

Bloomfield Hills Ace Turns In Record Mile

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MANSFIELD, O.—Epo Richards, a 160-pound senior from Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) High, joined select company here Saturday when he turned in a record-shattering mile run in the 33rd annual Mansfield Relays.

Richards, who coach Don Hofstetter picked out of a gym class three years ago, came pounding to the wire before 5,000 fans on a sunlit day in 4:20.2, the fastest mile of his career. He won the event by 10 yards.

His time broke the previous record of 4:21 set by Joseph Thomas of Uniontown, Pa., in 1960, and placed him in the record book with such stars of the past as Jesse Owens, Harrison Dillard, Dave Mills, Rex Oweley and others.

THE GIGANTIC event attracted 199 schools from 48 states and got some international flavor for the first time when Kennedy College of Windsor entered a partial squad.

Although the meet was dominated by Ohio schools and won by Akron South with a margin of 18 points, Birmingham Seaholm broke the Buckeye domination by finishing fourth in the team race with 14 points.

Birmingham's medley relay team of Ron Fry, Howard Dublin, John Kingscott and Jamie Dennis won the event in the record time of 7:47.3.

They defeated Ashland (O.) High, the previous record holder, which had three of its four runners back from a year ago. Roseville High finished fifth in the same event.

Bill Schoen, Birmingham half-miler, got into a real 880 race which saw all five finishers break the old record. Schoen turned in an excellent 1:57.5 performance but earned only the fourth-place medal. The winner in 1:56.5 was Ricky Poole of Dayton Jefferson.

OTHER SEAHOLM points came from Jim Olson's third place in the mile and a third place finish by the Maples' four-mile relay team.

Pole vaulter Jim Haviland of Waterford Kettering, who won the Michigan State Relays last week with a leap of 13 feet 6 inches, could hit only 12-6 Saturday and finished fourth.

The winner with a record performance was John Lints, Jr., who soared 14 feet 1/2 inch to win the event for Mansfield Malabar.

River Rouge got a pair of thirds when Boose Bowman broad jumped 21 feet 11 1/2 inches and the Panthers' shuttle hurdle relay team also finished third.

OTHER MICHIGAN places were won by Frank Haggerty, Detroit Catholic Central, fourth in the high hurdles; Jim Foss, Garden City, fifth in the shot put; Dan Purple, Gowin, fifth in the high jump; Sam Robinson, Mt. Clemens, fifth in the 220; and LaMac Miller, Jr., Willow Run, fourth in the low hurdles.

Ann Arbor's mile relay team finished fourth and Mt. Clemens' 880-yard relay foursome was fifth.



FEATHERS FLY—Nearly 900 of the nation's top archers sent their shafts straight and true to the marks Saturday in the Ben Pearson Open Tournament at Cobo Hall. The bowmen took the firing line 300 at a time in the two-day meet.

EX-CHAMP IS HOTTEST

Archers Set Pair Of Marks At Cobo

Two records were set Saturday in the opening round of the Ben Pearson Open archery tournament at Cobo Hall.

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