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Nicole Bell of Glenn finishes third for the Lady Cats' 800-meter relay team.

forward John Williams, who led Louisiana State on ...

Carver and West Take Track Titles

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Carver held off West Forsyth by placing in seven running events to win the boys' championship in the All Forsyth County Track Meet last night.

The host Yellow Jackets didn't win an event in last night's competition, which featured finals of all the running events, but their 48-point advantage in the previous day's field events was too much for West to overcome.

Carver finished with 117 points to West's 96. Glenn came on strong to finish third with 75, followed by North Forsyth with 70 and Reynolds with 67.

Tomika Whitten swept all of the distance races to boost West Forsyth to the girls' championship. Whitten had little competition in winning the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter runs. Her time of 2:27.5 in the 800 set a new meet record.

The Titans' girls scored only only nine points in the field events, but rallied behind Whitten and Sonya Love to dominate the field events for the title. Love won the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Carver's victory in the boys' competition was more dramatic. Kurt Telford, the Yellow Jackets' coach, said after running up their big lead on Monday, everything fell into place for his team.

"Going into the finals, I didn't think we had enough points to hold off West," he said. "I thought we'd end up with 95 or 96 points. I thought we would have to move up a couple of

places in several events to have a chance to win. It started on the first event when Sam Hairston, who qualified sixth in the 110-meter hurdles, finished third. After that, it just carried over to some other races.

"I'm elated that we were able to win. We had a lot of people who ran their best times of the season."

Bill Carter, West's coach, said he was pleased with his team's performance despite the loss. The Titans were expected to win.

"I think we did about all we could do," Carter said. "Fourty-eight points is a tremendous lead to try to overcome. We tried to figure out a way to come back, but it was just too much.

"I can't fault the team. But I think we're going to get stronger down the line as we get to the sectional meets."

West Forsyth's girls found themselves in a similar situation going into the finals, but they got little resistance from Parkland, which led the Titans by 27 points after the field events. Love opened the meet by taking the 100-meter hurdles and, by the time Whitten won the 800, there was little doubt about who would be champion.

Penny Craver, coach of the Titans, said she was surprised by the ease at which her team romped to victory.

"Coming into the finals, we were fourth and I thought we could possibly win it," she said. "But I'm surprised at the final score.

"Tomika had a good day, but some of our other girls did well, too. I think they showed a lot of heart to do as well as they did. We've been plagued

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by injuries and, really, we're just getting back into form."

West's combined score of 219 by its girls' and boys' teams won the overall championship. Carver finished a distant second with 182.

Despite chilly weather, several outstanding performances were turned in. Russell Tanner of West won the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and anchored the winning 1600-meter relay. Tanner also set a record in the 200 with a time of 21.5 seconds.

In addition to Tanner's and Whitten's records, three other meet records fell. Steve Kelly of West Forsyth established a new record in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.5. Julius Reese, a freshman at Mount Tabor, broke a record in the 400-meter dash, running a 49.2 to eclipse a record that had stood for 18 years. Glenn's boys' 400-meter relay team set a new record with a 42.8.

Girls

TEAM SCORES — West Forsyth 123, Parkland 69, Carver 65, Mount Tabor 59, Reynolds 52, North Forsyth 51, Glenn 50, East Forsyth 26.

High Jump — 1. Tara Mascull (P) 4-10; 2. Valencia Lewis (EF); 3. Trina Spurgen (G); 4. Tina Wilds (MT); 5. Dana Batten (R); 6. Karen Klivett (WF).

