

Hits 9:08.1 at Journal Relays

Davey Rips 2-Mile Record

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Athletic excellence is a tradition in the Birmingham household of Chuck Davey, and young son Pat Davey intends to live up to his heritage.

If the 16-year-old Birmingham Brother Rice junior continues at his present pace, in fact, he'll do more than honor the tradition — he'll establish a chapter all his own.

YOUNG DAVEY wrote a spectacular story Saturday night, in the Class A section of The State Journal-Spartan Relays at Jenison Fieldhouse.

He brought the crowd of approximately 3,000 to its feet with one of the most superlative two-mile efforts in the history of high school track — not just Michigan, but anywhere.

Davey stopped the clock in 9:08.1, almost 11 seconds under the previous meet record set last year by Nick Ellis, and more than six seconds better than the state outdoor mark.

THE TIME was reportedly the 15th best prep two-mile ever run, indoors or out, and Davey was rewarded for his feat by being named the meet's outstanding athlete.

His father Chuck Davey is a former boxing star, both as an amateur in his undergraduate days at Michigan State, later

as a professional. He is now the state's commissioner of boxing, and was in the crowd Saturday to witness his son's great run.

Davey's effort was one of three record-breakers among the first four events contested.

DEFENDING MEET and state champion shotputter Wayne Bouvier of Washington Eisenhower started the brief record spree by shattering the old mark in his specialty with a heave of 59-4 1/2.

Not long afterwards, Ann Arbor Huron stepped into the spotlight by charging to victory in the two-mile relay in eight minutes flat, thanks to a sizzling 1:55-plus anchor leg by versatile Don Hubbard.

The standard Huron lowered had been set only last year by its arch-rival, Ann Arbor Pioneer, which did 8:01.6.

AT THE other end of the luck spectrum was Sexton's splendid sprinter Curt Long.

Runner-up in the 60-yard dash last year, Long again worked his way to the finals, in the process running just as well as any of the competition, including Saginaw's Reggie Jones, defending state champion in the 100 and 220.

Long was fighting for the lead three-quarters of the way to the tape in the finals when he suddenly tumbled to the track, stopped cold by a pulled muscle.

PAUL POZEGA, coach of the Big Reds, was hopeful that Long would be available for duty within the next two weeks.

Jones went on to win in 6.3 seconds, the same time credited to both the second and third place finishers. No one has ever run faster in this meet but world record holder Herb Washington.

Hurdler Bob Cornwell of Mt. Clemens put his team in command of the battle for the first place trophy with outstanding successes in both the high and low sticks.

In each event, Cornwell missed the meet record by just a tenth of a second with times of 8.5 seconds in the highs, 8.0 in the lows.

Mt. Clemens tallied a very strong 28 team points in its runaway victory, and Cornwell accounted for 12 of them. It was the second highest winning total in the history of the Class A meet, exceeded only by Flint Southwestern's remarkable 39-point accumulation in 1966.

Mt. Clemens' triumph was not a surprise. It came into the meet a slight favorite after scoring an easy victory in a similar relay meet entertained by Eastern Michigan last weekend.

Pontiac Central was second, 11 points off the pace. The only points were

chalked up by Sexton, Harry Hill and East Lansing.

The Big Reds, whose scoring potential was severely damaged by Long's injury, tallied 3 1/2 points on vaulter Mark Finneout's 12-6 leap into a tie for second place.

Harry Hill picked up a pair of points when the swift shuttle hurdle relay combination of Don Creagh, Clarence Hassel, Ron Green and John Stallworth captured fourth place. Miler Ken Leinbach supplied

East Lansing with a point by placing fifth. Leinbach's 4:30.9 clocking was only three seconds off the winning pace.

As had been the case one night earlier in the Class B-C section of The State Journal Relays, very nearly half the teams in the starting field got into the scoring column.

A total of 103 schools, an all-time high, showed up for the start of Saturday's action, and when the final race had been run, 43 of the 103 had scored at least a single point.

