Reid and sprinter Yhounic Vassell.

But Monday at the 171-school Varsity Classic at the Armory Track & Field Center, Herbert continued to emerge by winning her second major triple jump competition in a week, this time with a personal best of 35

feet 6¾ inches, beating a field that consisted of athletes from four states. "It was great to be with Kenneisha the last couple of years," said Herbert, who is also part of Tech's strong 1,600-meter relay team. "When she won the State (Group 4) championship in the long jump last year I was real excited."

"Now I have to show what I can do in order to help my team do better."

as fast as I wanted without anyone staying close."

Mahwah's Owen Bourgholtzer was third in the event, running 9:41.3, easily an indoor personal best.

"I just tried to follow everybody and see how I felt," said Bourgholtzer, the Group 2 3,200-meter champion last spring. "I'd rather have someone else faster in the race than I am so I can try and keep up with him."

River Dell's Caitlin Sherry continued her excellent winter season in the

400-meter run and the triple jump, running an indoor best PR of 59.8 and an overall PR 35-1 in the triple jump to earn a pair of third places. "This is such a big meet and I'm not used to such extreme competition," Sherry said. "I'm almost surprised I did better against better competition because I'm so used to running and jumping against people I know and there were so many people I didn't know tonight."

Don Bosco Prep's boys and Glen Rock's girls all but clinched spots in the Penn Relays 3,200-meter relay in April with outstanding second-place performances.

Bosco's 8:02.9 was the second-fastest race this winter by a New Jersey team and with the final sub-2:00 splits by James Clifford and Rob MacKay stamped Bosco as a team to watch at the Easterns on Feb. 27.

"It's good and bad to run against people you don't know. It's fun to

Kennedy's Watkins wins 'classic' race

NEW YORK — Kennedy superstar Tawana Watkins struggled the last time she ran an 800-meter race. Monday night, she had no problem at all.

The five-time State champion at 400 meters and 400-meter hurdles ran the fastest time in the country this year in the Varsity Classic 800 at the Armory Track and Field Center. Watkins' time of 2:09.06 was also the fastest race ever run at the Armory, considered the mecca of indoor track.

"I never want to run this race again," said Watkins, who miscounted laps and finished the 800 in 2:27 the last time she ran it. "It's just too hard."

Watkins made it look easy Monday night, and did so against some heady competition. Multiple State champion Erin Donohue of Haddonfield stepped down to the 800 from her usual distance races.

The race was an instant classic, with Watkins sprinting by Donohue in the final straightaway.

Donohue ran well, finishing in 2:10. It was good enough for second in the nation this year and second in the history of the Armory. The two runners trail only three-time Olympian Joetta Clark on the all-time New Jersey high school list.

Donohue, as is her habit, went to the front early and took the race through the 200 in 31.4, the 400 in 63.2, and the 600 in 1:36.8. But Watkins hung on, and with about 60 meters to go, accelerated past the Haddonfield standout to earn the victory.

"I was so nervous when I saw I had to run against Erin," Watkins said. "But I'm glad we were able to run against each other."

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TRACK

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MONDAY

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3,200 — 1, Joe Jacobs, Butler, 9:34.4; 3, Owen Bourgholtzer, Mahwah, 9:41.3.

Shot put — 1, Derek Gilson, Middletown North, 58-0; 4, Jon Lanza, Hanover Park, 52-11½.

High jump — 1, Lonnie Washington, Elizabeth, 6-3; 4, tie between Brent Hobbs, Don Bosco Prep, and Trevor O'Grady, Wood-Ridge, 6-0.

Long jump — 1, Will Nunez, Washingtonville, 21-7½.

Triple jump — 1, Joe Williams, Willingboro, 43-1¼; 3, Weston Daniel, Bergenfield, 42-11¼; 6, Rowan Clarke, Teaneck, 40-10.

Pole vault — 1, Dave Vickers, Shenendahowa, 14-0; 4, tie: Mark Peros, Saddle Brook, and Tim Murray, James O'Neill, 13-0.

1,600 relay — 1, Camden, 3:23.7.

3,200 relay — 1, Mount St. Michael (Xavier Durrant, Geoffrey Carter, Barney Brown, Rich Villaneuva), 7:59.6; 2, Don Bosco Prep (Matt Horesta, Chris Reinert, James Clifford, Rob McKay), 8:02.9.

