

Pioneers Take Relay Meet

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LIVONIA — The Pioneer High track team rolled up 47 points and thereby, also rolled up the championship of the Clarenceville Relays.

Leading the way was Skip Burck, who won the two-mile run in 9:53.3. And this individual victory set the tone for the entire meet as the Pioneers scored heavily in the distance events.

"This meet showed where the strength of our team lies," Coach Don Blanchard said. "We have a lot of men that can run in the races from 440 yards on up. Our distance runners came through and did a great job."

The Pioneers also captured three second places in the special relay races, yesterday afternoon.

The mile relay just missed setting a new school record with its time of 3:25.7 which is four-tenths of a second off the old school standard set last year.

John Tyner led off with a :52.3 quarter while Palmer Schoch had a :51.7. Rick Mial ripped off a :51.7 and Lincoln School anchored with a :50.9.

The two-mile relay unit was also second on an 8:27.8. Greg Chase, Mike Smith, Tom Hughes and Dan Johnson, who ran the last leg in 2:03.2, were the members.

The sprint medley relay team accounted for the other runner-

up spot with a 3:40.3. Mial led off with a :51.4 quarter followed by Bill Twining and Jim Frazier, who ran 220s of :23.5 and :23.6, respectively. Lincoln Schoch had an 880 anchor of 2:01.7.

Maurice Reese led the Pioneers to a third place finish in the shot put relay. He threw the shot 50 feet 10 inches.

Some of Blanchard's concerns about his hurdlers may be over. Especially, after the shuttle hurdle relay team took a fourth place at 1:00.9.

"We have been weak in the hurdle events," the coach said. "But they seem to be coming along now."

Jay Ledwick, Tim Gardner, Mark Curby and Fred Crawford, who turned in a fast :14.7 on the anchor leg, were the members of the hurdle unit.

The Pioneers also got a fourth place in the four-mile relay at 19:00.6. Pete Murtaugh led off with a 4:40.2 while Dave Downey was the next runner at 4:46.9. Mickey Smith had a 4:44 and Dan Bertsons ran the last mile in 4:44.5.

Steve Thury started off the distance medley relay team, which finished fourth on an 11:15.4, with a 2:08 half-mile. Randy Sloten got a :54 in the quarter and Bob Jones was timed in 3:27.8 in the three-quarters. Paul Gibson ran the final mile in 4:45.4.

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