

Lee-led Montclair hurdles to title; Science triumphs

By PAUL FABBRI

Tim Lee led a blue-and-white wave of Montclair hurdlers across the finish line in the 110-meter high hurdles final to break open what had been a close team battle in the boys' division and Newark Science demonstrated it is more than just a Tiffany Weatherford-Natwon Harp show when it won in the girls' division yesterday at the Essex County Track and Field Championships at Woodman Field in Montclair.

Lee, a junior who missed all of last season while recovering from a hernia operation and opted not to run indoor track this winter, picked up his second victory of the day when he won the high hurdles in 14.68. He was followed closely by teammates Greg Hudson in 14.73 and Darryl Elder in 14.95 and the sweep of the first three places earned Montclair 13 points, a total that helped it outscore second-place Columbia, 53½-43. Earlier in the day, Lee won the 400 intermediate hurdles in 55.18.

Montclair also got victories from Marvin Brown, The Star-Ledger Boy Athlete of the Week, in the 100 in 11.04 and Earl Blake, who won the long jump with a leap of 23-0¼.

Science, which won its first Essex girls' title a year ago, got only one individual victory each from Weatherford and Harp, but mounted a team effort to out-point second-place Weequahic, 50-28.

For Weatherford, the state's 200- and 400-meter champion, the meet was her second outing of the year since she reinjured a troublesome hamstring during a neighborhood game of tag more than a month ago. Weatherford won the 400 easily in 57.98 and anchored a 1,600-meter relay team that won in 4:06.2. Harp, the state 400-meter intermediate hurdles champion, won the intermediates in 1:03.6, finished second in the 100-meter high hurdles in 14.83 and ran the second leg of the relay.

Weequahic was able to counter Science's two-girl effort with a marquee pair of its own. Regina Trotter, the state 100-meter dash champion, won the 100 in 12.16 and the 200 in 24.37 and Sabrina Kennedy surged ahead of Harp to win the high hurdles 14.57 and cleared 5-2 to win the high jump.

The difference for Science was its field team. Njeri Curtis scored 10 points with a victory in the shot put

when she threw 39-2½ and third-place finishes in the discus at 97-11 and the javelin at 96-4. Francis Smith finished third in the shot put with a heave of 34-6 and Tina Richardson finished fourth with a 33-5.

Science also got a strong effort from freshman Stacy Stewart. Stewart finished second in the 1,600 in 5:33.1 and, one race later, finished third in the 800 in 2:32.2.

Heather Bury was responsible for West Orange's fifth-place finish, winning the 1,600 in 5:29.2 and the 3,200 in 12:02.4.

In the boys' division, Lee Barnett led second-place Columbia with victories in the discus at 144-7 and the javelin at 171-8. Ahmed Best won the high jump with a 6-8 clearance and finished second in the intermediate hurdles in 55.86.

Crippled by its failure to score a point in the field events, Weequahic wound up third among the boys on the strength of three individual victories and the usual outstanding effort from its relay team.

Bishara Abdul-Hamid held off Devon Warren of Essex Catholic to win the 800 in 1:58.6. Ali Roberts won the 400 in 49.76 and Keith Barker registered a mild upset when he outkicked Montclair's Brown to win the 200 in 22.04. Barker joined Roberts, brother Dexter Barker and Dimion Hart on a 1,600 relay team that won in 3:19.2.



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Regina Trotter (right) of Weequahic beats Staci Jordan of Orange in 100-meter dash during yesterday's Essex County track meet at Woodman Field in Montclair. Trotter won in 12.16

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GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-Newark Science 50. 2-Weequahic 28. 3-Columbia 26. 4-Orange 13. 5-West Orange 12. 6-Livingston 11. 7-Newark Arts, Glen Ridge and Clifford Scott 10. 10-Shabazz 9. 11-Montclair 8. 12-East Orange 7. 13-Millburn 6. 14-Cedar Grove, West Side and Caldwell 4. 17-Verona 3. 18-Nutley, Montclair-Kimberley and West Essex 2. 21-Montclair Immaculate and Newark Central 1.

