

Pat Davey Tops Own 2-Mile Mark

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It's a shame Pat Davey must accept his high school di-ploma this spring. Not for Davey himself.

Bright new horizons await him in the world of higher learning.

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BUT, WITHOUT Davey to provide it, The State Journal-Spartan Relays, Class A style, could come up somewhat short in the excitement department next year.

The slender Birmingham Brother Rice senior produced again Saturday night, in Jenison Fieldhouse. Davey literally outdid himself this time.

With famous father Chuck Davey (former welterweight contender) looking on, Pat blazed to the greatest two-mile in Michigan prep history, nearly lapping the field before breaking the tape in 9:03.0.

THE MAGNIFICENT per-formance shattered his own meet record of 9:08.1, estab-lished in 1973. Davey, whose father won NCAA boxing title at Michigan State, becomes one of only seven individuals to score back-to-back victories in the 11-year history of the gi-gantic meet.

He's the only one ever to produce clear-cut, back-to-back records in the same ev-ent.

ent. Davey's excellence oversha-

dowed all else that took place in the meet, including the Lan-sing area's finest perform-ance, and a runaway conquest of the team title by Pontiac Central.

HAROLD CODY of Grand Ledge suffered the most, be-cause he was a direct victim. Cody matched Davey stride-for-stride until the mile mark (both clocked 4:30), when he had to back off too far, though, finishing second in 9:26.3, one of the finest times ever in Mid-Michigan. Pontiac Central hardly no-

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Pontiac Central hardly noticed that it had been upstaged. The Chiefs were too busy concentrating on making a mockery of an expectedly tough battle for the team title. Their 45 points exceeded by six the previous record of 39, set by Flint Southwestern way back in 1966. Pontiac's seven first places—that means it won half the events on the program—is two more than Southwestern collected in '66.
Pontiac added the shuttle hurdle and mile relays in rapid succession. The only relay it didn't win was the two-mile, taken by Ann Arbor Pioneer. Not entirely by coincidence. Pioneer finished second in the meet with 24 points.
IN AN ordinary year, 24 might have been good enough to win.

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