Distance medley — 1, Parsippany Hills (Craig Beall, Dan Mayer, Jeremy Zagoraki, Brian Boyett), 10:25.4; 4, Wayne Valley (Jon Healey, Craig Kolk, Chris Healey, Derek Storbeck), 10:37.2.

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800 — 1, Tawana Watkins, Kennedy, 2:09.6 (Armory and meet record, old Armory record, 2:11.43 by Evelyn Dwyer, West Philadelphia, 2000; old record, 2:17.8 by Katie Atlas, Minnissink Valley, 1998). 5, Caitlin Smyth, IHA, 2:21.1.

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13:13.2. 55H-Nicoll 9.1. HJ-Agrizzi 4-8. LJ-DeBenedetto 17-11.5. SP-Robinson, Imm Conc 36-1. 1600R-Scnce 4:28.0.

TROTTERS LEAD RED BANK TO SHORE CONF. TITLE

SHORE CONFERENCE, Feb. 9, Red Bank: It was another big night for the Trotter twins here as Amanda and Katie scored 38 individual points and also led a relay win in a 53-36 1/3 defeat of Middletown South.

The crushing blow came in the 1600 when Amanda, who had earlier won the 3200 in 11:22.72, led Katie over the line in 5:22.02. Katie had taken the 800 in 2:21.88 after a stiff battle with Southern Ocean frosh Lauren Lewis about half an hour earlier. She completed her iron woman stunt with a come-from-behind anchor in the 4:13.86 relay victory.

T-RB 53, MS 36.3, SoOcn 35. 55-Adams, SOR 7.56. 400-Kornegay, RBC 1:01.47. 800-K. Trotter 2:21.88. 2-Lewis :22.21. 3-Lombardy, MS :25.87. 4-Kingsbery, RBC :27.21. 1600-A. Trotter 5:22.02. 2-K. Trotter :23.27. 3-Ullmeyer, Shore :25.16. 3200-A. Trotter 11:22.72. 2-Vullo, Hlmdl :36.63. 3-Kaba, Jcksn :45.86. 55H-Ausby, Lkwd 8.81. 2-Schenk, Jcksn 8.82. 3-Huggler, Mnmth 8.82. 4-Danback, RBC 8.92. HJ-Taylor, SOR 5-2. 2-Schenk 5-2. 3-Paknis, Mnchtr, & Ausby 5-2. 5-O'Connor, Lacey 5-2. SP-Pachuta, MS 40-5.5. 2-Foster, Brick 37-5.5. 1600R-RB 4:13.87. 2-MS :14.60. 3-SOR :14.64.

FRANKLIN UPSETS HILLSBORO FOR SKYLAND TITLE

SKYLAND CONFERENCE, Feb. 9, Lehigh: Franklin's "fearsome Four" accounted for 72 points in an 84-72 upset of Hillsboro here, led by a 1-2 HJ finish (at 5-4) by Jenna Harris and Tamara McGill.

McGill was the key figure as she also won the 55H in 8.4 and the SP at 31-2 3/4. Harris took the 55M dash in 7.2. Kim Lyles and Coryn Gomez added points in the 55 and 400 and it all wound up with a 4:12.4 victory in the closing 1600R that overcame a two-point Hillsboro edge.

Kris Meyer doubled for Hillsboro in the distances, scoring her first win of the season over long-time rival Shannon Hawrylo in the 1600 in 5:15.1. Hawrylo did even the score by taking the 800 in 2:20.2.

T-Frnkl 84, Hlbro 80, HC 55. 55-Harris 7.2, 2-Lanewala, HC 7.2. 3-Snyder, NoHunt 7.3. 4-Lyles, Frnkl 7.3. 400-Lanewala 59.5. 2-Lyles 1:00.9. 800-Hawrylo 2:20.2. 2-Meyer :22.8. 3-Kloss, Hlbro :26.2. 1600-Meyer 5:15.1. 2-Hawrylo :17.7. 3200-Meyer 12:11.6. 55H-McGill 8.4. 2-Snyder 8.4. 3-Russell, Pbrg 8.7. 4-Kloss 8.7. 5-Pfeiffer 8.8. HJ-Harris 5-4. 2-McGill 5-4. 3-Meiser, Hlbro 5-2. SP-McGill 31-2.75. 1600R-Frnkl 4:12.4. 2-HC :14.0.

