

'Big Chief' Pacemaker In Relays

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YPSILANTI—Bob Manning, former City League sprint champion from Western High, has found some new track worlds to conquer.

Manning, now a senior at Pontiac High, got the Chiefs off to a fast start here Saturday night before 2,000 fans at Bowen Fieldhouse. The mercury-beeled speedster won the 60-yard dash in the Class A Division of the Huron Relays in :06.4.

Earlier he turned in a record in :06.3 performance in the preliminaries.

During the previous two seasons, before his parents moved to Pontiac, Manning was the star football halfback and track dash man at Western, winning both the City League 220 and 100-yard titles in 1956 and 1957.

NOW HE'S joined the forces with coach Dean Wilson's defending state champions and could spark the Chiefs to their fourth straight state crown.

Manning also had a hand in another record performance, anchoring Pontiac's 880-yard relay team which won in 1:34.2. Joining Manning on the 880 were Jim Keller, Marcus Turner and Joe Hill.

In his final effort of the night, Manning teamed with Keller, Jim Hawkins and Dan Sowell to win the shuttle hurdle relay.

Sowell also had a great night for the Chiefs, capturing the broad jump and high hurdles and finishing second to Farmington's Warren Cawley in the low hurdles. Cawley, only a junior, was one of the meet's big surprise winners.

GROSSE POINTE'S Rem Purdy barely nipped Jim Ponteri, of East Detroit, in a spirited battle for mile honors. Purdy won in the record time of 4:40.4, just two-tenths of a second ahead of Ponteri.

Another exceptional performance was a 12-foot four-inch pole vault victory for Birmingham's Bill Alcorn. Birmingham picked up another first place medal when Charlie Gibson threw the shot 52 feet 6¼ inches.

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