

## Scott helps Linn-Mar take 4x200

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DES MOINES - Linn-Mar senior Perrion Scott wanted to make a last hurrah at the Class 4A state track meet before heading off to college.

He got it Friday.

Scott ran a sensational anchor leg on the 4x200 relay and led the Lions to victory in a bang-bang finish at Drake Stadium.

Scott seemingly came out of nowhere and leaned across the finish line to give Linn-Mar the victory in 1 minute, 29.13 seconds in one of the closest races in state history.

Ankeny Centennial finished second in 1:29.14 and Cedar Falls was third in 1:29.17, with only four-hundredths of a second separating the top three finishers.

Sean Zimmerman, Tristan Freese and Daniel Gorsich joined Scott on the 4x200 relay.

Scott appeared to be a budding star at the 2013 state meet as a sophomore when he

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finished in the top-3 of the 100 and 200 meter dashes, but he was academically ineligible last year and moved to Mississippi with his mother for a short while last summer before returning to Linn-Mar for his senior year.

He missed the first part of the track season again this year, but was a happy Lion on Friday after finding the winner's circle.

"It's been ups and downs," he said. "I didn't give up. I had friends, I had my teammates.

"People have been with me since Day 1. They never looked down on me. They were always there, so I just thank god for them.

"Even when things go bad, they just tell me to stay positive, stay positive. You can do it. Just strive for it. So I just decided to keep pushing and keep pushing and keep pushing."



Scott and his mother moved to Mississippi last summer to live with relatives, but Scott wanted to graduate from Linn-Mar and returned to Iowa. He lived with Tristan Freese and Freese's family last fall during the football season -- Scott is a speedy tailback -- and he's lived with his aunt in Cedar Rapids since then. His mother stayed in Mississippi.

"My heart was to come back and finish what I started," he said. "My mom and I had to make a huge sacrifice, but I thank god for my mom making the right decision," he said. "I'm so proud that the team gave me a chance to finish what I started."

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Scott plans to play football at Iowa Central Community College this fall. He said he also might join the track team there.

He was just happy Friday to finish what he started here two years ago. "It feels great," he said. "I always push myself to do better things. This is no ordinary meet. It's a special meet."

In other results Friday, Dalles Jacobus of Kennedy finished third in the shot put at 55-6 1/2. The winning toss was 55-8, so he came within two inches of the title.

Isaiah Nimmers of Washington finished fourth in the 400 hurdles in 54.58 seconds.

Linn-Mar placed fourth in the distance medley in 3:30.04 with Sean Zimmerman, Freese, Joe A'Hearn and Greyson Dolezal sharing the baton.

Noah Clasen of Xavier finished fifth in the Class 3A 400 hurdles in 55.25 seconds.

Austin Coats of Kennedy placed fifth in the 400 hurdles in 54.95. Kennedy is in second place in the Class 4A standings with 29 points.

Waukee has a commanding lead with 51 points.