ANDERSON DOUBLES AT E. STROUDSBURG INVITATIONAL

EAST STROUDSBURG INVITATIONAL, Feb. 11: Lillie Anderson of Kinnelon doubled the 55 and 400 here in 7.52 and 1:02.93, while Erin Kubarewicz of Bloomfield took the 1500 in 5:38.23 and was 2nd in the 3200.

55-Anderson 7.52. 2-Manuyak, Crfd 7.58. 400-Anderson 1:02.93. 800-Scherer, Mntvle 2:28.76. 1600-Kubarewicz 5:38.23. 3200-Cavallo, WstEsx 11:55.44. 55H-Dutch, Clftn 9.42. HJ-Doyle, Mdsn 5-0. SP-Beckman, Kinnln 34-10. 1600R-Mntvle 4:20.86.

AN 800 BOMBSHELL AT VARSITY CLASSIC: 2:09.6, 2:10.0

Varsity Classic, Feb. 12, Armory Ctr: This meet was wending its usual chaotic way through a long evening when the 800M race got under way. There had been the usual three-ring circus start with sprints and hurdles in the infield, the 3200s and DMRs on the oval track and the simultaneous horizontal jumps on the two runways. Later, there would be the three or four-at-a-time unseeded sections of the 200M.

The gun sounded for the seeded section of the 800 and everything changed. At first, it seemed a familiar and predictable scene: Erin Donohue of Haddonfield, trading distances with teammate Holly Cosnett (who would later win the 1600), bursting into the lead and going on to rack up another win and another PR.

But this one would be different. For as Erin sped through a 31.4 first lap, a blue and red clad runner was dogging her: Tawana Watkins of Paterson Kennedy in her first ever 800 race. It was history in the making. The two best girl runners in the state, a track team all by themselves if united, in what may be the only meeting of their high school careers.

And for those who saw it, it was a race which will never be forgotten. Erin continued to set the pace, 64.3 at the 400, 1:36.0 at the 600—only Hazel Clark has run that distance faster for a NJ school in an actual 600. Then came the final lap and the challenge. Watkins moved up abreast with Erin, they battled down the backstretch and through the final turn with Donohue fighting off two challenges, and Tawana finally got by as they hit the homestretch, going on to win by two or three yards in 2:09.6, Donohue following in 2:10.0, the two fastest times in the nation this winter.

Only one NJ girl has ever run the 800 faster indoors—there is no need to tell you that was—and all of her races were in open competition. Watkins and Donohue broke the high-school-only state mark which had been held by Hazel at 2:10.61.

Naturally, this race dwarfed everything else that happened that night, but there was a lot more to talk about. Latoya Benson of Washington Twp doubled the sprints in 7.0 and 25.1, Amber Williams of Roxbury took the 55H in 8.1, Cosnett captured the 1600 in 5:10.0, April Williams of Elizabeth had a season-best 18-1 in the LJ and Andrea Herbert of Passaic Tech ditto the TJ at 35-6 3/4, Holly Stetner of Hunterdon Central took the PV at 10-6 and Amanda Thompson of Camden upset Katie Pachuta of Middletown South in the SP at 40-9.

And, in the relays, Wilson doubled the 1600R and 3200R with season-leading marks of 3:57.8 and 9:37.3 and, while it trailed a super Bellport (LI) team by 125 yards in the DMR, Hillsboro had another season-best of 12:25.3 in the DMR with Kris Meyer shading 5:00 on the anchor leg in another of her endless duels with Shannon Hawrylo.

All in all, quite a night.

