

Sexton Thinclads Win 5 Central Relay Trophies

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MT. PLEASANT, April 28 — Lansing's high school track teams hit a new high-water mark here Saturday.

Running in the rain on a water-filled track in temperatures flirting with the freezing mark in the 16th annual Central Michigan Relays, Sexton high carted home a busload of trophies as the Big Reds finished second behind undefeated Pontiac in the Class A section of the meet. Eastern added luster to the day with a fifth-place finish in the meet which drew the top teams in the state.

Everett wound up second in the Class C division, following Reed City to the wire for the second straight week. Last week the two teams were one-two in the Hastings Relays. Reed City had 53½ points to Everett's 40½.

Winner of the Mansfield, Ohio, Relays last week, Pontiac again proved it is the class of the state by running up 70 points. Sexton's Big Reds garnered 55½ points, followed by Flint Northern, 46; Saginaw at Arthur Hill 35½; and Eastern, 34½.

Coach Charlie Sweeney's Big Reds won four of the eight relay events and tied with Pontiac for first in another. Sexton's outstanding showing continued in the individual events as Joe Thompson won the high jump with a leap of five feet 11 inches.

The horrible weather conditions protected most of the records, but Dean Look, Everett's pole vaulter, equaled his feat of last week by vaulting 12 feet 2 inches. The Class C pole vault was conducted outdoors in the rain. When the "A" squads started, the vault was moved in the fieldhouse.

Look's 12-3 vault was one of three records broken. The former Class C mark was 11 feet 7 inches, set by Don DeCow of Marine City in 1942.

Hayes Jones, who paced the Pontiac team with three firsts, broke the 120-yard high hurdle mark in 14.9 seconds. The old record was 15.1 seconds, set by Bill Chesney of Saginaw last year. The third mark to tumble was in Class C high jump when Casey Clark jumped 5-11¾ inches.

Sexton won the two-mile relay, Central relay, 440-yard relay and mile relay and tied with Pontiac in the 880-yard baton event.

Eastern would have been higher in the final standings if it hadn't been for Sexton. The Quakers finished a stride or two behind Sexton in three races—the Central relay, 440 and mile. Eastern tied with Muskegon Heights for third in the 880.

Art Vaillencourt ran third in the mile for the Quakers and Joe Walatinsky was fourth in the low hurdles.

Tony Smith, Bill Teller, Gerald Brazee and Chuck Barnes stepped off the two-mile victory for the Big Reds. In the Central relay, which is two 220s wrapped around a pair of 100s, it was Pete Loepke, Fred Johnson, Greg Eaton and Bill Hall carrying the baton for Sexton. Eastern's second-place team had Bill Dailey, Willie Austin, John Rugh and Jack Sisco.

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Duffy Still Finds Grid Gold in 1955 Frosh Crop

Kerkhoff, Montgomery Rating Second Look in Spring Drills

Heavy rains chased the Michigan State football squad into the field house Saturday, where Coach Duffy Daugherty sent his charges through a full two-hour session, including scrimmage.

Spring football has brought to light a number of surprises who are seen as brighteners for the Spartans' football future.


One of them, Rohland Kerkhoff, a 195-pound freshman from Attleboro, Mass., is stepping into the competition for the wide-open fullback position. A 195-pounder, he has good speed and is learning rapidly.

TROJAN QB

Greg Montgomery, from East Lansing high, practically unnoticed as a freshman squad player, has won considerable attention as a quarterback. He is 6-1 and weighs 185.

Bob Sanders, a 205-pound tackle from Hazel Park, has had few advance notices but he has moved up to as high as the third level.

Howard Guill, a guard from White Cloud, is playing the position in the style of Frankie Kush and Dale Hollern. He is a "down-on-all-fours" defensive player with speed and quickness. He made the transition from the "B" squad to the "A" on the strength of his progress.



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