

# Pioneers Break State Record

(Special to The News)

**EAST LANSING** — The Pioneer High track team continued its preparation for the Class A state championships here Saturday with a very impressive performance in the East Lansing Relays.

The four-mile relay teams of Greg Giltrow, Chris Speer, Eric Burke and Chip Hadler broke the state record by 12.2 seconds with a winning time of 17:40.6. The old record was set at these same relays by St. Joseph in 1971.

Giltrow led off with a 4:23.4 leg, Speer had a 4:28.4, Burke ran a 4:24.2 and Hadler anchored at 4:24.9.

The 880-yard relay and mile relay teams were also victorious, while Mike McMahon was an individual winner in the 120-yard high hurdles in :15.0.

Jim Copeland, Jim Paper,

Walt Blissit and Doug Hennigar combined for a 1:30.6 in the 880-yard relay which equalled Pioneer's best time of the season. Seven-A rival Battle Creek Central was second in 1:30.7.

Pioneer also ran its best mile relay of the season as Steve Busch, McMahon, Giltrow and Paper combined for a 3:26.8.

Hennigar, who will be called on to carry Pioneer's hopes in the 100 and 220 in the state meet finished second in the 220 Saturday with a time of 10.1 in the 100.

The two mile relay of Pat Brusher, Steve Hartwell, Nathan Huber and Busch ran an 8:12.0 to place second in the two mile while Pioneer grabbed thirds in the shuttle hurdle relay, the long jump relay, and the 440-yard relay.

Jim Bowker, Greg Simsar,

Terry MaMahon and Mike McMahon combined for 1:01.2, which, according to Pioneer Coach Don Sleeman was "pretty fair" for the first time Pioneer has ever run this event.

## Irish Runners Post Third Win

Just like a pack of Kentucky Derby colts, the St. Thomas High track & field team has been quick out of the gate this spring.

The Irish posted their third dual meet victory of the season by defeating Britton-Macon, 83-40, Saturday morning at the Ferry Field track. They will now go against Summerfield on Thursday.

"We wanted to see some improved performances,"

Mark Slaughter (19-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), Mike McMahon (19-3) and Dick Hunter (18-5) combined for a 57-7 $\frac{3}{4}$  in the long jump relay.

Pioneer hosts Battle Creek in a dual meet here Tuesday.

that sprinter Ed O'Neill is ready for competition after being injured.

SHOT PUT: 1—Len Lillard (ST), 2—Rice (ST), 3—Herdie (ST). Distance—51-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

HIGH JUMP: 1—Len Lillard (ST), 2—Gillmore (BM), 3—Gellegher (ST). Height—4-6.

LONG JUMP: 1—Don Exelby (BM), 2—Brewer (BM), 3—Meza (ST). Distance—19-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

POLE VAULT: 1—Bob Berry (ST), 2—Diderstee (ST), 3—Taylor (BM). Height—9-6.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—St. Thomas (Lemmer, Sittington, Brickoff, Meza), 2—Britton-Macon. Time—1:37.7.

880-YARD RUN: 1—Jim Libs (ST), 2—Mrozinski (ST), 3—Jones (ST). Time—2:11.4.