

Columbia takes title as Melton, Coleman star; Weequahic wins

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Andrea Melton and Kali Coleman powered the Columbia girls to their sixth straight title and Weequahic predictably relied on its speed strength to win the boys' crown last night at the Essex County Relays in Livingston.

The Columbia girls rolled up 83 points to runnerup Nutley's 64. Melton ran a 59.7 anchor, out-running Science's Mecca Ford, to give Columbia a victory in the 1,600 relay in 4:00.9. And Melton was also on a shuttle hurdles team which won in 1:03.0. Columbia added a victory in the 3,200 in 10:33.2 as Glen Ridge, one of the state's best in the event, opted to run in the distance medley.

Sisters Jessica and Carolyn King paced Glen Ridge to victory in the distance medley in 13:18.9.

Coleman, who also ran on the 1,600 and shuttle hurdles team, helped Columbia to a tie for first with Nutley in the intermediate hurdles in 3:29.6.

With Ali Roberts and Keith Barker the leaders, Weequahic took the 400 in 42.0, the 800 in a meet-record 1:27.8 and the 1,600 in 3:17.3 while scoring 47 points. Orange followed with 42, one

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more than Columbia.

Mike O'Connor was the common thread for fourth place Seton Hall Prep, which won the 3,200 in 8:05.9, the 6,400 in 18:53.9 and the distance medley in 10:43.3.

Montclair, with help from Tim Lee, Tim Stewart and Aaron Smith, captured the shuttle hurdles in 1:03.2 and the intermediate hurdles in a meet-record 2:50.3. Speedster Staci Jordan fueled victorious Orange girls' teams in the 400 (49.3) and the 800 (1:45.7).

BOYS

TEAMS: 1-Weequahic 47. 2-Orange 42. 3-Columbia 41. 4-Seton Hall Prep 36. 5-St. Benedict's 35. 6-Livingston 32. 7-Caldwell 31. 8-Montclair 30. 9-Nutley 28. 10-East Side 27. 11-Shabazz 18. 12-Scott 16. 13-Millburn and West Orange 14. 15-Science and Central 10. 17-Arts 9. 18-East Orange and Essex Catholic 6. 20-Cedar Grove 4. 21-Immaculate and Irvington 3. 23-Barringer 2. 24-Belleville 1.

400-METER RELAY: 1-Weequahic (Nate Brookins, Ali Roberts, Jermaine Thompson and Keith Barker) 42.0. 2-Orange 43.0. 3-St. Benedict's 43.6. 4-Clifford Scott 44.5. 5-Barringer 44.7.

800-METER RELAY: 1-Weequahic (Jermaine Thompson, Nate Brookins, Keith Barker and Ali Roberts) 1:27.8. Record, former record 1:27.9 by Montclair (1984) and West Side (1989). 2-Orange 1:30.1. 3-St. Benedict's 1:30.3. 4-West Orange 1:35.6. 5-Clifford Scott 1:36.0.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Weequahic (Dexter Barker, Dimjon Hart, Ali Roberts and Keith Barker) 3:17.3. 2-St. Benedict's 3:23.5. 3-Orange 3:28.3. 4-East Orange 3:45.0. 5-East Side 3:50.2.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1-Seton Hall (Brendhan Kennedy, Mark McCree, Mike O'Connor and Mark Kenah) 8:05.9. 2-Weequahic 8:09.5. 3-Essex Catholic 8:10.6. 4-Clifford Scott 8:22.0. 5-East Orange 8:25.2.

6,400-METER RELAY: 1-Seton Hall (Dave Hutchinson, Craig Dolce, Mike O'Neill and Mike O'Connor) 18:53.9. 2-Livingston 19:12.9. 3-Columbia 19:23.7. 4-Millburn 19:27.3. 5-Montclair 20:05.5.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Nutley (Frank DeMaio, Dave Hagedorn, Anthony DePersio and Jeremy Maichuk) 3:39.4. 2-Weequahic 3:40.0. 3-Clifford Scott 3:41.3. 4-East Side 3:42.8. 5-Millburn 3:44.0.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Seton Hall Prep (Mark McCree, Brendhan Kennedy, Mark Kenah and Mike O'Connor) 10:43.3. 2-Montclair 10:57.7. 3-East Side 11:06.4. 4-Science 11:07.9. 5-Caldwell 11:16.0.

SHUTTLE HURDLES: 1-Montclair (Tim Stewart, Aaron Smith, Myles Goodwin and Tim Lee) 1:03.2. 2-Columbia 1:05.9. 3-Livingston 1:06.1. 4-Arts 1:08.0. 5-Irvington 1:08.5.

TEAM INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Montclair (Tim Stewart, Aaron Smith and Tim Lee) 2:50.3, record; former record 2:54.1. Montclair, 1991. 2-East Side 2:58.5. 3-Livingston 2:59.5. 4-Arts 3:01.5. 5-Columbia 3:04.8.

TEAM HIGH JUMP: 1-Nutley (Pal Kramer and Mike Staskiewicz) 11-9. 2-Columbia 11-9. 3-East Side 11-6. 4-Caldwell 11-6. 5-Millburn 11-3.

TEAM POLE VAULT: 1-Livingston (Howard Chen and Myung Choi) 22-8. 2-Caldwell 21-0. 3-Millburn 20-6. 4-Cedar Grove 19-0. 5-West Orange 18-0.

