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CLEARS 13-6 AT HURON RELAYS

Young Pole Vaulter 'Lives, Sleeps Sports'

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YPSILANTI—The big white figures at the pole vault read: 13 feet, 6 inches.

It was only March 26, but already Mike McDonough, a lean 147-pound senior from Detroit's Lutheran West High School, had bettered a state Class B high school pole vaulting record.

McDonough, a one-sport athlete who is devoted to this fascinating event, had just broken his own best previous competitive mark by a full foot and a half to delight an afternoon audience of 1,000 or so in the 11th annual Huron Relays at Bowen Fieldhouse.

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COACH Erwin Ruth of Lutheran West came up with a state championship squad four years ago featuring sprinter Craig LaGrone and hurdler Jim Vogler, but he's never had a field event specialist the likes of McDonough.

"Twice a week he drives out to Ann Arbor to practice at Yost Fieldhouse," Ruth said. "He lives and sleeps the sport. You didn't hear of him last year because he sprained an ankle two weeks before the regionals."

Mike's vault on opening day of the two-day relays bettered the existing state Class B record of 13-5¼ set last spring by Ernie VerHage of Hudsonville Unity Christian.

"It's the pole, the enthusiasm it creates and the coaching," asserted George Marshall, veteran coach at Eastern Michigan and one of the midwest's most authoritative men in the field.

"But mostly, it's the pole. With the fibreglass, the boy plants his pole, rocks and lays back up there and then explodes in midair as if released by a slingshot."

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IN THE team race it was another River Rouge runaway. The Panthers, fresh from winning their fifth straight basketball title, brought 18 performers here, six who made the quick change from basketball, and rolled up a winning 41 points.

It was the second title here in three years for coach Roy Krueger's Panthers. Rouge won three events and scored in three others. Kennedy Collegiate of Windsor finished second for the second straight year, scoring 30 points and won the final two relays.

In addition to McDonough's work in the pole vault pit, Bob Johnson of Vassar turned in an excellent individual effort.

Johnson equaled his own state record in the shot put when he tossed the 12-pound ball 57 feet, 5 inches.

Saturday, squads from 56 Class A schools take over the fieldhouse with Birmingham Seaholm coming back to defend its championship.

Friday's summaries:

POLE VAULT: 1—Mike McDonough, Lutheran West; 2—Mike May, Vassar; 3—Willie Purifoy, Ecorse; 4—Gary Kassuba, Romulus; 5—Chuck Kulka, St. Anthony. Height: 13 feet, 6 inches (betters record of 13-5½, set by Linta, Mansfield, O., 1964).

BROAD JUMP RELAY: 1—River Rouge (Al Taliaferro and George Miles); 2—Romulus; 3—Howell; 4—Orchard Lake St. Mary; 5—Haslett. Distance: 39 feet, 7 inches.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1—Kalamazoo University High (Gary Griffith, Chuck Brown, Dave Stevens and Jim Giachino); 2—Lutheran West; 3—Bishop Gallagher; 4—St. Anthony; 5—Ecorse. Time: 11 minutes, 8.7 seconds (betters record of 11:13.1, set by Detroit St. Joseph, 1964).

TWO-MILE RELAY: 1—Cranbrook (Greg Dower, Eric Muirhead, Bruce Hunter and Greg Dearth); 2—River Rouge; 3—Bowling Green, O.; 4—Oxford; 5—Swartz Creek. Time: 8:41.4.

65-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1—Walt Thomas, Ecorse; 2—Ron Winkelman, Ida; 3—Steve Derby, Tecumseh; 4—Phil Gooch, Wyoming Park; 5—Chuck Kulka, St. Anthony. Time: 8.4 seconds.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1—Amherst (O.) Steele (Roger Aschenbach, John Edwards, Jeff Howells and Tom Schoemig); 2—Fenton; 3—Haslett; 4—Windsor (Ont.) Assumption; 5—Howell. Time: 3 minutes, 41.3 seconds (betters record of 3:42.4 set by Kennedy (Ont.) Collegiate, 1964).

60-YARD DASH: 1—Tom Kelley, Oxford; 2—Bill Fineout, Haslett; 3—Gary Kowalski, Howell; 4—Jim Dubke, Lutheran West; 5—Andy Williams, Ecorse. Time: 6.6 seconds.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1—River Rouge (Willie Wright, Marvin Brazill, Gene Wilson and Sam Campbell); 2—Kennedy Collegiate; 3—Holly; 4—Romulus; 5—Battle Creek St. Philip. Time: 29.8 seconds.

ONE-MILE RUN: 1—Dale Sage, Reese; 2—Ken Head, Milan; 3—Howard Shunk, Garden City West; 4—Terry Kozllowski, Erie Mason; 5—Mike Sharpe, Tecumseh. Time: 4 minutes, 32.5 seconds.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—Kennedy Collegiate (Colman Balogh, Ron Zanin, Jim Miles, Bill Hendershot); 2—River Rouge; 3—Willow Run; 4—Ecorse; 5—Lutheran West. Time: 1 minute, 36.4 seconds.

SHOT PUN RELAY: 1—Vassar (Bob Johnson and Tom Main); 2—Oxford; 3—Kalamazoo University High; 4—River Rouge; 5—Detroit St. Anthony. Distance: 105 feet, 11 inches (betters record of 91-9½ set by Battle Creek Harper Creek in 1957).

