

# Barker wins 3 golds on 18th birthday

By PAUL FABBRI

Keith Barker celebrated his 18th birthday in style yesterday by winning two races and running the anchor leg on the gold-medal 1,600-meter relay team to power Weequahic to the boys' title at the Essex County track and field championships yesterday in Millburn.

Njeri Curtis also played a pivotal role, winning two field events to help the Newark Science girls win their third straight title.

Barker, whose training has been light since the Penn Relays because of the work he is doing on a senior term paper, showed signs he will be ready to challenge for two state titles at the June 3 Meet of Champions when he won the 200 in 22.1 and the 400 in 49.1 yesterday. Barker then joined cousin Dexter Barker, Dimion Hart and Ali Roberts on the state's finest 1,600 relay team that won in 3:20.9, much slower than its season-best 3:14.6.

Weequahic secured the team title midway through the meet when junior Jermaine Thompson — fresh off his victory over Orange's Terrell Willis in the 100 in 11.22 — managed a second-place finish in the 200 by winning his section of the race in 22.5. His performance was better than the strong seeded field, which included Joe Lee of St. Benedict's Prep, Willis and Roberts.

With Tiffany Weatherford hampered by a hamstring pull and hurdler Natwon Harp struggling through a sub-par day, Curtis proved the difference for Science, which edged the defending champion, Columbia, 79-73. Curtis won the shot put with a 36-10 effort and the javelin with a 104-11 throw. Teammate Frances Smith also contributed to Science's dominance of the weights, placing second in the shot put at 36-9 and third in the discus at 104-4.

While her hamstring may ultimately keep Weatherford from her dream of an unprecedented 100, 200,

Oliveira lived up to the description offered by coach Chet Oxford — "small package, big heart" — when he won the 1,600 in 4:25.1. After winning the 3,200 in a meet-record 9:29.1 on Friday, the 5-7, 120-pound Oliveira employed his preferred tactic of going out fast in order to put away runners of less stamina. Mark Kenah of Seton Hall Prep did not fade and appeared to have discouraged a surge by Oliveira on the backstretch of the bell lap. Oliveira fell back momentarily, but willed his way by Kenah in the last 15 meters for the victory.

Bury, a junior, retained both her titles. She won Friday's 3,200 in a meet record 11:39.1. Yesterday, she put Montclair's Jane Manners away in the final 200 — after Manners had sprinted in front at the gun — to win in 5:27.0.

## BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Weequahic 58, 2-Montclair 46, 3-Columbia 41, 4-St. Benedict's Prep 37, 5-Seton Hall Prep 34, 6-Orange 32, 7-Livingston 27, 8-Shabazz 24, 9-East Side 22, 10-Caldwell and Clifford Scott 20, 12-Millburn 17, 13-Barringer 16, 14-Nutley 15, 15-Montclair Immaculate 14, 16-Essex Catholic 13, 17-West Orange 10, 18-Verona 8, 19-Newark Science 4, 20-West Side and Newark Central 2, 22-Irvington, East Orange and Belleville 1.

100-METER DASH: 1-Jermaine Thompson, Weequahic 11.22, 2-Terrell Willis, Orange 11.29, 3-Lavenis Carter, Montclair 11.35, 4-Alayon Jacinto, Barringer 11.53, 5-Juvic Coles, Columbia 11.62.

200-METER DASH: 1-Keith Barker, Weequahic 22.1, 2-Jermaine Thompson, Weequahic 22.5, 3-Joe Lee, St. Benedict's Prep 22.59, 4-Terrell Willis, Orange 22.68, 5-Ali Roberts, Weequahic 22.84.

400-METER DASH: 1-Keith Barker, Weequahic 49.1, 2-Alayon Jacinto, Barringer 49.6, 3-Ali Roberts, Weequahic 49.7, 4-Joe Lee, St. Benedict's Prep 49.8, 5-Nakia Fenner, East Side 49.8.