CLASS A SUMMARY

Pole Vault—1, Rick Youngs (Adrian), 13-4; 2, (tie) Mark Finneout (Sexton) and Paul Wiers (Gville); 4, Don Slot (G.R.E. Kentwood); 5, Brian Likala (Flint NW).
Shot Put—1, Wayne Bouvier (Eisenhower), 59-4 1/2 (meet record, old 58-8 by Steve Nelson, Battle Creek Central, '70); 2, Bob Elliott (Pioneer); 3, Dan Bivkema (Gville); 4, Doug Treen (Mt. Pleasant); 5, Paul Vendetti (S.S. Lakeview).
Sprint Medley Relay—1, Birmingham Groves; 2:33.0; 2, Mt. Clemens; 3, Midland; 4, Pontiac Central; 5, Detroit Freshman.
60-Yard Dash—1, Reggie Jones (Saginaw), 6.3; 2, Lucky Smith (Pont Central); 3, Ken Dolor (Gr. Pte North); 4, Mark Carrington (Flint SW); 5, Henri Steton (Oak Park).
70 Low Hurdles—1, Cornwell (Mt. Clemens), 8.0; 2, Allen (Jax Park); 3, Dan Lanning (G.R.E. Kentwood); 4, Bakerman (Sfield); 5, Bill Mitchell (Pont Cent).
2-Mile Relay—1, Ann Arbor Huron, 8:00.0 (meet record, old 8:01.6 by Pioneer, '72); 2, Mt. Clemens; 3, Grosse Pointe North; 4, Flint Kearsley; 5, Grand Rapids E. Kentwood.
2-Mile Run—1, Pat Davey (Birm Bro Rice), 9:08.1 (meet record, old 9:19 by Nick Ellis, Det Cooley, '72); 2, Joe Dixon (Flint Kearsley); 3, Dave Morton (Pioneer); 4, Don Brinkman (Warren Ling); 5, Paul Zucker (Sag. Art Hill).
70 High Hurdles—1, Bob Cornwell (Mt. Clemens), 8.5; 2, Mark Allen (Jax Park); 3, Tom Bakerman (Sfield); 4, Jeff Allen (Gr. Blanc); 5, Marc Lawrence (Water Mill).
800 Relay—1, Pontiac Central, 1:33.8; 2, Grosse Pointe North; 3, Flint Central; 4, Mt. Clemens; 5, Detroit Northwestern.
High Jump—1, Gerald Stribling (Flint

NW), 6-3; 2, Tony Brown (Flint N); 3, Henry Harris (Jax Park); 4, Craig Thomas (Swartz Creek); 5, Steve Cole (Adrian).
Long Jump—1, Stan Beeffeld (High Park), 21-4 1/2; 2, Art Little (Det. Cooley); 3, Laraine Smith (Det. Mackenzie); 4, Scott Bierke (Det. Red Union); 5, Otzell Sterling (Det. SE).
Mile Run—1, Kurt Holland (Trenton), 4:27.4; 2, Jim Lockwood (Westland Glenn); 3, Dan Wischer (Dearborn); 4, Dick Hadler (Pioneer); 5, Ken Leinbach (E. Lansing).
Shuttle Hurdle Relay—1, Flint Central, 25.6; 2, Pontiac Central; 3, Dearborn; 4, Harry Hill (Don Creagh, Clarence Hassel, Ron Green, John Stallworth); 5, Flint Kearsley.
Mile Relay—1, Mt. Clemens, 3:30.7; 2, Ann Arbor Huron; 3, Flint Northern; 4, Grand Rapids E. Kentwood; 5, Grand Rapids Central.
Team Scoring—Mt. Clemens 28, Pontiac Central 17, Jackson Parkside 11, Ann Arbor Huron and Grosse Pte North 10, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Flint Central 9, Grand Rapids E. Kentwood 8, Flint Kearsley, Flint Northern, Adrian, Flint Northwestern, all 7; Grandville 6 1/2, Washington Eisenhower, Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham Groves, Saginaw, Highland Park, Trenton, Dearborn all 6.
Scotthield 5, Detroit Cooley and Westland Glenn 4, Sexton 3 1/2, Midland and Detroit Mackenzie 3, Harry Hill, Warren Lincoln, Grand Blanc, Mt. Pleasant, Flint Southwestern, Swartz Creek, Detroit Redford Union all 2.
East Lansing, St. Claire Shores Lakeview, Waterford Mott, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Detroit Pershing, Oak Park, Detroit Northwestern, Detroit Southeastern, Grand Rapids Central all 1.

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