TEAM LONG JUMP: 1-Orange (Marquis Banks and William Holder) 39-8. 2-Central 38-4. 3-West Orange 37-7 3/4. 4-St. Benedict's 36-10 3/4. 5-Montclair Immaculate 36-8.

TEAM SHOT PUT: 1-Shabazz (Rommel Cureton and Keith Baldwin) 97-2. 2-Nutley 90-4 1/2. 3-Columbia 89-5 1/2. 4-Science 88-10 1/2. 5-Orange 85-10 1/2.

TEAM DISCUS: 1-St. Benedict's (Brian Swift and Kareem Jackson) 279-3. 2-Shabazz 264-10. 3-Caldwell 258-9. 4-Orange 248-10. 5-Columbia 223-10.

TEAM JAVELIN: 1-Caldwell (Hunter Adams and Erik Hanson) 320-9. 2-Columbia 309-5. 3-Seton Hall 292-4. 4-Orange 292-1. 5-West Orange 279-7.

GIRLS

TEAMS: 1-Columbia 83. 2-Nutley 64. 3-Science 46 1/2. 4-Montclair 34. 5-Livingston and Orange 30. 7-Clifford Scott 26. 8-Caldwell 17. 9-Montclair Immaculate 16. 10-Glen Ridge 14. 11-Good Counsel and Millburn 11. 13-Irvington 9. 14-Arts and West Orange 8. 16-Shabazz 4 1/2. 17-Central 3. 18-East Orange 1.

400-METER RELAY: 1-Orange (Dawn Galloway,

Keshia Golding, Tykisha Holmes and Staci Jordan) 49.3. 2-Clifford Scott 50.8. 3-Montclair 50.9. 4-Columbia 52.8. 5-Nutley 53.7.

800-METER RELAY: 1-Orange (Dawn Galloway, Keshia Golding, Alana Dundas and Staci Jordan) 1:45.7. 2-Science 1:48.4. 3-Clifford Scott 1:49.3. 4-Good Counsel 1:50.0. 5-Montclair 1:51.0.

1,600-METER RELAY: 1-Columbia (Rhea Moore, Laurie Chaterlain, Kali Coleman and Andrea Melton) 4:00.9. 2-Science 4:02.5. 3-Good Counsel 4:12.6. 4-Montclair 4:22.1. 5-Nutley 4:33.3.

3,200-METER RELAY: 1-Columbia (Monique Nicholas, Sharone Anderson, Lori Chaterlain and Rhea Moore) 10:33.2. 2-Arts 10:35.3. 3-Nutley 10:40.2. 4-Caldwell 11:35.5. 5-Livingston 11:56.3.

6,400-METER RELAY: 1-Livingston (Mary Ladolcetta, Michelle Morris, Kristen Tuazon and Marie Neilan) 23:56.6. 2-Columbia 25:33.3. 3-Nutley 27:39.9. 4-Caldwell 28:08.4.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Science (Natwon Harp, Izetta Davis, Mecca Ford and Stecy Stewart) 4:20.5. 2-Columbia 4:21.7. 3-Nutley 4:27.9. 4-Montclair 4:31.2. 5-Clifford Scott 4:31.3.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Glen Ridge (Karen Carniol, Shannon Muller, Jessica King and Carolyn King) 13:18.9. 2-West Orange 13:26.1. 3-Livingston 13:48.1. 4-Nutley 13:51.8. 5-Columbia 14:52.2.

SHUTTLE HURDLES: 1-Columbia (Aiyanna Burton, Kali Coleman, Andrea Melton and Kyla Scott) 1:03.0. 2-Nutley 1:05.6. 3-Livingston 1:10.6. 4-Irvington 1:18.6.

TEAM INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1-Columbia (Kali Coleman, Kyla Scott and Aiyanna Burton) and Nutley (Melissa Brannigan, Vanessa Santini and Ingrid Bannemir) 3:29.6. 3-Livingston 3:39.1. 4-Irvington 3:49.8. 5-Science 4:08.9.

TEAM HIGH JUMP: 1-Millburn (Kristen Heide and Kristina Reilly) 9-6. 2-Nutley and Montclair 9-0. 4-Glen Ridge 8-9. 5-Clifford Scott 8-9.

TEAM LONG JUMP: 1-Montclair (Vinnetta Gordon and Layah Weinberger) 31-9. 2-Nutley 30-5. 3-Columbia 30-4 3/4. 4-Orange 29-9 3/4. 5-Caldwell 27-2 3/4.

TEAM SHOT PUT: 1-Science (Njeri Curtis and Frances Smith) 72-8 1/4. 2-Montclair Immaculate 61-10 1/2. 3-Clifford Scott 61-6 1/4. 4-Shabazz 60-9. 5-Central 59-5.

TEAM DISCUS: 1-Columbia (Kim Mitchell and Rhea Walker) 197-8. 2-Montclair Immaculate 188-7. 3-Caldwell 178-10. 4-Nutley 174-3. 5-Clifford Scott 170-10.

TEAM JAVELIN: 1-Livingston (Linda Pan and Ali Gravvanis) 193-4. 2-Science 178-4. 3-Orange 162-3. 4-Columbia 158-10. 5-Nutley 151-1.