110-m Hurdles — 1. Sonya Love (WF) 16.1; 2. Shevonne Martin (NF); 3. Shari Woods (G); 4. Brooke Young (WF); 5. Mimi Fisher (R); 6. Allison Oakes (R). 100-m Dash — 1. Yolanda Shepherd (C) 12.2; 2. Denita Roseboro (NF); 3. Phyllis Nance (MT); 4. Marcia Williamson (NF); 5. Stephanie Matthews (NF); 6. Nicole Bell (G). 800-m Relay — 1. Carver (Monica Scales, Michella Fair, Kathy Braton, Yolanda Shepherd); 2. Parkland; 3. Glenn; 4. West Forsyth; 5. North Forsyth; 6. Reynolds. 1600-m Run — 1. Tomika Whitten (WF) 5:29.4; 2. Michelle Rustad (R); 3. Michelle Ashbrook (R); 4. Michelle Cooper (WF); 5. Wendy Taylor (NF); 6. Leslie Smith (R). 400-m Relay — 1. Carver (Monica Scales, Michella Fair, Kathy Braton, Yolanda Shepherd) 50.8; 2. Parkland; 3. North Forsyth; 4. Mount Tabor; 5. West Forsyth; 6. East Forsyth. 400-m Dash — 1. Tammy Brown (G) 1:02; 2. Michella Fair (C); 3. April Clark (MT); 4. Ursella Bethae (C); 5. Patricia Hall (R); 6. Angie Stepp (G). 300-m Hurdles — 1. Sonya Love (WF) 48.5; 2. Brooke Young (WF); 3. Trina Spurgen (G); 4. Mimi Fisher (R); 5. Leslie Smith (R); 6. Shevonne Martin (NF). 800-m Run — 1. Tomika Whitten (WF) 2:27.5*; 2. Ashley Woodruff (WF); 3. Michelle Rustad (R); 4. Michelle Cooper (WF); 5. Wendy Taylor (NF); 6. Tonya Harris (EF). 200-m Dash — 1. Yolanda Shepherd (C) 25.5; 2. Denita Roseboro (NF); 3. Phyllis Nance (MT); 4. Monica Scales (C); 5. Melissa Harris (P); 6. Nicole Bell (G). 3200-m Run — 1. Tomika Whitten (WF) 12:20.3; 2. Michelle Ashcroft (R); 3. Michelle Cooper (WF); 4. Tiffany Gamble (WF); 5. Kelly Macy (MT); 6. Mandy Queen (R). 1600-m Relay — 1. West Forsyth (Ashley Woodruff, Angela Wagner, Brooke Young, Pam Washington); 2. Mount Tabor; 3. Parkland; 4. Reynolds; 5. North Forsyth.

Boys

TEAM SCORES — Carver 117, West 96, Glenn 75, North Forsyth 70, Reynolds 67, Parkland 43, East Forsyth 41, Mount Tabor 17

110-m Hurdles — 1. Steve Kelly (WF) 14.4*; 2. Scott Fletcher (P); 3. Sam Hairston (C); 4. Mark East (NF); 5. Barry Campbell (MT); 6. James Jones (NF). 100-m Dash — 1. Russell Tanner (WF) 10.6; Randy Jones (G); 3. Gerald Martin (WF); 4. Kevin Ceasar (NF); 5. Kermit Moses (R); 6. Mark Dunlap (P). 800-m Relay — 1. West Forsyth (Gerald Martin, Harvey Sutton, Herman McKinnie, Bobby Paige) 1:29.44; 2. North Forsyth; 3. Glenn; 4. Carver; 5. Parkland; 6. Mount Tabor. 1600-m Run — 1. Mike Rustad (R) 4:30.4; 2. Mike Joyner (C); 3. Glen Mays (R); 4. Ricky Rowell (G); 5. Neil King (NF); 6. Jimmy Scott (G). 400-m Relay — 1. Glenn (Charles Harris, Brian Johnson, Mario Patterson, Randy Jones) 42.8*; 2. West Forsyth; 3. Carver; 4. North Forsyth; 5. Reynolds; 6. East Forsyth. 400-m Dash — 1. Julius Reese (MT) 49.2*; 2. Phillip Smith (G); 3. Dee Moye (C); 4. Rodney Cooper (C); 5. Robert Werts (EF); 6. Mike Carethers (WF). 300-m Hurdles — 1. Steve Kelly (WF) 40.0; 2. Allan Johnson (R); 3. Mark East (NF); 4. Gaither Jenkins (R); 5. Barry Campbell (MT). 800-m Run — 1. Jimmy Scott (G) 2:01.9; 2. Neil King (NF); 3. James Brewton (C); 4. Charles Smith (C); 5. Scott Haganman (G); 6. Gray Cartwright (MT). 200-m Dash — 1. Russell Tanner (WF) 21.5*; 2. Randy Jones (G); 3. Gerald Martin (WF); 4. Kevin Ceasar (NF); 5. Brian Johnson (G); 6. Robert Howard (C). 3200-m Run — 1. Mike Rustad (R) 10:02.0; 2. Glen Mays (R); 3. Lee Tuttle (NF); 4. Mike Joyner (C); 5. Ricky Rowell (G); 6. Kevin Besecker (WF). 1600-m Relay — 1. West Forsyth (Mike Carethers, Dennis Warren, Steve Kelly, Russell Tanner) 3:31.7; 2. Glenn; 3. Carver; 4. North Forsyth; 5. Reynolds; 6. Mount Tabor.

ng After First Day of County Meet

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Carver's boys dominated the field events, winning four of the six, and took a commanding lead in the All Forsyth County High School Track Meet yesterday.