800-METER RUN: 1-Mark McCree, Seton Hall Prep 1:58.7, 2-Devon Warren, Essex Catholic 1:58.8, 3-Jenabu Williams, Clifford Scott 2:00.0, 4-Royston Irving, Science 2:01.7, 5-Dave Panush, Millburn 2:01.9.

1,600-METER RUN: 1-Antonio Oliveira, East Side 4:25.1, 2-Mark Kenah, Seton Hall Prep 4:25.9, 3-Mike O'Connor, Seton Hall Prep 4:27.5, 4-Jeremy Maichuk, Nutley 4:28.2, 5-Per Chilstrom, Columbia 4:29.3.

3,200-METER RUN: 1-Antonio Oliveira, East Side, 9:29.1, record; former record 9:32.1, Nuno Santo, St. Benedict's Prep, 1991, 2-Mike O'Connor, Seton Hall Prep 9:34.4, 3-Per Chilstrom, Columbia 9:44.2, 4-Juan Apone, Barringer 9:48.4, 5-Mike O'Neill, Seton Hall Prep 9:59.1.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES: 1-Tim Lee, Montclair 14.2, 2-Rodney Brown, Montclair Immaculate 15.5, 3-Franco Marinaro, Livingston 15.6, 4-Dexter Douglas, Columbia 15.6, 5-Tim Stewart, Montclair 16.0.

400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Aaron Smith, Montclair 56.87, 2-Franco Marinaro, Livingston 56.96, 3-Rodney Brown, Montclair Immaculate 57.33, 4-Dexter Douglas, Columbia 57.53, 5-Tim Lee, Montclair

Orange 6-0, 4-Nolan, Parris, West Orange 6-0, 5-Naem Reynolds, Weequahic 6-0.

POLE VAULT: 1-Howard Chen, Livingston 12-0, 2-Vin Bono, Caldwell 11-6, 3-Alex Gershtovich, Millburn 11-0, 4-Rick Ventola, Caldwell 10-6, 5-Rob Das, Caldwell 10-0.

LONG JUMP: 1-Javon Hillman, Clifford Scott 21-3/4, 2-Emmanuel Yamoah, St. Benedict's Prep 21-0 1/2, 3-William Holder, Orange 20-10 3/4, 4-Kevin Wright, Essex Catholic 20-9 3/4, 5-Jason Chambers, Newark Central 20-6.

SHOT PUT: 1-Romel Cureton, Shabazz 52-8, 2-Keith Baldwin, Shabazz 47-2, 3-Charles Roussele, Montclair 45-4 1/2, 4-Robert McClain, Clifford Scott 43-5 1/2, 5-Rowland Tabi, Orange 43-4.

DISCUS: 1-Kareem Jackson, St. Benedict's Prep 152-11, 2-Rowland Tabi, Orange 133-7, 3-Keith Baldwin, Shabazz 133-4, 4-Erik Hansen, Caldwell 132-0, 5-Rudy Jean-Mary, Montclair 130-7.

JAVELIN: 1-Oscar Duncan, Columbia 178-10, 2-Jeff D'Angelo, Verona 159-2, 3-Shawn Baker, Columbia 158-6, 4-Thomas Ferguson, Orange 149-3, 5-Josa Strassberg, Livingston 145-7.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Weequahic (Dexter Barker, Dimion Hart, Ali Roberts and Keith Barker) 3:20.9, 2-St. Benedict's Prep 3:27.4, 3-Montclair 3:28.1, 4-Columbia 3:29.5, 5-West Side 3:33.2.

## GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-Newark Science 79, 2-Columbia 73, 3-Clifford Scott 40, 4-Orange 38, 5-West Orange 34 1/4, 6-Livingston 29, 7-Montclair 28 1/4, 8-Nutley 26 1/4, 9-West Essex 23, 10-West Side 14, 11-Millburn 10, 12-East Orange 8, 13-East Side and Arts 7, 15-Verona and Caldwell 5, 17-Montclair-Kimberley 3, 18-Good Counsel 2, 19-Weequahic 1.