100-METER DASH: 1-Regina Trotter, Weequahic 12.16. 2-Staci Jordan, Orange 12.29. 3-Sharone Anderson, Columbia 13.09. 4-Keishia Golding, Orange 13.12. 5-Jennifer Duncan, Columbia 13.16.

200-METER DASH: 1-Regina Trotter, Weequahic 24.37. 2-Staci Jordan, Orange 25.33. 3-Kelly Sweat, Montclair 26.53. 4-Kyla Scott, Columbia 26.61. 5-Andrea Melton, Columbia 27.69.

400-METER RUN: 1-Tiffany Weatherford, Science 57.98. 2-Rhonda Westbrook, East Orange 1:01.9. 3-Sherine Titus, East Orange 1:02.61. 4-Keisha Trotman, Montclair-Kimberley 1:02.68. 5-Kelly Sweat, Montclair 1:12.63.

800-METER RUN: 1-Carolyn King, Glen Ridge 2:24.7. 2-Rashida MacMurray, Columbia 2:30.0. 3-Stacy Stewart, Science 2:32.2. 4-Jessica Lahm, Nutley 2:32.8. 5-Lori Solomon, Millburn 2:34.4.

1,600-METER RUN: 1-Heather Bury, West Orange 5:29.2. 2-Stacy Stewart, Science 5:33.1. 3-Carol Warren, Shabazz 5:36.2. 4-Lakisha Pippins, Arts 5:36.7. 5-Marie Neilan, Livingston 5:39.1.

3,200-METER RUN: 1-Heather Bury, West Orange 12:02.4. 2-Jessica King, Glen Ridge 12:09. 3-Kathy MacFarlane, Verona 12:15.8. 4-Lislie Lising, West Essex 12:18.3. 5-Kim Helmer, Millburn 13:48.5.

100-METER HIGH HURDLES: 1-Sabrina Kennedy, Weequahic 14.57. 2-Natwon Harp, Science 14.83. 3-Genia Bess, Arts 15.24. 4-Kall Coleman, Columbia 15.3. 5-Nina Knight, Shabazz 15.61.

400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Natwon Harp, Science 1:03.6. 2-Sabrina Kennedy, Weequahic 1:04.4. 3-Rashida MacMurray, Columbia 1:06.3. 4-Linda Fan, Livingston 1:06.4. 5-Kyla Scott, Columbia 1:07.4.

HIGH JUMP: 1-Sabrina Kennedy, Weequahic 5-2. 2-Kristen Heide, Millburn 5-0. 3-Michelle Green, Caldwell 5-0. 4-Tiffany Anglin, Montclair 4-10. 5-Kim Maginley, Montclair Immaculate 4-10.

LONG JUMP: 1-Nina Knight, Shabazz 17-4¼. 2-Lovey Ford, Arts 17-1. 3-Rashida MacMurray, Columbia 16-11¼. 4-Dawn Gallaway, Orange 16-11¼. 5-Kiwa Spraggins, Montclair 16-7¼.

SHOT PUT: 1-Njeri Curtis, Science 39-2½. 2-Kim Curry, Clifford Scott 37-4¾. 3-Francis Smith, Science 34-6. 4-Tina Richardson, Science 33-5. 5-Andrea DeGroot, Montclair 32-11.

DISCUS: 1-Kim Curry, Clifford Scott 108-8. 2-Francis Smith, Science 102-6. 3-Njeri Curtis, Science 97-11. 4-Rhea Walker, Columbia 97-4. 5-Lill LoBretto, Caldwell 93-0.

