

## HIGH SCHOOL TRACK | JESUIT-SHEANER RELAYS

# Arl. Martin anchor digs deep for win

After winning 400, Reed overcomes large deficit in 4x400 relay

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Keshun Reed overcame a 20-meter deficit with a determined anchor leg, spurring Arlington Martin's 4x400-meter relay past rival Arlington Bowie in a climatic finish to the 52nd Jesuit-Sheaner Relays Saturday at Post-tell Stadium.

"I was like, 'I got to push it for the boys,'" said Reed, an LSU signee. "It makes it sweeter that it was Bowie we were catching. I wasn't sure about it until I came off the last curve."

Reed, who earlier in the day captured the 400 by holding off Skyline's Jostyn Andrews at the tape, finally secured his pass with 20 meters to go. Martin's time was 3 minutes, 16.43 seconds. Bowie ran 3:16.74.

"When I think back on coming here the last three years and to have this kind of day, it has to be one of my best track memories."

Martin finished second in the Class 6A team standings with 58 points, 10 behind champion Houston Strake Jesuit. Allen



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**Arlington Martin's Keshun Reed (left) edges** Jostyn Andrews of Skyline at the finish line of the boys' 400-meter final at the Jesuit-Sheaner Relays. Reed also anchored Martin's winning 4x400 relay in the meet's final event.

was third.

**Following suit:** McKinney Boyd senior Aaliyah Miller duplicated Reed's performance, following up a victory in the 400 by anchoring a 4x400 relay win.

Miller, like Reed, had a deficit to overcome when she got the baton.

"I wanted to start out strong. Having run the 400, I knew what to expect with the wind," said Miller, a Class 6A state champion in the 400 and 800 last year.

Boyd's winning time was 3:49.79.

**Relay double:** A win in the 4x100 was not unexpected, given

that DeSoto returned a quartet that won the 2015 UIL Class 6A state championship. Saturday's time of 45.51 seconds, a meet record, was the second-fastest by the Lady Eagles this season.

But the 4x200 victory was a little more surprising.

"We've been showing im-

provement with our times. The girls have so much chemistry," said DeSoto coach June Villers.

Kira White and Zaria Whittaker ran on both victorious relays.

DeSoto's bid for a relay sweep ended in a runner-up finish in the 4x400. The Lady Eagles led in that race until the final lap.

The Lady Eagles won the girls team title with 88 points, 31 more than runner-up Mesquite Horn. Cedar Hill was third.

**On a fast track:** A year ago, Rowlett's Joseph Sheffield finished no better than third all season. But the junior blossomed while competing in summer track. He took another step with the biggest win of his career with a 10.25 clocking in the 100-meter dash.

"It was pretty much a perfect race for me," Sheffield said. "Confidence has made the difference. I had success in the summer with the 200. I went to a lot of big meets."

Sheffield stole one look to his right as he crossed the tape, "because that is where the speed was." Then realizing he had won, he showed very little emotion other than a casual wave to a fan in the stands.

Later in the afternoon, Sheffield completed the double with a

win in the 200 (22.03).

**Hurdling sweep:** Allen's Bryce Douglas captured both hurdle races with a couple of personal best times (13.64 and 37.09). The 6-1 senior is orally committed to Oklahoma.

The 110 high hurdles is Douglas' preferred race. In the order of events, it comes before the more grueling 300 hurdles. But success in the first does not ease the pressure.

"If I win the first, I feel like I should win the other one," said Douglas.

**Shot put record falls:** Michael Carter's meet shot put meet record of 70 feet, 1/4-inch was surpassed by The Woodlands' junior Adrian Piperi. On his next-to-last throw, the 6-foot, 250-pound junior unleashed a personal best of 70 feet, 3 inches.

Carter, an Olympian who went on to play football at SMU and in the NFL with San Francisco, set the meet record while a member of the Thomas Jefferson track team in 1979.

"I've met Michael and know a lot about him, so that makes the record more special," said Piperi, who hopes to challenge for the Olympic team in 2020. "I really don't think much about records. My goal is to PR every week."