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Boys Shatter 22 Records In Four State Track Meets

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It was the day that trackmen from high schools around the state had been building up to all year, and they came on strong, breaking a total of 22 records in four class meets.

The top winners at the state track finals Saturday were Pontiac Central (Class A), Dearborn Heights Robichaud (Class B), Detroit St. Martin de Porres (Class C) and Mendon (Class D), but the achievements of individual track stars spotlighted the events.

Pat Cavey, the state cross-country champion from Birmingham Brother Rice, shattered one of four records during Class A competition held at Flint Northwestern's stadium.

Davey ran the two-mile track in 9:00.4, the third fastest performance by a Michigan high school trackman. Other records set in Class A finals were by

defending champion Jim Stokes of Flint Kearsley with a pole vault of 15 feet 6¾ inches," and by Detroit Central with a mile relay time of 3:18.5.

Detroit Kettering broke the record in the 440 - yard relay with a time of 42.8 seconds.

In Class B competition staged at Michigan State University, Tom Duits of Hastings shattered two records in the mile-run, turning in a time of 4:13.1. That broke the all-state record of 4:13.2 established in 1963 and the Class B record of 4:14.9 set last year.

Four other records were set at the meet, including that by overall winner Dearborn Heights Robichaud which turned in a performance of 1:29.3 in the 880-yard relay.

Other records were in the two-mile run, with Jack Sinclair of Grosse Ile sprinting to a 9:17.2 time; the 440 - yard relay, in which Flint Powers

broke the record with a time of 43.7 seconds; and the high jump, won by Jeff Swanson of Battle Creek Pennfield with a vault of 6 feet 8½ inches.

Detroit St. Martin de Porres grabbed its third straight state Class C. track championship with the help of sprinter Jan Abrams and jumper Tom Duncan.

Abrams, the meet's only double winner, ran a leg on de Porres' winning 440 - yard relay which tied its own state record of 44.2 seconds.

Five new records were established at the meet, including that of Steve Wren of Haslett, who broke his own record in the pole vault with a 14 feet 6 inch performance.

Detroit Servite set a record in the 880 - yard relay with a time of 1:31.2 while Detroit East Catholic sprinted to a new record in the mile - relay with a time of 3:25.0.

Don Sims of New Haven ran the 120 - yard high hurdles in 14.3 seconds to break the old record and Jeff Tullen of Pine River turned in a record-breaking 9:37.8 performance in the two-mile run.

A whopping eight records were broken in Class D competition held at Caro High School, including a high jump of 6 feet ¾ inches by Mike Schaller of Bridgman.

Other record - setters were Jim Hereneden of Grass Lake who had a 13 feet 3 inch pole vault performance; George Butts of Flint Holy Rosary who sprinted the 440 - yard dash in 51.0 seconds and Dwight Jones of Grosse Pointe University Liggett who ran the 220-yard dash in 22.0 seconds.

Also, Len Lillard of Ann Arbor St. Thomas who recorded 53 feet 8 inches in the shot put; North Muskegon, which ran the 880 - yard relay in 1:31.6.

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