

Swanson, Duits set state track records

EAST LANSING (AP) — Battle Creek city and area athletes, led by Pennfield's Jeff Swanson, figured prominently in Saturday's Class B state track meet, but in team totals only Albion (seventh) placed in the top ten.

Swanson high jumped six feet, eight and one-half inches to break the state Class B high jump record (6-8) set by Portland's Charles Durrant in 1968. Swanson's leap was particularly pleasing to Pennfield coach Tom Tenney, since the senior star had not been jumping well recently after clearing a personal high 6-9 early in the season.

Hastings' Tom Duits widely missed his personal goal of 4:05 in the mile run, but the veteran distanceman did run a 4:13.1, the fastest mile ever run in a state meet in any class. The previous best was 4:13.2 by Detroit Eastern's Louis Scott in 1963. Duits clocked a 4:09.4 earlier in the season, but only times achieved in state meets make the record books.

Other city and area placers were Harper Creek's Tom Shew, third in the broad jump at 22-2; Albion's Greg Ridley, fourth in the 100-yard dash at :10.2, and Charlotte's Dave

Mohre, eighth in the pole vault with a 13-1 height.

Albion's 440 relay team placed fourth in :44.3 and Marshall's 440 relaymen tenth in :44.9.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud captured the team title with 45½ points, followed closely by Linden with 42 and Flint Powers with 41.

Class B Summaries
880-yard relay — 1, Dearborn Heights Robichaud (Ron Woodson, Calvin Green Johnny Allen, Wes Jones) 1:29.3, state class B record, old record 1:30.0 by Grand Rapids West Catholic, 1971. 6, Marshall, 1:33.2.

880-run — 1, Dave Furst, Niles Brandywine, 1:53.9.

120 — high hurdles — 1, Ed Roin-dexter, Inkster, 14.7.

High jump — 1, Jeff Swanson, Battle Creek Pennfield, 6-8½, State class B record, old record 6-8, Charles Durrant, Portland, 1972. 7, tie Rich Taylor, Sturgis, 6-1.

Pole Vault — 1, Mark Langlois, Muskegon Catholic, 14-3. 8, Dave Mohre, Charlotte, 13-1.

Mile — 1, Tom Duits, Hastings, 4:13.1, record, old record 4:14.9, Greg Meyer, Grand Rapids West Catholic, 1973.

Two mile — 1, Jack Sinclair, Grosse Ile, 9:17.2, record, old record 9:22.2, Herb Lindsay, Reed City, 1972.

Shotput — 1, Randy Foss, Mason, 58-10. 2, Stan Allen, Albion, 58-1¼. 4, Bill Waters, Hillsdale, 55-6¼.

440 — 1, Dave Furst, Niles Brandywine, 49.0. 8, Dave Arend, Sturgis, 50.5.

100 — 1, Dwayne Strozier, Flint Powers, 9.8. 4, Greg Ridley, Albion, 10.2. 7, Tim Myers, Gull Lake, 10.3.



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180 — low hurdles — 1, Ed Poindester, Inkster, 19.8.

220 — 1, Dwayne Strozier, Flint Powers, 21.2.

Long jump — 1, Al Charles, Muskegon Reeths Puffer, 22-11¼. 3, Tom Shaw, Battle Creek Harper Creek, 22-2.

Mile relay — 1, Dearborn Heights Robichaud (Larry Johnson, Calvin Green, Ron Woodson, John Wilson), 3:24.3.

440 relay — 1, Flint Powers (Rob McCall, Steve Charland, Bruce Waggoner, Swayne Strozier), 43.7, record, old record 43.9, Oxford, 1972, Mount Morris, 1973. 4, Albion, 44.3. 10, tie Marshall, 44.9.

Team scores — 1, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, 45½. 2, Linden, 42. 3, Flint Powers, 41. 4, Niles Brandywine, 29. 5, Mason, 23. 6, Inkster, 22. 7, Albion, 19. 8, (tie) Ecorse, Vicksburg, 10, Midland Bullock Creek, 14½.

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