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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The CH Reeves Raptors celebrate yesterday after dominating the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association Junior Track and Field Championships.

CH Reeves Raptors win title

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The CH Reeves Raptors continued their dominance of the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association's Junior Track and Field Championships, winning the title yesterday.

On Wednesday at Thomas A Robinson National Stadium, the Raptors finished the two-day meet with 522.83 points to stay well ahead of their nearest rivals, the AF Adderley Fighting Tigers, who had 446 for second.

The HO Nash Lions rounded out the top three with 295, SC McPherson Sharks fourth with 279.50, DW Davis Pitbulls fifth with 194, TA Thompson Scorpions sixth with 154, LW Young Golden Eagles seventh with 143.67 and Anatol Rodgers Timberwolves completed the field of teams in eighth with 76.

"The performance today was superb," said head coach Rashad 'Tubba' McKenzie after getting doused by water amidst the team celebrations. "We had some mistakes on day one, but we got everything in place and pulled it off."

McKenzie said their athletes "put in the work" and they train. "Like I always tell them, once you continue to put in the work, everything will fall into place," McKenzie said. "We did that and we won again."

As the meet wrapped up yesterday, at least eight more records were broken with names from CH Reeves being inked in seven of them.

- HO Nash's Ambernique Coakley, coming off her victory in the girls' under-14 100 metres on Tuesday, doubled up in the 200m in a winning time of 27.24 seconds to erase the meet record that was held by Rasha Dean (28.35) last year.

"I was a little nervous going into the race, but once I got started, I felt free," said 12-year-old Coakley, who duplicated her performance from last year. "When you get the race, you feel relieved. I'm just glad that I won. It feels amazing."

Coakley's teammate Sherinique Scar was second in 28.40 and Victoria Kemp of CH Reeves was third in 29.10.

- CH Reeves' Jamal Flowers ran 24.85 to win the boys' under-14 100m to erase the record of 25.78 that was set by Reuben Cooper in 2015. Flowers also set a record in the 100m the day before.

"It was good, good," said the 13-year-old



FINISH LINE: A CH Reeves student wins her race yesterday on the final day of the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association Junior Track and Field Championships at the Thomas A Robinson National Stadium. The Raptors dominated the event to take the title.

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THE FINAL SCORE

TEAM	POINTS
CH Reeves	522.83
AF Adderley	446
HO Nash	295
SC McPherson	279.50
DW Davis	194
TA Thompson	154
LW Young	143.67
Anatol Rodgers	76

Flowers of his race. "I just got out strong, came off the curve fast and I went for it."

Ahmad Evans, also from CH Reeves, was second in 26.12 and Terrance Deveaux of SC McPherson was third in 26.21.

- Dayona Williams of CH Reeves got a double win in the under-16 girls' division as she added the 200m title in 28.78 to her triumph in the 100m. She repeated as the double champion from last year.

"It was good. I tried my best," said Williams, a 14-year-old ninth grader. "I think I could have done a little better. The competition was good."

Joelia Raphael of TA Thompson came in second in 29.21 and Jael Adderley of HO Nash was third in 29.43.

- Leandre Lightbourne, also from CH Reeves, powered across the finish line in 23.77 to win the under-16 boys' 200m as he too shattered the previous record of 24.29 that was set by Allen Jean last year.

"It was good. I had to push hard to make it. I came off the curve hard and I pushed hard," said 13-year-old Lightbourne. "The competition was hard. I was very pleased with my performance."

AF Adderley's Latrell Forbes ran 24.79 for second and CH Reeves' Joshua Joseph was third in 25.27.

In the under-14 girls' 800m, Wadine Forestal came from behind after the first lap to pull away from the pack and held on for the win for AF Adderley. Her time was 2:46.25.

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CR Walker in the lead going into final day

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GOING into today's final day of competition in the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association's Senior High School Track and Field Championships, the CR Walker Knights are on a quest to repeat as champions.

After the first two days of races and field events, the Knights closed out competition on Wednesday with a total of 325 points. They were followed by the CI Gibson Rattlers with 282 and the CV Bethel Stingrays in third with 250.50.

Rounding out the rest of the field in order are the CC Sweeting Cobras in fourth with 153, RM Bailey Pacers in fifth with 136.83, Doris Johnson Mystic Marlins in sixth with 134.67, Government High Magicians in seventh with 66 and the Anatol Rodgers Timberwolves in eighth with 65.

Two records fell yesterday - one on the track and the other on the field - by Den Vaughn Whymns and Jalon Dames respectively.

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GOIN' HARD: The CR Walker Knights look to repeat as champions going into the final day of the GSSSA Senior Track and Field Championships.

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THE STANDINGS

• *HERE'S a look at the scores going into the final day of competition in the Government Secondary Schools Sports Association Senior Track and Field Championships:*

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CR Walker	325
CI Gibson	282
CV Bethel	250.50
CC Sweeting	153
RM Bailey	136.83
Doris Johnson	134.67
GHS	66
Anatol Rodgers	65