55-Benson 7.0. 2-Griffin, Acdmc 7.1. 4-DeBenedetto, MtLks 7-4. 5-Wright, Estn 7.4. 6-Barron, Wlsn 7.4. 200-Benson 25.1. 2-Myricks, Wlbro 25.4. 3-Fisher, Cmdn 25.5. 400-Walker, Cmdn 59.2. 2-Fisher 59.4. 3-Sherry, RvrDl 59.8. 4-Montegary, Jcksn 1:00.1. 5-Weathers, Acdmc :00.2. 800-Watkins, Knndy 2:09.6SR. 2-Donohue :10.0. 3-Thomas, Ovbrk :17.7. 5-Smyth, IHA :21.1. 1600-Cosnett 5:10.0. 3-Planer, Rmsn :13.1. 4-Pereira, Pspny :17.4. 3200-Oberman-Breindel, Fldstn 11:03.7. 2-Mizzone, PscV :08.5. 3-Found, Mndhm :31.5. 4-Bayersdorfer, RvrDl :39.2. 5-Maier, Morrtm :39.6. 55H-Williams 8.1. 3-Schenk, Jcksn 8.5. 4-El Amin, Wlbro 8.5. 5-McCurdy, BklyHts 8.6. 6-Keegan, Haddfld 8.6. HJ-Pierne, Rmpo (NY) 5-3. 3-Schenk 5-3. PV-Stetner 10-6. LJ-April Williams 18-1. 2-DeBenedetto 17-2.25. 3-Amber Williams 17-2.25. TJ-Herbert 35-6.75. 3-Sherry 35-1. SP-Thompson 40-9. 2-Pachuta 39-6.5. 3-Davis, TREst 37-6.5. 4-Jenkins, Lndn 36-5. 5-Alteria Williams, Knndy 36-4. 1600R-WW 3:57.8. 2-Wlbro :59.0. 4-Estrn 4:07.3. 5-SoBrun :07.6. 3200R-WW 9:37.3. 2-GlnRck :41.9. 4-HC :45.1. 5-MS :47.9. 6-Vrhs :48.9. 9-TREst :56.4. 10-IHA :58.6. 13-TRNth 10:02.7. 14-Hlbro :06.5. 15-BpEstce :08.2. 16-Morrtm :12.9. DMR-Blprt 11:58.4. 2-Hlbro :25.3. 3-HC :25.5. 4-MS :34.5. 5-Vrhs :37.5. 6-Rdgwd :41.5. 7-Wlsn :42.0. 11-Pspny 13:06.4.

LEWIS-LAMONICA LEADS LARRIES TO PREP TITLE

NEW JERSEY PREP, Feb. 14, Lawrenceville: Emily Lewis-Lamonica, another of our "Little Giants" this winter (slightly taller than Holly Cosnett and Kari Steed) led the home team to a 76-54 win over Kent Place here, doubling the 55H and 400 in 8.7 and 1:01.9 and anchoring a 4:21.0 1600R.

Emily's hurdle win came at the expense of Hallie Nicoll of Kent Place, who later won the 800 in a MR 2:19.8.

T-Lwrvle 76, KP 54, Peddie 45. 55-Wilson, Peddie 7.2. 400-Lewis-Lamonica 1:01.9. 800-Nicoll 2:19.8MR. 2-Johnson, OkKnl :27.8. 1600-Monte, ViaWlsh 5:44.5. 3200-Simach, Lwrvle 12:53.0. 55H-Lewis-Lamonica 8.7. HJ-C. Lewis, Lwrvle 4-10. SP-Efros, Pedie 32-0.5. 1600R-Lwrvle 4:21.0.

WATKINS, DIANA WIN AT BERGEN DEVELOPMENT II

BERGEN DEVELOPMENT II, Feb. 15, Rothman Ctr: Tawana Watkins cooled off after her Varsity Classic triumph with a 7.3 win over Andrea Herbert of Passaic Tech here.

Justine Diana of Saddle Brook got in a final prep for her county battle with Jill Turner of Pascack Hills as she won the 55H in 8.7.

55-Watkins 7.3. 400-Broomes, PrmsC 1:01.5. 2-Corvino, Wstwd :01.9. 800-Hemmer, IHA 2:29.2. 1600-D'Aco, WW 5:32.4. III-Diana 8.7. 1600R-WW 4:27.2.

ORIMOGUNJE, SHERRY, BAYERSDORFER DOUBLE

BERGEN CTY, Feb. 19, Armory Ctr: There were three double winners here, Anike Orimogunje of Queen of Peace in the sprints, Briana Bayersdorfer of River Dell in the distances and her teammate, Caitlin Sherry, in the 400 and TJ.

Orimogunje had clear sailing in the 55 and 300 with teammate Takara Wilks absent, clocking 7.3 and 41.4. Bayersdorfer took the 1600 in 5:28.7 and the 3200 in 11:53.6 and Sherry matched her best of 59.8 in the 400 and went 34-10 in the triple jump.

There was a major surprise in the SP as Kelly Fazekas of Demarest not only defeated older sister Jessica but also had a big PR of 40-6.

