

Flint Shotputter Rips Prep Marks

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EAST LANSING — Shotputter Doug Yancey doesn't do anything right, according to the experts. But to Gordon Spencer, his coach at Flint Michigan, he could do no wrong Saturday.

The 225-pounder broke the Spartan Relays' Class A record in the opening event to launch the Colts to a runaway victory in Jenison Fieldhouse.

Yancey breaks every rule of technique in whirling to hurl the 16-pound ball. When he leaves the shot, even the officials wisely get farther out of range.

ON HIS first throw of the day Yancey bettered the relay record of 84 feet, 8 1/2 inches with a toss of 94 1/4.

He hoped that with his next throw of 86 1/4, and then brought the crowd of 2,263 to its feet with a mighty heave

of 87 feet 6 inches—three feet over the record.

But his best throw was yet to come. When photographers asked him to throw one more for pictures, Yancey threw the shot 53 feet "unofficially."

Yancey's record ignited his teammates and they nudged two other records to their landslide victory.

Gary Booth, George McNair, Daryl Smith and Jim Broden teamed to give Southwestern the sprint medley relay crown as they knocked a second off the record of 2:32.8.

At Henack led the 70-yard mark of .98 for the Colt's third victory.

Laverne Miller got the fourth win with a leap of 22 feet, 1 1/2 inches in the long jump. He came back to finish second in the high jump at 6 feet 2 inches.

Smith also had a second. He lost out to Ypsilanti's Kercheval.

val Patterson in a photo finish in the 60-yard dash.

PATTERSON edged Smith again on the final leg of the 880-yard relay. Ypsilanti tied the relay record of 1:34.5 to win.

Ironically, Flint Southwestern set another relay record but lost it almost immediately to its crosstown rival, Flint Northwestern. Southwestern bettered the meet mark of :28.7 with a qualifying run of :28.3 in the shuttle hurdle relay.

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No. 269---He Saw a Saucer

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EAST LANSING—It's easy to get lost when your lone identity is No. 269 in a throng of 1,100 high school athletes, all donned in an undershirt, a pair of trunks and spiked track shoes, just like yourself.

You stand among boys representing 70 other high schools waiting your turn for a relay heat totally unnoticed.

For No. 269, Ron Manner, the Spartan Relays are his first moments of peace and quiet in two weeks. At last, alone with his thoughts, he can concentrate on his immediate task.

THE SAME Ron Manner whose life was changed two weeks ago when he and his father investigated a strange glow on their farm near Dexter.

What they saw, or even what they may have thought they saw, seemed to have bring the whole world down upon them.

The Manners and scores of others in the Dexter area say they saw a flying saucer.

Since then their lives have been almost unbearable.

"He's taken an awful loss since then," said Dexter High coach Art Torp. "They have been peevish night and day by cranky curiosity seekers, radio, television and magazine people."

"They haven't had a moment's peace. The whole town has been plagued with outsiders trying to find out what makes us tick. I don't know how the boys and girls can concentrate on their school work with all the commotion and aftermath."

"RON IS TRYING to put his heart in track to take his mind off the unwanted notoriety. He's doing the best he can under the circumstances."

Ron and his Dexter teammates did surprisingly well in the Class B relays Friday when they finished third behind



WITH HIS EYES wide open, he's snatching the shotput.

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