HIGH JUMP: 1—Carl Henkel, Shelby, O.; 2—Walt Thomas, Ecorse; 3—Tie between Paul Schneider, Lutheran East, and Dennis Wilczewski, Orchard Lake St. Mary; 5—Harry Newsome, Clyde, O. Height: 5 feet, 11 inches.

MILE RELAY: 1—Kennedy Collegiate (Colman Balogh, Jim Miles, Ron Zanin and Bill Hendershot); 2—Amherst (O.) Steele; 3—Cranbrook; 4—River Rouge; 5—Bowling Green, O. Time: 3 minutes, 37.7 seconds.

1304 STILL LEADING

FP Mixed Doubles At the Finish Line

BY GEORGE PUSCAS

America's largest mixed sports competition comes rolling to a stirring climax at Palmer Park Recreation Saturday night.

The last remaining couples—300 in all—will move into the lanes in pursuit of the $2,500 Free Press Mixed Doubles bowling championship.

The target is not beyond reach.

All-star bowler Elvira Toepfer and Detroit engineer Fred Nothdurft have a tentative hold on the title, having hammered a 1304 series two weeks ago.

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IF THEIR score stands up and they walk away with the State handicap championship, it would be the lowest winning total in the 21-year history of the popular Free Press tournament.

A flood of former champions, including Lucille Quamby and Denby High baseball coach Jack Rice, and last year's winners — Elizabeth Wurm and George Lukach — already have taken their turns and misfired.

The same was true of pro bowlers Eddie Lubanski and Billy Golembiewski, who joined their wives in the 10,000 bowler competition and came up short.

But other potent challengers remain.

Among the late contenders will be 42 couples from Eddie Coy's DeSantis Lanes, a group which frequently provides title-winners or title threats.

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THE SATURDAY squads originally were scheduled to bowl March 7, but the snowstorm which crippled the city that weekend forced postponement of their appearances.

Also delayed was the annual $1,000 Squad Leaders Rolloff. It will be held next Saturday, April 3, as the wind-up to play in the $25,000 classic.

Complete scores and standings of all the prize winners will appear in the Free Press in about two weeks.

Following are the leaders:

Elvira Toepfer-Fred Nothdurft	1304
Emilie Roose-Richard VanLeen	1301
Dee Rigby-Bill Etherington	1289
Rita Gagin-Larry Celesky	1288
Carolyn-Gary McKeever	1286
Marie Niemisto-Les Rasmussen	1277
Florence-Jack Logan	1273
JoAnn-James Logan	1273
Vern Wolfe-Virginia Bonner	1263
Goldie Turbin-Ron Morgan	1258
Juanita-Joseph King	1252
Chet Jerome-Phyllis Watts	1244
Fran-Herman Dykstra	1242
Carol Steinaway-Bill Sprentill	1241
Gloria Ringl-Art Marquardt	1241
Patt Lim-Stanley Low	1237
Fannie-David Reynolds	1236
Judy Gothelf-Ray Beirus	1234
Jeanie-Pete Goniea	1234
Mary-Norbert Kazyaka	1233
Cleo-Richard Walters	1232
Dorothy-Danny Danielak	1232
Lucille-Harry Stawski	1232
Mary Ann Luksik-Stanley Gralewski	1232

Royal Colt Threat in Top Grand

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the unprecedented flow on money on the other fancied horses, odds this year were considered "ridiculous."

Jay Trump's jockey said Friday night, "The going is just about right for us now. We can do it." Jay Trump is an eight-year-old bay gelding with two Maryland Cup Victories to his credit.

Leedsy's trainer, Keith Piggott, reckons the seven-year-old bay gelding is "made for the national." He won over three miles, three furlongs at Wolverhampton last month and was just nipped two weeks ago.

Mr. Levy bought Leedsy (named after his music publishing firm) as a Christmas gift for his wife.

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RED TIDE, an eight-year-old chestnut gelding, won here last year with 146 pounds on his back. He is carrying 153 this time but his handlers say he has "gained stamina with age."

This year's Grand National, which may be the last because Aintree owner Mrs. Mirable Topham wants to sell the track, is the richest since it was first run in 1837.

The winner collects 22,491 pounds ($62,974) compared with the 20,280 pounds ($56,784) banked by the American owners of Team Spirit last year.

Over 100,000 track fans and some 300 million television viewers in Europe will see the race. Most Britons want to see a Royal victory because the Queen Mother has still to win, although her Devon Loch was ahead 50 yards from the post in 1956—and then collapsed.

Pin Hall Of Famer's Son Leads

BUFFALO — (UPI) — Nelson Burton Jr. of St. Louis forged to the front again Friday midway through the 16-game semifinals of the Professional Bowlers Association $32,500 Buffalo Open.

The 22-year-old son of bowling Hall of Famer Nelson Burton Sr. piled up 6,962 pins after 32 games and tacked on 300 bonus points for 7,262 after winning six of eight in the afternoon semifinal round.

Second U-M Athlete in Jail for Theft

A second University of Michigan athlete pleaded guilty Friday to stealing merchandise from a store.

Gregory Page, 19, goalie on the U-M hockey team, was remanded to the Washtenaw County Jail after he pleaded

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