

Sexton Athletes Better 2 Marks in Kiwanis Relays

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Ordinarily, when a prep track team's star pole vaulter has an off day, in a very competitive meet, it can kiss that event good-bye.

When the team is Sexton, though, that doesn't always hold true.

Mike Nicholas stands ready, willing and increasingly able to step into the void anytime city record holder Tom Linton isn't quite up to par.

Nicholas stepped in Saturday in a big way, authoring the finest vault of his career, 13-6, to bring the Big Reds a victory, and a meet record, in the final event of the East Lansing Kiwanis Relays.

The trio of Nicholas, Linton, who made 12-6, and Mark Fine-out actually tied Kalamazoo Loy Norrix in height, with a combined 38-6, but had fewer misses along the way.

BORROWED POLE

Nicholas did it with a pole borrowed from Jeff Wonch of East Lansing, who probably has mixed emotions about the loan. It isn't that he begrudges Nicholas his success. But, on his second try at clearing 14-0, Nicholas broke the pole.

Wonch had become rather fond of that catapult, after clearing 13-7½, the second best vault in East Lansing history, with it earlier in the week.

Now, he'll have to break in another one.

The record effort was one of three produced in the 15-event meet. Sexton also claimed another mark—the shuttle hurdle relay combination of Rick Leweke, Fred Ford, Joe Carter and Bob Hosley edged East Lansing with a 65.4 time.

The Trojans also were under the old record in 56.5, with the foursome of Dan Riley, Paul Timnick, Dave Rohman and Steve Dart.

St. Joseph's four-mile relay literally destroyed the old record, bettering it by almost a minute and 10 seconds with a time of 17:52.7. Ann Arbor Pioneer had set the previous mark, 19:01.8, last spring.

Unofficially (there are no official records on such events), St. Joseph's time was the best ever run in the state by a prep team. The Bears averaged 4:28 and a fraction per runner.

One of the finest individual performances of the meet got the author exactly nothing, except a school record and the satisfaction of knowing that he did it. Everett shot putter Des Francis boosted his season best by almost one and one-half feet with a throw of 57-4½.

Only one city prep has ever done better, former Sexton city record holder Lowell Wade.

Francis didn't qualify for a medal (awards went to the first three finishers in each event) because Everett finished fourth with a three-man

total of 131-11.

Trojan high jumper Dean Ousterhout, who already ranks as the best ever to perform here in his specialty, had an excellent day, too. And, he didn't go home empty-handed.

Ousterhout cleared 6-6, three-quarters short of his own record, to lead East Lansing to success with a three-man height of 18-2. Jeff Blair and Wonch joined him to form the winning combination.

Eastern's collection of speedsters also found it a very profitable afternoon.

Tom Loveless, Al Martin, Greg Terry and Ambrose Pikes parlayed talents to capture both the 440 and 880 relays, with respective clockings of 44 seconds flat and 1:29.7, the latter the city's best time of the season.

THREE FIRSTS

Pikes then took the open 100, in 10.3, to annex his third first place award and defeat his chief rivals for the title of Lansing's fastest prep, Curt Long of Sexton and Dan Riley of East Lansing.

Sexton's long jump threesome of Charlie and Fred Ford and Curt Long was the picture

of consistency, all leaping between 20-1¼ and 20-6¼ to take the event with a combined 60-10¼.

Hurdles standout Dart of East Lansing had things very much his own way in the only individual hurdles event contested, the highs, whipping his nearest challenger, Okemos' Steve Smith, by seven-tenths with a time of 14.8.

East Lansing also logged the only other local triumph in the distance medley relay, Dave Whitney, Jim Mueller, Ken Lienbach and Ron Peabody putting together a 10:47.9.

KIWANIS RELAYS

Four-Mile Relay—1. St. Joseph, 17:52.7 (meet record); 2. Jackson, 18:43.1; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 19:01.8.
440-Yard Relay—1. Eastern (Loveless, Martin, Terry, Pikes), 44.0; 2. Sexton (Leweke, Lewis, Hosley, Long), 44.3; 3. (tie) Everett (Williams, Ardister, Gaunt, Towns) and Loy Norrix, 45.5.
880-Yard Relay—1. Loy Norrix, 2:05.6; 2. Eastern (DeLono, Knapp, Britton, Cornelli), 2:07.5; 3. Okemos (Bartow, Spaeth, Lucas, Ellison), 2:15.5.
Shuttle Hurdle Relay—1. Sexton (Leweke, Ford, Carter, Hosley), 56.4 (meet record); 2. East Lansing (Riley, Timnick, Rohman, Dart), 56.4; 3. Everett (Neely, Williams, Norris, Esig), 59.6.
Distance Medley Relay—1. East Lansing (Whitney, Mueller, Lienbach, Peabody), 10:47.9; 2. Sexton (DeStasio, Carter, Avais, Goodman), 10:50.8; 3. Loy Norrix, 11:12.1.
880-Yard Relay—1. Eastern (Loveless, Martin, Terry, Pikes), 1:29.7; 2. Sexton (Leweke, Lewis, Hosley, Long), 1:30.4; 3. Everett (Williams, Ardister, Gaunt, Towns), 1:33.5.
Two-Mile Run—1. Hudson (St. Joseph), 9:59.9; 2. Honma (East Lansing), 10:00.4; 3. Clear (Eastern), 10:56.1.
Shot Put Relay—1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:55.9; 2. Loy Norrix, 1:59-10; 3. East Lansing (O'Leary, Dennis, McCárlev), 1:56.2.
High Hurdles—1. Dart (East Lansing), 14.8; 2. Smith (Okemos), 15.4; 3. Selmer (St. Joseph), 15.6.
Sprint Medley Relay—1. Battle Creek Central, 3:41.3; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 3:47.7; 3. Eastern (DeLono, Martin, Terry, Knapp), 3:50.0.
100-Yard Dash—1. Pikes (Eastern), 10.3; 2. Long (Sexton), 10.4; 3. Riley (East Lansing), 11.5.
Long Jump Relay—1. Sexton (C. Ford, F. Ford, Long), 69-10¼; 2. Eastern (Terry, Martin, Coulman), 59-2; 3. East Lansing (Timnick, Short, Stone), 55-5½.
High Jump Relay—1. East Lansing (Ousterhout, Blair, Wonch), 18-2; 2. Jackson, 18-6; 3. Sexton (Pearl, Allen, Nixon), 17-10.
Mile Relay—1. St. Joseph, 3:27.2; 2. Ann Arbor Eastern (Cornell, Smieska, Martin, Britton), 3:28.6.
Pole Vault Relay—1. Sexton (Nicholas, Linton, Fineout), 36-6 (meet record); 2. Loy Norrix, 36-6; 3. St. Joseph, 33-4.

Spartans Set Marks In Track Victory

Bob Casselman hustled off a the high hurdles and Eric Allen

CMU Frosh Win Final Two Games

MT. PLEASANT — Whipping Grand Valley State College's varsity baseball team, 5-0 and 8-2, here Saturday, Central Michigan's freshmen closed out the 1971 season with a 15-4 record.

Lake Odessa's Mark Lake paced the Chippewas' 14th win in the last 15 games with run scoring doubles in each game

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