

# Pioneers Place Third, Huron High Fourth

By Bill Anderson

BELLEVILLE — The Ann Arbor area is going to have strong representation in the Lower Peninsula final track meets on Saturday.

Five area relay teams, plus 18 other individuals, qualified for the state meets in the Region Five Class A and B Meets at the Belleville High track yesterday afternoon.

In Class A, Pioneer High took third place with 23 points while Huron High was a close fourth with 22½. Ypsilanti High was sixth on 16.

Saline High came through with a third-place finish on 27 points while Dexter High was eighth with 11. Lincoln wound up 10th at eight points and Milan was 13th with three.

But the real highlights of the double regional, which was conducted on a cool, damp afternoon, were the winning of three individual championships.

Huron High's Dan Bender captured the shot put crown with a toss of 52 feet 7 inches.

Dexter High's Scott Aeschliman captured the "B" championship in the high jump. He cleared 6-1 and beat out two other competitors, who had more misses at the height.

The third area championship was provided by Ypsilanti High's Dane Fortney. He raced home first in the 440-yard dash on a :50.73 clocking.

The first three placers in each event will be heading for the state meets next weekend. The Class A qualifiers compete on Michigan's Ferry Field oval while the Class B teams head to Michigan State.

The two Ann Arbor coaches were studies in contrasts after the meet.

Pioneer High's Don Blanchard did little to hide his delight over the performances of his men and Huron High's Kent Overbey wasn't the happiest man around.

"The kids did a great job," Blanchard said. "I feel kind of sorry for some of our kids though. Especially, some of the seniors, who won't get a chance to compete in the state meet."

One thing that had the coach walking on air was the two school records which were set.

The mile relay team was clocked in 3:24.43 and included some outstanding

sprints. Sophomore John Tyner ran a :51.9 quarter while Palmer Schoch turned in :51.8. Junior Rick Mial had a :49.9 while Lincoln Schoch anchored home in :50.8.

It was one of the most exciting races of the day. Adrian High beat the Pioneers across the finish line by less than a half of a second.

But the great race of the afternoon was the two-mile run.

Pioneer's Skip Burck was second in school record time of 9:37.74. Huron High's Andy Campbell turned in a "gritty" performance, taking fifth on 9:47.87.

All of the runners were bunched going into the final 440 yards, then Doug Kurtis of Livonia Stevenson and Burck hooked up in a head-to-head sprint. Kurtis wasn't able to put the Pioneer away until the last fifty yards.

Maybe one reason Overbey was a little downcast was that his team had a real shot at winning the meet. But it wasn't in the cards.

"The places where we thought we would have trouble," Overbey said, "that is where the guys came through and did a job."

Saline High Coach Joe Graf couldn't help but be impressed with the performance of freshman distance runner, Dennis Martin. He ran the two-mile in 10:29.79 to take seventh.

## CLASS A

Belleville 35½, Wayne Memorial 32½, PIONEER HIGH 23, HURON HIGH 22½, Livonia Franklin 18, YPSILANTI 16, Adrian 15, Livonia Stevenson 12, Milford 9, Temperance Bedford 7½, Garden City West 7, Inkster Cherry Hill 6, Livonia Bentley 6, Westland Glenn 6, Howell 5, Plymouth 3, Garden City East 1.

SHOT PUT: 1—DAN BENDER (HURON HIGH), 2—Heasley (Bedford), 3—REESE (PIONEER HIGH), 4—Kendrick (Wayne), 5—Schleicher (Glenn). Distance—52 feet 7 inches.

POLE VAULT: 1—Charles Cline (Wayne), 2—Lynn (Howell), 3—Thompson (Adrian), 4—Merritt (Belleville), 5—TAYLOR (HURON HIGH). Height—13 feet 6 inches. New meet record, old record, 13-4 by Cline in 1969.

HIGH JUMP: 1—Girard Pettus (Belleville), 2—Tie Merritt (Belleville), Lorenzon (Bedford), 4—Tie EMBREE (HURON HIGH), Claborn (Wayne). Height—6 feet 5 inches. New meet record, old record, 6-3, by Pettus in 1969.

LONG JUMP: 1—Girard Pettus (Belleville), 2—PACKARD (HURON HIGH), 3—Bodak (Plymouth), 4—Johnson (Bentley), 5—JACOBSON (PIONEER HIGH). Distance—21 feet 10¼ inches.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—Wayne Memorial, 2—YPSILANTI, 3—HURON HIGH, 4—Franklin, 5—Garden City East. Time—1:30.4. New meet record, old record, 1:30.5, by Huron High in 1969.

880-YARD RUN: 1—Mike Fant (Belleville), 2—Morden (Bentley), 3—Wanner (Stevenson), 4—Seibold (Cherry Hill), 5—L. SCHOCH (PIONEER HIGH). Time—1:55.35.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1—Girard Pettus (Belleville), 2—STEIN (HURON HIGH), 3—Peterson (Stevenson), 4—CRAWFORD (PIONEER HIGH), 5—Hause (Milford). Time—:15.0.

MILE RUN: 1—Dave Eddy (Adrian), 2—Kosteva (Franklin), 3—P. SCHOCH (PIONEER HIGH), 4—Meyer (Wayne), 5—Williams (Howell). Time—4:23.27.

