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Panthers Switch To Track Shoes; Still Greatest

EAST LANSING (AP)—Those persistent Panthers from River Rouge proved again—"they are the greatest."

They ran away with the Class B honors in the first Lansing State Journal-Michigan State High School Indoor Track Relays Friday night.

Just two weeks ago, they razed the dazzled their way to their fourth consecutive Class B state high school basketball crown over Lakeview in the same Jenison Fieldhouse.

The Panthers and star Willie Betts just had to change from sneakers to track shoes.

Rouge placed men in 10 of the 13 final events and had three firsts. It won with 40½ points. Willow Run ran second with 19 points and Wyoming Park was third with 14. Detroit Lutheran West and Haslett tied for fourth with 13 each.

Two events in Class C also were run Friday night with Portland taking both the 880-yard and mile relay.

There will be 66 Class A high school teams in action this afternoon and tonight. Lansing Sexton, Lansing Everett, Birmingham Seaholm and Ann Arbor are figured as the front runners.

The surprise of the Class B action was the classy showing of LaMar Miller of second-best Willow Run.

Miller beat Betts—the odds-on favorite—in both the 70-yard high and low hurdles. His times, just ahead of Betts, were an impressive 8.7 seconds for the highs and 8.2 for the lows.

Miller is the son of the coach at Willow Run and had the advantage of sharp training by his dad. Betts, the 6-foot-5½ double-threat man, is expected to test Miller once he gets in stride again in the outdoor races.

The Rouge firsts were in the shuttle hurdle relay, where Betts ran the anchor leg; the 880-yard relay and the broad jump. Boice Bowman was the jump winner for the Panthers with his 21 feet 5½ inches.

Ken Coats of Wyoming Park won the mile in 4:29.4—a good speed for a prepster this early in the season.

Two other fine marks were set in the field events, the shot put and the pole vault.

Bob Johnson of Vassar won the shot with a heave of 52 feet, 4½ inches. Jim Stewart of Lakeview topped the vaulters at 12 feet 7¼ inches.

There were 25 schools in the scoring column in the Class B finals.

Caddy Warning

Jack Nicklaus jumped from an 11th-place tie into fourth at 139, only four shots back of the PGA senior champion. The Masters champion was one of nine men who shot 69 Friday to tie for the day's low honors.

Sneed had what he called one of the most unusual rounds he ever played en route to his 71. He played the back nine first, due to the over-sized field of 150. He bogeyed the 10th and 12th holes, then fought back with four birdies to balance them and two later bogeys.

Back of the top four came Bob Shave, Larry Mowry, Al Geiberger and Al Johnson, tied at 140.

Arnold Palmer needed 75 shots to get around for a 145 total, 10 off the lead.

Luis Scores Lopsided Win

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