

## Pioneer Sweeps To Seven-A Title

# Doug Hennigar — :09.6 In The 100

FINAL DUAL MEET STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pts
PIONEER HIGH	6	0	1,200
Jackson	3	1	333
Battle Creek Central	4	2	267
Kalamazoo Central	3	3	200
Lansing Eastern	2	4	133
Ypsilanti	1	5	167
Lansing Sexton	0	6	0

TEAM POINT STANDINGS (credit towards championships in parenthesis)			
PIONEER HIGH	119	(14)	Kalamazoo Central 56 1/2 (13)
Battle Creek Central	11	(0)	Ypsilanti 67 1/2 (8)
Lansing Eastern	9	(4)	Jackson 39 (4)
Lansing Sexton	2	(2)	

FINAL STANDINGS			
PIONEER HIGH	20	Kalamazoo Central 14	Battle Creek Central 11
Ypsilanti 10	Jackson 10	Lansing Eastern 9	Lansing Sexton 2

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**YPSILANTI** — When an Ann Arbor track team wins a championship it's old hat.

Tuesday, St. Thomas captured the initial Tri-County Conference title, after winning the Detroit Catholic League's Second Division championship a year ago. Wednesday, Pioneer High rused to its third straight Seven-A League

championship while Huron High is favored to take its third consecutive South Central Conference crown at Lansing Hill tonight.

Pioneer was awesome in defense of its championship here at Shadford Field and more than doubled the score on the surprising second place finisher, Kalamazoo Central.

Don Sleeman's squad captured every running event with the exception of the two mile run and the 440 relay, while the Maroon Giants had 56 1/2.

In the two mile, Pioneer's Chris Spear took third and Pete Chethik notched fourth, while the 440 relay team finished second.

Pioneer has been less than spectacular in the field events, or this could certainly be called the finest team in

the school's history.

Sleeman compared it to the championship team of two seasons ago, citing it as another senior-oriented squad, "with a high degree of competitiveness and a high degree of talent. But it's taken a little longer to put it together."

Looking back at the results of the meet, Sleeman said that his squad performed "beyond belief. We were a lot better than we expected."

"After we won all the dual meets, we could have went into this with a cocky attitude," Sleeman said later, "but we couldn't have put in more effort."

That effort could be translated into the times that came out of the proceedings.

Senior Doug Hennigar, who will be running for Michigan next season, broke conference and school marks in both

sprints. His :09.6 in the 100 and :21.4 in the 220 had Eastern Michigan mentor Bob Parks wishing that Hennigar had made a different decision.

Chip Hadler's 4:17.6 in the mile also broke existing school and meet records while Greg Giltrow chopped nearly two seconds off his previous best time in winning the two mile (1:58.7).

Pioneer's fine depth was also illustrated as a team as the 880 relay team of Jim Copeland, Jim Paper, Walt Blissitt and Hennigar put together a winning time of 1:29.6. The mile relay team of Steve Busch, McMahon, Giltrow and Paper won in 3:24.3, while Copeland, Matt Verhoff, Mark Slaughter and Blissitt teamed for a :43.8 in the second-place 440 relay.

In the 800, Pioneer also took third (Steve Hartwell) and sixth (Bunch), while in the mile the local team also had a third (Eric Burt) and a fifth (Pat Brusher).

They were also a couple surprises as Jim Bowker placed fifth in the high hurdles, and Larry Nichols notched sixth in the 440.

While Pioneer didn't exactly shine in the field events (Slaughter did leap 12-0 in the pole vault for second), that's where Ypsilanti stole the show to leap from sixth after the dual meet season to a tie for fourth.

Robbie Robinson won the high jump for Levi Simpson's Braves at 6-0, while Mike Grice took second and Jeff Hewitt third in the shot put.

Kalamazoo Central jumped from fourth to second as Battle Creek Central's premier high jumper Trummy Williams was not able to compete and its other fine jumper, Bill Thomas, could only clear 5-8.

**HIGH JUMP:** 1—Robbie Robinson (Ypsilanti), 2—Littleson (Jackson), 3—Thomas (Battle Creek), 4—Tim Bowker (Pioneer), 5—Burt (Y), 6—Lyle (Kalamazoo), 7—Weichsel (P). Height—6-0.

**SHOT PUT:** 1—Tom Thompson (K), 2—Grice (Y), 3—Hewitt (Y), 4—Hawkins (BC), 5—Williams (Lansing Eastern), 6—Terson (J). Distance—33-4.

