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### Bullock Creek's High Jump Champion

Junior Jesse Myers shows the form that enabled him to win the state Class B Saturday with a leap of 6-3.

## Carrollton Star Captures State Hurdles Crown

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MICHIGAN CENTER — Track and field athletes, wearing sweatsuits in every color under the sun, descended upon this sylvan setting Southeast of Jackson Saturday.

Their quest? To be the best in their particular specialties in the Class B state high school track championships. Carrollton's Dean Somerfield was one of the athletes that earned the label "state champion" here.

Somerfield streaked to a 20-second flat clocking in the final run of the 180-yard low hurdle event, to become the first state title holder in the school's history.

Making the feat even more impressive was the fact that the event was run on a curve, the first time Somerfield had encountered such conditions. During the course of the day's elimination runs he shaved five-tenths of a second off his first heat time of 20.5 seconds.

"He looked real bad until he got to the first hurdle in the first heat of the day," said Carrollton track coach Doug Gingrich. "After that he seemed to hit his stride. We figured that he could place in the top three, but I was really thrilled when he won it."

Somerfield echoed the appraisal of his chances when he said, "From the times in the semi's, it looked like I'd finish third."

As a sophomore, Somerfield tried to compete in the 220 and the 880 relay as well as the low hurdles, and he said, "I just didn't have anything left." Gingrich explained the strategy of holding Somerfield out of the other two events this year, even though he qualified for them. "You have to be really high caliber just to place in the state. We felt it would be difficult to try getting through the semifinals in the hurdles if he had to concentrate in the other events. We wanted to just let him do the one thing and give it an all-out effort . . . and it worked."

After one false start, the final field in the low hurdles got back down into the starting blocks. When the final run began, Somerfield, running in one of the middle lanes, was not in the lead. At the halfway point he edged into second place, and when the course moved on to the straightaway

he turned on the steam to run past the competition.

A quiet youngster, Gingrich says he doesn't work at getting Somerfield "up." "his motivation comes from within himself and he works very hard," Gingrich said.

Somerfield excels at football and basketball as well as track, and he claims he has no one favorite sport. "Whatever sport that is in season is the one I like," Somerfield said. "I think you have to work harder at track, than you do with the others, though."

Somerfield's victory capped what Gingrich called, "the most successful track season in the school's history." The Cavaliers were unbeaten in dual and triangular competition for the second year in a row and captured first place in the Chesaning Relays, Oscoda Invitational, Northern B Conference and the Cass City Regional.

"We're going to let Dean compete in as many events as he is eligible for in the Herb Korf Invitational next week," Gingrich said. "He's also going to the Champion of Champions meet at Kalamazoo. We know he's looking forward to competing with athletes in other classes and we think he'll do well."

Bullock Creek's Jesse Myers was the only other "News area athlete to win a Class B state title here. Myers, also a junior, captured first place in the high jump with a leap of 6-3. Both Somerfield and Myers could be

in line for state records next year at this time.

Other area performers that placed in the state competition included, Chesaning's John Hobson (sixth in the 880); St. Louis' Andy Kovac (fourth in the mile); Bullock Creek's Terry Schalk (eighth in the 100-yard dash); Tom Robertson of Alma (fourth in the 220-yard dash); Caro's Al Michalak and Bullock Creek's Mike Parsons (fifth and eighth respectively in the shot put); and Alma's 880 relay team placed 10th in that event.

Two-time football all-state, Greg Meter of Saginaw St. Stephen's, won his 440-yard dash heat, but failed to place in the top eight for the event.

Despite the lack of a single first place, Holly captured the over-all team championship. Second and third place finishes helped Holly pile up 38 points. Defending champion Ecorse was second with 28. Following in order were Grand Rapids West Catholic, 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Mount Morris, 23 and Muskegon Heights at 16.

Mount Morris' Roy Young, who totaled all of his team's 23 points, streaked to a 9.6 second clocking in the 100-yard dash to set a state record. He also placed first in the 220-yard dash.

The only other record to fall Saturday came in the 880 relay where Grand Rapids West Catholic's quartet of Pat Sobel, Greg Herda, Rick Jackson and Larry Kubiak were clocked at 1:30 flat.

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