55-Orimogunje 7.3. 300-Orimogunje 42.4. 2-Ramos, Hack 42.7. 3-Corvino, Wstwd, & Nicoletti, HH 44.0. 400-Sherry 59.8. 2-Broomes, ParCath 1:01.5. 600-Mineo, GlnRck 1:40.0. 2-K. Zucaro, Rdgwd :41.9. 3-Jerome, GR :44.5. 4-O'Reilly, PC :45.0. 800-J. Zucaro, Rdgwd 2:28.1. 1K-Henry, GR 3:09.8. 1600-Bayersdorfer 5:28.7. 3200-Bayersdorfer 11:53.6. 2-Bernard, Hack :55.2. 55H-McBean, Tnck 8.8. 2-Diana, SaddBk 8.9. HJ-May, Dmnt 4-10. PV-Weisman, FrLwn 7-6. LJ-DaCosta, Eng 16-11. TJ-Sherry 34-10. 2-DaCosta 34-7. 3-Talucci, IndHls 34-6. 4-Procopio, III 34-3. 5-Ramos, Hack 34-1.75. SP-K. Fazekas 40-6. 2-Uzeiac, MidPk 36-8.5. 3-J. Fazekas 36-5. Pent-Turner, PscHls 2,585. 1600R-Wstwd 4:13.9. (Continued on P. 7)

THE WINTER TRACK REPORT

800-meter showdown special

Monday's remarkable 800-meter race at Manhattan's Armory Track Center between New Jersey's two best high school runners showcased why track is such a special sport.

When Kennedy's **Tawana Watkins** and **Erin Donohue** of Haddonfield squared off in their memorable duel, won by Watkins in a nation-leading and Armory record time of 2:09.6, those who recognized the athletes paused to watch.

Moments later, even those who had no idea that two All-Americans were battling each other had stopped to watch. Something special was going on.

For the slightly more than two minutes that it took for the race, it seemed as if the rest of the action at the Armory, packed with athletes, coaches, and spectators from 171 schools, came to a halt while everyone watched.

When Watkins crossed the finish line a yard ahead of Donohue, who had not lost a track

race to a New Jersey athlete since her sophomore year, the roar from the crowd was deafening.

Minutes later, when the two came to the scorer's table to pick up their medals, they met for the first time and talked. They had never raced against each other before, even though Watkins, a five-time state champion at 400 meters and 400 hurdles, knew of Donohue, a six-time state champion in cross-country and track, and Donohue knew of Watkins.

"I was upset at first when I lost," said Donohue, bound for North Carolina on a track scholarship. "I knew she was a great 400 and hurdler but I didn't know she ran the 800, too. Then when I heard the time, I was still upset I lost, but knew how great a race it was."

"I'm glad that I did run and I'm glad that she was in the race," said Watkins, who is not

expected to run another 800 this winter. "I knew I was still strong with a lap to go, but I knew how good Erin was, and I just tried to beat her."

"I don't know if we'll ever run against each other again, but it was great tonight," Watkins said.

The race almost didn't happen as Kennedy coach **Ken Samra** needed assurances that Watkins would be in the seeded heat at the Eastern States 400 on Feb. 27.

"I know she's the state champ but she hasn't really had a fast time in the 400 this year," Samra said. "But I was told that she had the best seed time of all entries so far so I decided to let her run the 800."

A SPECIAL AWARD — **Bob Mead** of Ridgefield has been honored as the Northeast Regional Girls Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the National Federation Coaches Association. The Northeast Region includes New Jersey, New York, and the six New England states.

Mead was nominated by the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association for his record, service to the community, and for being a role

model. His nomination, along with seven others in the state, was sent to the Northeast regional director, who chose Mead as the region's representative for National Coach of the Year.

SOME NICE EFFORTS — Don Bosco Prep's sprint medley relay win at the Bergen Relays two weeks ago in 3:33.3 remains the fourth best performance of the winter nationally. The team of **Will Van Thunen**, **Tyler Papaz**, **Eric Feldman**, and **Rob MacKay** hopes to run the event one more time before the end of the winter.

Ho-Ho-Kus resident **Terry Lennon**, a senior at Regis High School in New York, ran 9:33 for 3,200 meters last Saturday to win the event at the Mayor's Trophy Meet at the Armory.

ALL-COUNTY MEETINGS — Indoor track all-county meetings are set. The Passaic meeting is to be held Thursday, March 1, at Clifton High School at 7 p.m. All Passaic track coaches are invited.

The Bergen meeting is set for Monday, March 5, at 4 p.m. at Ramsey High School. All Bergen track coaches are invited.



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