100-METER DASH: 1-Staci Jordan, Orange 12.42, 2-Andrea Melton, Columbia 12.47, 3-Darria Piggot, West Orange 13.02, 4-Laura Olmstead, Nutley 13.23, 5-Keshia Golding, Orange 13.25.

200-METER DASH: 1-Staci Jordan, Orange 25.77, 2-Darria Piggot, West Orange 26.53, 3-Andrea Melton, Columbia 26.68, 4-Keisha Golding, Orange 27.46, 5-Eileen Scully, Verona 27.67.

400-METER RUN: 1-Tiffany Weatherford, Newark Science 58.03, 2-Shalonda Martin, East Orange 1:00.1, 3-Camille Brown, Arts 1:00.34, 4-Crystal Ford, Clifford Scott 1:01.17, 5-Keisha Trotman, Montclair-Kimberley 1:01.18.

800-METER RUN: 1-Stacy Stewart, Newark Science 2:26.8, 2-LaToya Stephens, West Side 2:27.8, 3-Rhea Moore, Columbia 2:29.0, 4-Jessica Lahm, Nutley 2:29.8, 5-Christine Fleurimond, Clifford Scott 2:31.8.

1,600-METER RUN: 1-Heather Bury, West Orange 5:27.0, 2-Jane Manners, Montclair 5:27.9, 3-Lisle Lising, West Essex 5:40.4, 4-Mary Ladoletta, Livingston 5:40.8, 5-Christine Fleurimond, Clifford Scott 5:41.9.

3,200-METER RUN: 1-Heather Bury, West Orange 11:39.1, record; former record 11:44.6, Jen Nesbitt, Caldwell, 1990, 2-Lisle Lising, 12:12.2, 3-Elsa Pereira, East Side 12:17.3, 4-Marie Neilan, Livingston 12:20.3, 5-Rose Gaffney, Verona 12:27.3.

100-METER HIGH HURDLES: 1-Andrea Melton, Columbia 15.2, 2-Kali Coleman, Columbia 15.2, 3-Tiffany Anglin, Montclair 15.5, 4-Melissa Brannigan, Nutley 15.9, 5-Linda Fan, Livingston 16.4.

400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Crystal Ford, Clifford Scott 1:06.3, 2-Kali Coleman, Columbia 1:06.7, 3-Natwon Harp, Newark Science 1:07.0, 4-Linda Fan, Livingston 1:07.5, 5-Melissa Brannigan, Nutley 1:08.3.

HIGH JUMP: 1-Kristen Heide, Millburn 5-2, 2-Nora Aknay, Nutley 5-0, 3-Crystal Ford, Clifford Scott 4-10, 4-Michele Green, Caldwell 4-10, 5-Melissa Brannigan, Nutley 4-10.

LONG JUMP: 1-Andrea Melton, Columbia 18-8 1/4, 2-Vinnetta Gordon, Montclair 17-6, 3-Dawn Gallaway, Orange 16-6, 4-Keshia Golding, Orange 16-5 3/4, 5-Kali Coleman, Columbia 15-0 1/2.

SHOT PUT: 1-Njeri Curtis, Newark Science 36-10, 2-Frances Smith, Newark Science 36-9, 3-Kim Curry, Clifford Scott 36-2 1/2, 4-Tina Richardson, Newark Science 34-4 1/4, 5-Sarah Reissing, Montclair 32-1 1/2.

DISCUS: 1-Kim Curry, Clifford Scott 105-0, 2-Sheryl Hirsch, West Essex 104-5, 3-Frances Smith, Newark Science 104-4, 4-Rhea Walker, Columbia 103-1, 5-Toia Mitchell, Columbia 101-0.

JAVELIN: 1-Njeri Curtis, Newark Science 104-11, 2-Ali Gravans, Livingston 101-5, 3-Linda Fan, Livingston 100-9, 4-Erica Talbot, Newark Science 93-8, 5-Alice Terry, Orange 90-4.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Newark Science (Mecca Ford, Natwon Harp, Stacy Stewart and Tiffany Weatherford) 4:03.5, 2-Columbia 4:06.3, 3-West Side 4:14.9, 4-

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