JAVELIN: 1-Joyce Kwiatkowski, Livingston 103-9. 2-Larissa Selepouchin, Cedar Grove 98-2. 3-Njeri Curtis, Science 96-4. 4-Linda Fan, Livingston 91-11. 5-Alice Terry, Orange 90-5.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Science (Mecca Ford, Natwon Harp, Stacy Stewart and Tiffany Weatherford) 4:06.2. 2-West Side 4:13.2. 3-Columbia 4:18.6. 4-Central 4:22.6. 5-Arts 4:26.9.

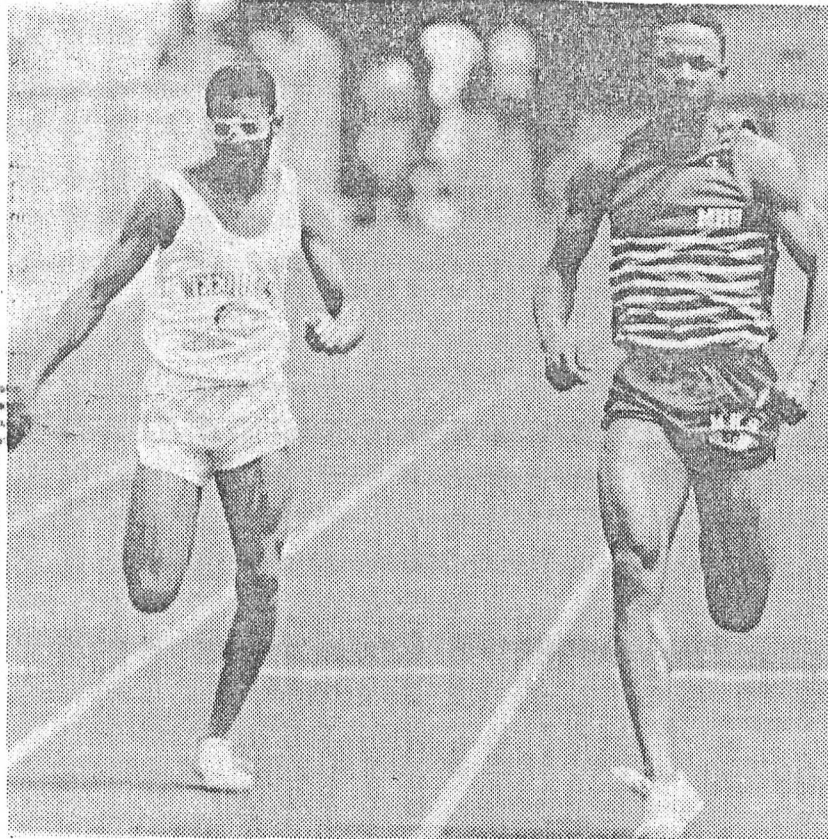


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Marvin Brown (right) of Montclair beats Jermaine Johnson of Weequahic in the 100-meter dash final during yesterday's Essex County track meet at Woodman Field in Montclair. Brown won in 11.04

BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Montclair 53½. 2-Columbia 43. 3-Weequahic 41. 4-West Orange and Orange 11. 6-Livingston and Newark Arts 10. 8-Seton Hall Prep 9½. 9-St. Benedict's Prep and Caldwell 9. 11-Essex Catholic and Bloomfield 7. 13-West Side 6. 14-Glen Ridge and Shabazz 4. 16-Verona 3. 17-East Side, Irvington, Nutley and West Essex 2. 21-Belleville 1.

100-METER DASH: 1-Marvin Brown, Montclair 11.04. 2-Jermaine Thompson, Weequahic 11.24. 3-Terrell Willis, Orange 11.43. 4-Lance Lieberman, West Orange 11.54. 5-Nate Brookins, Weequahic 11.63.

200-METER DASH: 1-Keith Barker, Weequahic 22.04. 2-Marvin Brown, Montclair 22.08. 3-Jermaine Thompson, Weequahic 22.37. 4-Joe Lee, St. Benedict's Prep 22.66. 5-Terrell Willis, Orange 22.89.

