

MICHIGAN, EVENING SENTINEL

Henson 1st Panther To Capture State Crown

By United Press International

Dave Henson, West Ottawa's crack pole vaulter became the school's first state track champion Saturday in the Class B meet held at Michigan Center.

Henson cleared 13' 4" to win first place and led the Panthers to a eighth spot in the team standings with 14 1/2 markers.

Holly won the crown with 38 markers while Ecorse was second at 28. Grand Rapids Catholic was third with 27 1/2 points followed by Mt. Morris at 23, Muskegon Heights 17 and Greenville 15.

Jon Helder broke his own school record in the 440-yard run with a time of 50.8 by finishing in a tie for seventh place and also placed third in the long jump at 21' 6 1/2".

The mile relay team of Jon Helder, Mark Tucker, Denny Oosterbaan and Jeff Helder set a new school mark by placing 11th with a time of 3:30.3.

Other Panthers competing in the state meet but didn't place were Steve Owen and Dan Troost in the pole vault.

"I felt that we should have done better," said Coach Norm Bredeweg.

These Class A youngsters gave future Michigan high school track stars quite a bit of something to shoot at—seven records.

A human bullet named Marshall Dill set two of them and was in on the making of a third Saturday as he paced racing Detroit Northern to an easy Class A win, 54 points to runnerup East Lansing's 32, in the state prep track championships.

The Class C championships, at Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant, went to Detroit Country Day, 46 to 39 for runnerup Muskegon Christian, while Unionville improved from 10th a year ago to take its second Class D title in history by a 74-46 1-2 margin over second place Camden-Frontier at Ferris State in Big Rapids.

Dill set a new 100-yard dash mark of 9.6 seconds, better than even former schoolboy star Herb Washington has ever done on his home college track, and his winning effort of 20.6 in the 220 was eight-tenths of one second lower than has ever been done by a high schooler.

The new standard in the 100 is two-tenths lower than either Washington or seven other youngsters had ever done in the state.

Mount Clemens' Ron Gathright, the state heavyweight



Dave Henson . . . first in pole vault

wrestling king, established a new Michigan shot put barrier of 69-feet, one-inch; Dave Baker of Flint Kearsley lowered the low-mile record by a half-second to 9:15.4; Hayes Jones' 1956 long jump mark went out to John Ross of Detroit Mackenzie at 23-feet, 11-inches; the 440 was dropped to :48.0 by Stan Vinson of Detroit Chabrey; and the high jump record of 6-foot-8 was equalled by Dean Oosterhout of East Lansing.

The 120-yard high hurdles standard in Class C was clipped to :14.6 seconds by Gary Veerink but Jack McClellan and sophomore Dave Ratajack dominated things for winning Country Day. McClellan won the 100 yard and 220-yard dashes with 10.2 and 22.3 times while Ratajack was third in the 100, fifth in the 220 and helped out on the 330-yard relay winner with McClellan.

Carson City Crystal's Mike Burns lowered the Class C mile record to 4:23.1 and George Reader of Mason County Central upped the pole vault standard to 13-feet, 1 1/4 inches.

Rod Seder of Arenac Eastern set the lone Class D mark of the meet with a pole vault of 13-feet, 1 1/4-inches. The record of 10.2 in the 100 - yard dash was equalled by its holder, Edward Robinson of the Michigan School for the Deaf team. He also won the 220 in :22.5.

Holland's Rich Fetters competed in the Class A pole vault event but didn't place.

Hamilton's Randy Busscher placed second in the 120-yard high hurdles and was third in the 180-yard low hurdles. Busscher's 15.9 time in the high's broke his own school mark.

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