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## Lansing Team Roms To Easy South Central Victory With 71 Points

## Sexton Whips Bearcats

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Blinding speed is certainly a requisite of a good 880-yard relay team but it isn't everything, as Everett has been proving all season.

Smooth passing also figures prominently and there isn't a smoother baton passing quartet around than Henry Patino, Rich Ryals, Les Koren and Tom Smith of Everett.

They were at their smoothest Tuesday night while leading the Vikings to their second straight South Central Conference title at East Lansing's all-weather track.

Everett highlighted an evening of record breaking by clocking 1:29.9 in the 880 relay, an All-City record and the second fastest time in the state. The time

As expected, the Vikings romped to the team title, winning only six events but taking enough of the lower places to pile up 71 points. East Lansing was second with 39, followed by Jackson Parkside with 31, Adrian with 29 and Battle Creek Lakeview with 17.

The relay mark was one of three All-City records set at the meet, all by Everett. Jim Rapp finished only third in the 440-yard dash but was timed in :30.7 to shave a tenth of the old city mark. Rapp also anchored the Viking mile relay time to a 3:27.7 performance, three-tenths below the old city record held by Everett. However, Sexton ran 3:26.4 in Battle Creek at just about the same time.

Smith and Patino each scored double victories for the second straight year and also ran on the 880 relay team. Smith took both sprints in :10.0 and :22.7, while Patino was the winner of both hurdles in :14.8 and :20.2. Smith's times were both meet records although he had a slight faster 220 time in his heat, clocking :22.8.

East Lansing accounted for three firsts, two of them record performances. Dion Stewart easily won the mile in 4:24.8 for one conference mark while Tom Black accounted for another with a 12-foot, 3-inch effort in the pole vault. Steve Miller picked up the other Trojan first by taking the 880 in 2:00.8.

The Vikings won the title last year with 101 points.

Sexton's vaulted track depth paid off with another victory Tuesday night but Battle Creek Central showed that it's the team to beat in the Class A state meet Saturday.

The Big Reds defeated the Bearcats, 67-42, at Battle Creek despite taking only five of the 13 events. In the other dual meet action, Kalamazoo downed Eastern, 73-36, at Pattengill Field.

Sexton turned in his best performance of the night with a 3:28.4 in the mile relay, a City record and the third fastest time in the state this season. Everett held the old record of 3:28.0 but the Vikings had a 3:27.7 Tuesday night.

Sweeps of the shot put and the 440-yard dash helped the Big Reds roll to their 34th straight dual meet triumph and close out their fifth straight undefeated dual meet season. Bill Ross won the shot put at 49 feet, 4 inches while Ron Jean took the quarter in :51.7. Willie McKissic captured the broad jump at 21 feet, 1 inch and pole vaulter Tom Miller cleared 12 feet even for the only other firsts.

Battle Creek's Arnie Williams established himself as the favorite for the state sprint titles by edging McKissic in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. They were the Big Red senior's first losses of the season.

At Eastern, the Quakers could take only one first and tie for first in another event against Kalamazoo. The Quaker 880 relay team won in 1:35.6 while John Lockhart tied for first in the high hurdles with a :17.4 clocking. Harry Stevens turned in the best performance for Eastern, finishing second in the 440-yard dash with a :51.9, his best time of the season. Todd Park, who moved down from the 880-yard run, was third in :52.0.

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