400-METER RUN: 1-Ali Roberts, Weequahic 49.76. 2-Dexter Barker, Weequahic 50.29. 3-Aaron Smith, Montclair 50.69. 4-Dimion Hart, Weequahic 50.73. 5-Dan Akwel, St. Benedict's Prep 52.13.

800-METER RUN: 1-Bishara Abdul-Hamid, Weequahic 1:57.5. 2-Devon Warren, Essex Catholic 1:58.6. 3-Chris Ellis, Orange 1:59.8. 4-Adam Brief, Livingston 1:59.8. 5-Brendan Kennedy, Seton Hall Prep 1:59.9.

1,600-METER RUN: 1-Everette Gray, Arts 4:28.2. 2-Mark Kenah, Seton Hall Prep 4:30.5. 3-Bryan Garrido, Bloomfield 4:34.0. 4-Jeremy Maichuk, Nutley 4:38.0. 5-Antonio Oliveira, East Side 4:38.2.

3,200-METER RUN: 1-Nuno Santo, St. Benedict's Prep 9:32.1. 2-Mike O'Connor, Seton Hall Prep 9:39.7. 3-Everette Gray, Arts 9:53.9. 4-Adam Brief, Livingston 9:59.9. 5-Antonio Oliveira, East Side 10:04.9.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES: 1-Tim Lee, Montclair 14.68. 2-Greg Hudson, Montclair 14.73. 3-Darryl Elder, Montclair 14.95. 4-Gary Plunkett, Irvington 15.34. 5-Ahmed Best, Columbia 15.35.

400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Tim Lee, Montclair 55.18. 2-Ahmed Best, Columbia 55.86. 3-Eddie Greene, Weequahic 56.24. 4-Darryl Elder, Montclair 56.65. 5-Timothy Stuart, Montclair, and Kaeron Charles, Seton Hall Prep 58.35.

HIGH JUMP: 1-Ahmed Best, Columbia 6-8. 2-Mike Kennedy, West Orange 6-6. 3-Jelani Roper, Columbia 6-2. 4-Mark Axt, Montclair 6-2. 5-Bob Skorupski, Bloomfield 6-0.

POLE VAULT: 1-Howard Chen, Livingston 12-0. 2-Pete Degenhardt, Montclair 11-0. 3-Rick Ventola, Caldwell 11-0. 4-John Shu, Columbia 11-0. 5-Vinnie Bono, Caldwell 10-0.

LONG JUMP: 1-Earl Blake, Montclair 23-0¼. 2-Peter Khosi, Caldwell 21-8. 3-Mark Axt, Montclair 21-2¼. 4-Ahmed Best, Columbia 21-1. 5-Mike Scott, Arts 20-9½.

SHOT PUT: 1-Marco Moody, West Side 49-8½. 2-Romel Cureton, Shabazz 47-9¾. 3-Kareem Franklin, Columbia 46-2¾. 4-Lee Barnett, Columbia, 46-0. 5-Steve Coponi, Belleville 45-5.

DISCUS: 1-Lee Barnett, Columbia 144-7. 2-Kenyon Allen, Montclair Immaculate 142-5. 3-Ed Mansilla, Bloomfield 141-0. 4-Malcolm Powell, Columbia 138-9. 5-Erik Hanson, Caldwell 137-2.

JAVELIN: 1-Lee Barnett, Columbia 171-8. 2-Oscar Duncan, Columbia 169-6. 3-Lance Lieberman, West Orange 167-8. 4-Kevin Feeley, West Orange 148-11. 5-Tichan Howard, Orange 145-0.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Weequahic (Dimion Hart, Dexter Barker, Ali Roberts and Keith Barker) 3:19.2. 2-Montclair 3:24.7. 3-Essex Catholic 3:27.2. 4-Columbia 3:31.2. 5-Orange 3:32.2.

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