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State track Little area teams score

It was a bad day for the big schools Saturday but Class C New Haven and Class D Carsonville and Almont came on with some fine performances in the state high school track finals.

Port Huron High and Port Huron Northern had only Big Red Dave Nichols' seventh place finish in the long jump (21-feet-10½) to show for their trip to the Class A finals in East Lansing.

Port Huron two-miler Pete Maxwell, ranked among the best in the state, failed to place.

But the news was a lot better at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant where New Haven scored 23 points to place fourth in the Class C championships.

And at Caro where Carsonville totaled 22½ and Almont 20 to place seventh and ninth, respectively, in the Class D finals.

At Mt. Pleasant, New Haven's Don Sims keyed the Rocket effort by placing

second in the high hurdles and fourth in the lows.

Sims' time of :14.7 in the highs was the quickest in the area this spring and was just one-tenth of a second off the state Class C record.

Alan Banker of Detroit St. Martin DePorres, the state team champion with 73 points, tied the mark of :14.6 in winning the event.

Sims clocked :20.4 in the lows, which ties for the fastest time in the area this year.

Other New Haven points came in the 440-yard and mile relays.

A Rocket quartet comprised of Sims, Roy Walker, Craig Smith and Keith Young finished third and the 440 relay and snapped the area record in the process.

The New Haven time of :44.5 bettered the old mark of :44.7 set by Vassar last year.

In the mile relay, Rockets Don Mulak, Young, Jim Henry and Sylve-

ster Henry ran a 3:36.0 to place eighth.

Dennis Kegler of Capac, a Southern Thumb Association school like New Haven, placed eighth in the shot put with a heave of 48-feet-4-3/4.

The Gekle brothers of Ubly, Bob and Ron, scored the other area points in Class C.

Ron ran a :20.5 to finish fifth in the low hurdles and a :15.5 to place sixth in the highs.

Brother Bob took seventh in the highs at :15.6.

Up at Caro in the Class D finals, Almont hurdler Bob Marshall turned it on for the Raiders of the STA.

Marshall tied the state record in winning the high hurdles in :15.3 and then came back to place second in the lows with a clocking of :20.65.

Marshall also ran on the Almont 440-yard relay team that ran a :46.2 to place sixth.

Led by sprinter Jim Lechnyr, Carsonville scored its points by taking a first, two fourths and an eighth.

Lechnyr anchored the winning 880-yard relay team that turned in a 1:34.4 time.

Lechnyr's brothers, John and Jack, also ran on the team along with Jim Winkley.

Lechnyr — Jim that is — then came back to take individual fourth place finishes in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

He ran a :10.5 in the 100 and a :23.1 in the 220.

The other Carsonville points were recorded in the 440-yard relay where the same foursome that won the 880 event took eighth in :46.5.

Another first was picked off by Caseville's Dave Quinn in the long jump. His winning leap was 20-feet-14.

John LaLonde of Marine City Holy Cross ran a 4:49.0 to finish eighth in the mile run.

Indiana's Nick Ellis.

Farmington's Mike McQuire set the day's only new state record. He did the two-mile in 9:12—2.8 seconds better than the 1972 run made by Detroit's Nick Ellis.

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Jones sprints Saginaw to 'A' win

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Reggie Jones outclassed the competition Saturday with two individual victories and a share in a third to lead Saginaw to the Class A State High School Track Championship.

Jones also retained last year's crown by winning the 100- and 220-yard dashes for the second straight year. He also anchored the winning 880-yard relay as Saginaw, with 41 points, topped Pontiac Central by six points.

Grosse Pointe North was third with 26.

Jones—who tied one of the three state records matched Saturday—was the only double winner in the meet.

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Jones tied the 1971 Marshall Dill record of 9.6. Dill, who now races for Michigan State, was with Detroit Northern at the time.

Detroit Osborn's Kelsey Johnson tied the long jump record set by Detroit MacKenzie's John Ross in 1971 with a leap of 23-feet-11.

Detroit Kettering tied Oak Park's 1972 440-relay record of 42.9. Oak Park, which won last year's championship, was an also-ran Saturday.

The only other defending champion who kept his crown Saturday was shot putter Wayne Bouvier of Washington Eisenhower.

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Weather

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stormy weather and contrary engines made Saturday a total loss in the next-to-last session of time trials for the 57th running of the 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway May 28.

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