100-YARD DASH: 1—Ernest Righetti (Wayne), 2—Smith (Milford), 3—HUXLEY (YPSILANTI), 4—Waxer (Cherry

Hill), 5—Yuhaz (Franklin). Time—:10.35.  
400-YARD DASH: 1—DANE FORTNEY (YPSILANTI), 2—Jinnett (Franklin), 3—MIAL (PIONEER HIGH), 4—McCullam-hois (Garden City West), 5—Guzowski (Garden City West). Time—:50.73.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES: 1—Greg Hubbard (Glenn), 2—Pettus (Belleville), 3—Newman (Franklin), 4—Merritt (Belleville), 5—STEIN (HURON HIGH). Time—:19.84.

TWO MILE RUN: 1—Doug Kurtis (Stevenson), 2—BURCK (PIONEER HIGH), 3—Anderson (Garden City West), 4—JOHNSON (PIONEER HIGH), 5—CAMPBELL (HURON HIGH). Time—9:35.98. New meet record, old record, 9:47.4, by Dave Eddy of Adrian, 1969.

220-YARD DASH: 1—Ernst Righetti (Wayne), 2—Smith (Milford), 3—HUXLEY (YPSILANTI), 4—Waxer (Cherry Hill), 5—HOGAN (HURON HIGH). Time—:23.12.

MILE RELAY: 1—Adrian, 2—PIONEER HIGH, 3—Wayne Memorial, 4—Franklin, 5—Garden City West. Time—3:27.98.

## CLASS B

Monroe Catholic Central 44, Riverview Gabriel Richard 31, SALINE 27, Grosse Ile 25, Riverview 20, New Boston Huron 17, Blissfield 13, DEXTER 11, Flat Rock 11, LINCOLN 8, Monroe Jefferson 8, Aquinas 4, MILAN 3, Craleto Airport 2.

SHOT PUT: 1—GARY ERNST (SALINE), 2—ROWE (LINCOLN), 3—Schraeder (Monroe C.C.), 4—Darany (Grosse Ile), 5—Edwards (Monroe C.C.). Distance—49 feet 6 inches.

POLE VAULT: 1—Larry Jessop (Flat Rock), 2—Gable (Monroe C.C.), 3—HALL (LINCOLN), 4—DOUTHAT (SALINE), 5—Jaworski (Jefferson). Height—12 feet 7 inches.

HIGH JUMP: 1—SCOTT AECHLIMAN (DEXTER), 2—Beck (Monroe C.C.), 3—Maugh (Grosse Ile), 4—Tie Darragh (Airport), Ruffin (Jefferson). Height—6 feet 1 inch.

LONG JUMP: 1—Dennis Karp (Gabriel Richard), 2—SNYDER (DEXTER), 3—Smiley (Aquinas), 4—Smith (New Boston), 5—ERNST (SALINE). Distance—20 feet 8 inches.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—Gabriel Richard, 2—New Boston, 3—Grosse Ile, 4—SALINE, 5—Aquinas. Time—1:33.3.

880-YARD RUN: 1—Glenn Spears (Jefferson), 2—Cappucilli (Monroe C.C.), 3—Verhoeven (Monroe C.C.), 4—Barker (Grosse Ile), 5—DOUTHAT (SALINE). Time—2:00.8. New meet record, old record, 2:01.2, by Amos Keith of Milan, 1968.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1—Joe Morelli (Monroe C.C.), 2—WHITE (SALINE), 3—SMITH (MILAN), 4—Cranor (Blissfield), 5—SNYDER (DEXTER). Time—:15.3.

MILE RUN: 1—Paul Xitzelsberger (Riverview), 2—Duba (Grosse Ile), 3—M. Zietzelsberger (Riverview), 4—Wisniewski (Gabriel Richard), 5—Malik (Monroe C.C.). Time—4:36.5. New meet record, old record, by Zietzelsberger in 1969.

100-YARD DASH: 1—Tom Budzyn (Gabriel Richard), 2—GIRBACH (SALINE), 3—Karp (Gabriel Richard), 4—Smith (New Boston), 5—Durand (Riverview). Time—:10.19.

440-YARD DASH: 1—Tom West (Monroe C.C.), 2—Coolseat (Grosse Ile), 3—Beat (Blissfield), 4—Topolewski (Flat Rock), 5—Sutherland (Riverview). Time—:53.08.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES: 1—Joe Morelli (Monroe C.C.), 2—Edge (New Boston), 3—Cranor (Blissfield), 4—Karp (Gabriel Richard), 5—WHITE (SALINE). Time—:20.73.

TWO-MILE RUN: 1—Jeff Doyle (Riverview), 2—Wiley (Grosse Ile), 3—Coaker (Flat Rock), 4—Lareau (Riverview), 5—MARTIN (SALINE). Time—10:05.20. New meet record, old record, 10:09.7 by Bud Duba of Grosse Ile, 1969.

220-YARD DASH: 1—Tom Budzyn (Gabriel Richard), 2—Edge (New Boston), 3—Stutzman (Blissfield), 4—GIRBACH (SALINE), 5—Smith (New Boston). Time—:22.98.

MILE RELAY: 1—Monroe Catholic Central, 2—SALINE, 3—Grosse Ile, 4—BLISSFIELD, 5—Riverview. Time—3:31.4.

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