**LONG JUMP:** 1—Mike Coleman (K), 2—Slaughter (P), 3—Kobus (Y), 4—Smith (J), 5—White (J), 6—Paul (BC). Distance—21-11.

**POLE VAULT:** 1—Houston Wilson (LE), 2—Hewitt (P), 3—Lee (LE), 4—Sanders (Y), 5—Horvath (BC), 6—Linton (Lansing Sexton). Height—12-0.

**880 RELAY:** 1—Pioneer (Jim Copeland, Jim Paper, Walt Blissitt, Doug Hennigar), 2—Battle Creek, 3—Kalamazoo, 4—Ypsilanti, 5—Sexton, 6—Eastern. Time—1:29.6.

**880-YARD RUN:** 1—Greg Giltrow (P), 2—McMahon (LS), 3—Hartwell (P), 4—Boyle (BC), 5—Abbey (K), 6—Busch (P). Time—1:36.7.

**120 HIGH HURDLES:** 1—Mike McMahon (P), 2—Thomas (BC), 3—Woods (LE), 4—Littleson (J), 5—Burt (P), 6—Orr (K). Time—14.7.

**MILE RUN:** 1—Chip Hadler (P), 2—Thoms (K), 3—Burt (P), 4—Benevic (J), 5—Brusher (P), 6—McCulley (LE). Time—4:17.6 (sets new meet record, old mark of 4:28.4 by Ron Martins, Kalamazoo, 1965).

**440-YARD DASH:** 1—Doug Hennigar (P), 2—Smith (J), 3—Muller (BC), 4—Boyd (LE), 5—Johnson (K), 6—Coleman (K). Time—:59.6 (sets new meet record, old mark of 1:07 by Eugene Brown, Battle Creek, 1967-68 and Arnold Williams, Battle Creek, 1968).

**440-YARD DASH:** 1—Jim Paper (P), 2—Neil (Y), 3—Smith (LE), 4—Cronshaw (Y), 5—Starks (K), 6—Nichols (P). Time—1:11.

**100 LOW HURDLES:** 1—Mike McMahon (P), 2—Walker (LS), 3—Thomas (BC), 4—Beckner (LE), 5—Benevic (J), 6—Woods (LE). Time—:28.8.

**TWO MILE RUN:** 1—Ted Palmer (LS), 2—Colvert (J), 3—Spear (P), 4—Chethik (P), 5—Minor (K), 6—Bonnet (J). Time—7:19.8 (sets new meet record, old mark of 7:34.9 by Seltz, Lansing Eastern, 1968).

**220-YARD DASH:** 1—Doug Hennigar (P), 2—Smith (J), 3—Coleman (K), 4—Boys (BC), 5—Copeland (P), 6—Wilson (LE). Time—:21.4 (sets new meet record, old mark of 21.8 by Eugene Brown, Battle Creek Central, 1968).

**MILE RELAY:** 1—Pioneer (Steve Busch, Mike McMahon, Greg Giltrow, Jim Paper), 2—Sexton, 3—Ypsilanti, 4—Kalamazoo, 5—Jackson, 6—Eastern. Time—3:24.3.

**440 RELAY:** 1—Battle Creek (Tommy Goss, Gary Muller, Russos Hughes, Matty Glass), 2—Pioneer, 3—Kalamazoo, 4—Eastern, 5—Sexton, 6—Ypsilanti. Time—:43.1.

## Pioneers Clinch Baseball Crown

(Special to The News)

**LANSING** — Roger Lajeunesse pitched a fine four-hitter as the Pioneer baseball team clinched the 7-A crown with a 5-1 victory here Wednesday over Lansing Sexton.

It was the fifth victory against no losses for Lajeunesse and the ninth straight win for Pioneer in the league.

Nine different Pioneers got hits including Ron Rhodes and Ken Treaster who both batted for the pitcher as Coach Pete Palmer used the substitution rule with excellent success.

Four of the nine Pioneer

hits were of the extra base variety, with Gary Dietz getting a double and a triple.

Tim Morrison had two RBI while Rhodes and Treaster were credited with the other runs-batted in.

Lajeunesse, who fanned seven, was in control all the way as Pioneer raised its overall mark to 12-2.

The Ann Arbor squad was scheduled to face Adrian in a non-league game this afternoon.

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