

Onstott Helps Score 31 of Sharks' 48 Points

St. Louis Places Second in 'C' Meet

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MOUNT PLEASANT—St. Louis, led by an outstanding performance by junior Sam Onstott, finished a surprising second in the 66th running of the Class C state track meet held Saturday under cloudy skies in Mount Pleasant.

Detroit St. Martin De Porres repeated as Class C state champ by amassing a whopping 73 points to St. Louis' 48 points. Beaverton made the second best performance of area schools by gaining 16 points and taking eighth place.

The rest of the area teams couldn't score any more than ten points. Unionville-Sebewaing, a regional champion, finished a disappointing 31st, and SS. Peter and Paul's picked up three points to notch 47th

place. St. Stephen's did not score in the meet. Onstott finished first in the long jump with a 21-9½ leap, second in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and anchored St. Louis' second place effort in the 440-yard relay. He helped account for 31 of the Sharks' 48 points.

"Today's performance is something Sam has been working towards for a long time," said St. Louis coach John Milne. "I don't know anyone who works any harder."

Onstott's seconds were behind Dave Ratajack of Detroit Country Day who won both dash events. Ratajack did a 10.3 in the 100 and a 22.2 in the 220 while Onstott was clocked at 10.4 in the 100 and 22.5 in the 220. The only other first place finish among area performers was also by a Shark.

Andy Kovac won the mile run with a time of 4:27.5.

"Our goal was to get over 30 points," said Milne. "Today's performance came as a pleasant surprise."

Three state records were broken and a fourth tied as the athletes were hampered somewhat by the unseasonably cool weather.

The most impressive record shattering came in the pole vault as six of the top eight finishers broke the old mark of 13-0. Four vaulters cleared 13-4. A key reason for the fine performances is that many of the athletes that the schools represented were Class B last year. The recent changes in the standards to determine classes moved many of the teams to Class C this season.

Steve Wren of Haslett ended up winning

the pole vault with a 14-1 leap. Don Teal of Clare finished third and Gary Mocklem of Beaverton finished sixth.

James Keller of Cassopolis ran the two-mile in 9:48.4 and the De Porres team clocked 44.1 in the 440-yard relay event to set other state marks.

Alan Baker of De Porres tied the 120-yard high hurdles mark with a 14.6. Baker also won the low hurdles and ran on all of the Detroit school's winning relay teams.

St. Louis finished second in two of the relay events to add to their total. The team of Randy Devine, Doug LaLone, Jake Rojas, and Andy Kovac finished second in the mile relay with a 3:34.4 and Joe Vettere, Jim Boyd, Jim McPherson and Onstott gave St. Louis a second in the 440 with a 44.5.

SS. Peter and Paul's had two athletes place in the competition. Kevin Martin finished eighth in the mile run with a 4:34.3 and Fred Dashner finished seventh in the 180-low hurdles with a 21.3.

Freeland's Tom Halm came up with a fine performance in the two mile finishing third with a 9:58.3. Chris Glowacki of Shepherd also placed finishing second in the 880-yard run with a 1:58.6 timing.

Four athletes placed behind Onstott's winning distance in the long jump. Steve Brown of Beaverton finished second, Alan Strelter of Unionville-Sebewaing finished fifth, Bill Schepperley of Clare seventh and Neal Rollar of USA eighth.

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Caro's Harwick, MacArthur's Yeo Star in State Class B Track Meet

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FLINT—Caro's Rick Harwick and Douglas MacArthur's Bill Yeo presented opposite sides of the argument on specialization in sports here Saturday in the Class "B" State High School Track and Field Finals.

Even though Harwick had the fourth fastest qualifying time of all the entries in the 220-yard dash, he decided to put all his marbles on the 440-yard sprint.

Yeo, on the other hand, decided to compete in all three events he was entitled to as a result of Regional qualifying.

Both did extremely well to pace a large group of News' Area trackmen in the "B" State Finals.

Harwick won the state championship in the 440 with a time of 49.9 seconds. Yeo placed in every event, he tried to score 16

points for his team, although he wasn't able to bring home a state title.

"I dropped out of the 220, even though I felt I could make the finals, because I thought it would take an edge off my 440," said Harwick, who finished fourth in the event in last year's state finals.

Harwick and Yeo ran in the same heat of the 440-yard dash. The Caro sprinter was one-tenth of a second faster on the outside lane than Robert Johnson of Port Huron Catholic, who was dueling Yeo on the inside edge of the track. Johnson finished second at 50 seconds flat. Yeo ended up fourth with a clocking of 50.3 seconds. Scott Hofstetter of Fenton sneaked into third place by winning another heat race.

Yeo's best finish came in the long jump where he placed second. Port Huron's Johnson went 22-feet-9 to win the event. Yeo went 21-feet-10½.