The host Yellow Jackets took first place in the long jump, high jump, discus and shot put on their way to a surprising 62 points in the first day of competition, which included preliminaries and finals in the field events and preliminaries in the running events.

East Forsyth was second with 38 points, followed by Parkland with 32. West Forsyth, the favorite and defending champion, scored only 14 points. However, the Titans' strength lies in the sprints, where they dominated qualifying, and in the relays.

Parkland, paced by D.J. Gathers' first-place finishes in the shot put and discus took the lead in the girls' competition. The Mustangs scored 46 points to outdistance Mount Tabor and East Forsyth, which had 27 and 24. West and Glenn each had 19 points to finish the day tied for fourth place. Carver's girls managed but nine points, while Reynolds scored six and North had five.

James Gordan had two surprising first-place finishes to boost Carver. Gordan took the high jump with a leap of 6-4 and won the long jump, going 22 feet. Both distances were his best of the season.

Curt Telford, the Yellow Jackets' coach, said he expected his team to be strong in the field events, but was somewhat surprised at his team's convincing lead.

"I'm really pleased with how well we performed," said Telford. "We have done well in the field events all season and we knew coming into the meet that there's where we have to score points.

"Gordan came up with two big wins and that has to be a boost for us," Telford continued. "Everyone knew we'd do well in the other events, but Gordan surprised some people."

Carver's two other first-place finishes were turned in by Ray Agnew and Derrick Debnam, both of whom have signed football grants to attend N.C. State next season. Debnam won the discus with a throw of 140 feet.

Agnew's winning distance in the shot put was 46 feet, eight inches.

Despite having such a big advantage heading into today's final, Telford was cautious about his team's chances of emerging with a meet championship.

"The meet is only halfway over," he said. "There are a lot of running events left and West and Glenn are going to come on strong. I'd still have to say West is the favorite.

Bill Carter, West's coach, said his team can't afford to have any let-downs if it expects to win the meet. The Titans had the top qualifying times in four events, the 100- and 200-meter dashes, the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. Russell Tanner clocked a 10.72 to take the 200 and a 21.48 to qualify first in the 200. Steve Kelly had the best times in the 110 and 300 hurdles with times of 14.37 and 41.15.

"We need to get chunks of points to come back," said Carter. "We've got some people that qualified well in the sprints and we have some great relay teams. He hope to peck away at the lead and hope to survive."

Gerald Martin of West qualified third in the 100 and 200. Martin could be the key for the Titans tonight. Another factor in the sprints will be how well Randy Jones of Glenn does. Jones was second in both sprints and won his heats in the 100 and 200. A good showing from Jones could foil the Titans' chances and boost the Bobcats into the quest for the championship. Phillip Smith qualified first in the 400 and the Bobcats could also pick up some points in the relays and distance events.

Parkland's lead in the girls' competition is also likely to be tested. West Forsyth, with the defending 1600 and 3200 champ Tomika Whitten, Carver and North Forsyth could present a challenge the Mustangs.

Yolanda Shepherd, who qualified first in the 100- and 200-meter dashes with times of 12.32 and 25.6, gives Carver a chance to do well in the sprints. North's strength lies in its overall depth in the sprints and relays, which Danita Roseboro, who finished second in the 100 and 200, anchors. Sonya Love, who qualified first in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, could push West to the top of the girls' competition.

Tonight's finals begin at 6:30 at Carver.

Girls

Parkland 46, Mount Tabor 27, East Forsyth 24, Glenn 19, West Forsyth 19, Carver 9, Reynolds 6, North Forsyth 5.