The Douglas MacArthur flash also placed fifth in the 200-yard dash with a 22.8 second clocking. Bullock Creek's Phil Bejcek was fourth with the same time. The 220 was won by Dearborn Heights Robichaud's Andre Jacobs in 22.2 seconds.

Bejcek also finished fourth in the 100-yard dash with a 10.3 seconds clocking.

Other News' Area athletes who placed in the "B" competition included: Dave Bannerman of Frankenmuth, third in the 180-yard low hurdles (20.4 seconds); Bill Esckeslson of Vassar, third in the 880-yard run (1:58.1); Larry Martin of Vassar, fourth in the 120-yard high hurdles (15.3 seconds); and Jim Lothrop of Millington, sixth in the shot put (48-10½).

One Class "B" state record was broken Saturday. Greg Meyer of Grand Rapids West Catholic ran the mile in 4:14.9 to chop five seconds off the old record, set in 1967 by Ronald Strang of Detroit Lutheran West.

Mt. Morris equalled the state record in the 440-yard relay at 43.9 seconds. The record was set last year by Oxford.

But back to the argument on specializing. Yeo was asked if he had it to do over again, would he do it the same way. There was a long pause. "I don't know. I'd have to compare my times with the other qualifiers to see where I stood," said Yeo. He should have that chance to compare since he is a junior. "I'll be back next year," said Yeo.

Ecorse won the team championship with 43 points. Dearborn Heights Robichaud was second with 29 points, Grand Rapids West Catholic third with 26 and Port Huron Catholic Central fourth with 22. MacArthur was the top News' Area team with 16 points, all Yeo's.

Mary Ann Opalewski Breaks Mile Record In Ohio Track Meet

DAYTON, Ohio — Saginaw's Mary Ann Opalewski broke the record for the mile run in the Miami Valley Track and Field Meet, sanctioned by the AAU, here Saturday.

Miss Opalewski, competing in the Girls' 12-13 age division, ran the mile in 5:23, to break the meet record by a full five seconds.

Rogien, Relay Teams Pace MLS to 5th Place Finish

CARO—Michigan Lutheran Seminary, sparked by Keith Rogien, placed in five events and took fifth over-all in the Class D state track finals at Caro High School Saturday.

Rogien was third in the 220 at 23.0, and took fifth in the pole vault with a leap of 11-3.

The Cardinals also got a lot of mileage out of their relay teams. They took third in the 880 relay in a tie with Onckama, and sixth in the mile relay.

Mark Dretrich, Jeff Long, Gary Fahnenstiel and Keith Rogien were clocked at 1:35.0 in the 880 relay. Dretrich joined Russell Becker, John Rossman and Rich Dreiske in the mile relay for a 3:38.1 time.

Mendon, behind the running of Lloyd Wilds, won the team championship with 74 points. Grass Lake was a distant second with 42, followed by Grosse Pointe Liggett at 32½ and Bridgeman at 30.

Akron-Fairgrove, second in the Cass City Regional a week ago, got a fifth from Rich Russell in the shot put with a toss of 47-6.

Wilds won the 440 and 880 events plus ran a leg of Mendon's win in the mile relay. Wilds' time of 1:56.8 broke his own record of 1:59.75 in the 880.

Four other records were set in the meet. Ann Arbor St. Thomas' Len Lillard won the high jump with a record leap of 6-3. Mendon's Tom Courtney set the new standard in the mile at 4:21.3. Dwight Jones of Liggett won the 100 with a record-setting time of 9.9, and the final record was set by

Lawton's Greg Sanderson with a winning effort of 9:38.0 in the two mile.

Almont's Bob Marshall tied a record in the high hurdles with a 15.3 time.

City Recreation Softball Notices

Entries are still being accepted for the Saginaw Recreation Pro-Am Sports Classes C-D Men's Invitational Softball Tournament set for mid-June.

A maximum of 32 teams will be taken into the tourney, which is unique in that it is conducted over a two-weekend period. The tournament is open to any team which competed in Class C or Class D in last year's state tournaments, or a team of comparable strength.

The teams will engage in single-elimination play on the first weekend, June 15-16. The eight surviving squads from this phase will advance to double-elimination action on June 22-24. All games will be played at Saginaw's Hoyt Park.

Deadline for a team entry is June 1 at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Teams may not use "pick up" players until the final weekend, when each squad may add two such men.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Saginaw Recreation Division at Hoyt Park, 1574 S Washington. Telephone 753-5447

Millington Edges Flint Atherton In District Game

Millington edged Flint Atherton, 3-2, in a Class B pre-district tournament baseball game Saturday.

The Cardinals scored the winning run in the eighth inning on pitcher Tony Fisher's bases-loaded single. Fisher gave up seven hits to raise his season record to a perfect 5-0. Millington will meet Flint Bentley next Saturday.

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