Field Events Finals

Shot Put — 1. D.J. Gathers (P) 35-3; 2. Latessa Peebles (C); 3. Sharon Harris (EF); 4. Monica David (WF); 5. Teresa Marshall (MT); 6. Derhonda Cuthbertson (G). Long Jump — 1. Tracie Hennie (EF) 16-8½; 2. Tina Wilds (MT); 3. Melissa Harris (P); 4. Bobbette Love (R); 5. Renee Squire (P); 6. Belinda Davis (C). Discus — 1. D.J. Gathers (P); 2. Monica David (WF); 3. Darhonda Cuthbertson (G); 4. Tonya Turner (NF); 5. Lalaj Wilson (MT); Karen Johnson (MT). Triple Jump — 1. Tina Wilds (MT) 34-6; 2. Lynnette Addison (P); 3. Tammy Brown (G); 4. Patricia Hall (R); 5. Bobbette Love (WF); 6. Leslie Williamson (NF).

Running Events Qualifiers

100-m Hurdles — Sonya Love (WF) 16:33; Shari Woods (G); Shevonne Martin (NF); Brooke Young (WF); Allison Oakes (R); Mimi Fisher (R). 100-m Dash — Yolanda Shepherd (Carver) 12.32; Denita Roseboro (NF); Phyllis (MT); Nicole Bell (G); Stephanie Matthews (NF); Marcia Williamson (NF). 400-m Dash — Michella Fair (C); Tammy Brown (G); April Clark (MT); Angie Stepp (G); Patricia Hall (R); Ursella Betha (C). 300-m Hurdles — Sonya Love (WF) 49.08; Brooke Young (WF); Shevonne Martin (NF); Mimi Fisher (R); Trina Spurgan (G); Leslie Smith (R). 200-m Dash — Yolanda Shepherd (Carver) 25.6; Denita Roseboro (NF); Melissa Harris (P); Phyllis Nance (MT); Monica Scales (C); Nicole Bell (G).

Boys

Carver 62, East Forsyth 38, Parkland 32, North Forsyth 19, Reynolds 15, West Forsyth 14, Glenn 6, Mount Tabor 0.

Field Events Finals

Discus — 1. Derrick Debnam (C) 140-0; 2. Robbi Parker (EF); 3. Ray Agnew (C); 4. Mark Carmer (WF); 5. James Demetrakis (P); 6. Jeremiah Johnson (C). Triple Jump — 1. Carlton Carpenter (EF) 44-6 1/4; 2. Kevin Williams (R); 3. James Gordan (C); 4. Dee Moya (C); 5. Lennell Johnson (NF); 6. Eddie Gist (P). Shot put — 1. Ray Agnew (C) 46-8; 2. James Demetrakis (P); 3. Robert Parker (EF); 4. Charles Irwin (R); 5. Derrick Debnam (C); 6. Jeremiah Johnson (C). Long Jump — 1. James Gordan (C) 22-0; 2. Charles Mitchell (EF); 3. Carlton Carpenter (EF); 4. Mark Dunlap (P); 5. Dee Moya (C); 6. Darrell Wright (R). Pole Vault — 1. Kevin Young (WF) 12-0; 2. David Hutchins (P); 3. Robert Gwynn (NF); 4. Joe Morgan (P); 5. Todd Hollingsworth (NF); 6. Steve Praddock (P). High Jump — 1. James Gordan (C) 6-4; 2. Brian Henderson (NF); 3. Maurice Smith (G); 4. Zeb Sheff (P); 5. Whit Mims (R); 6. Steve Glover (NF).

Running Events Qualifiers

110-m Hurdles — Steve Kelly (WF) 14:87; Mark East (NF); Barry Campbell (MT); Scott Fletcher (P); Sam Hairston (C); James Jones (NF). 100-m Dash — Russell Tanner (WF) 10.72; Randy Jones (G); Gerald Martin (WF); Kermit Moses (R); Kevin Ceasar (NF); Mark Dunlap (P). 300-m Hurdles — Steve Kelly (WF) 41.15; Mark East (NF); Barry Campbell (MT); Gailther Jenkins (R); Scott Fletcher (P); Allan Johnson (R). 200-m Dash — Russell Tanner (WF) 21.48; Randy Jones (G); Gerald Martin (WF); Robert Howard (C) 22.38; Kevin Ceasar (NF); Brian Johnson (G).

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Steve Kelly of West Forsyth clears a hurdle in preliminary heat.