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Huckleby Leads Cass to Strong Showing in Relays

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MANSFIELD, Ohio — Harlan Huckleby, the 6-foot-2 senior who is headed for the University of Michigan, has done about everything in an athletic way for Cass Tech High in the past three years.

He led the Technicians to the Public School League football finals two years in a row. And on a long, frigid Saturday here, he led his track squad to a fifth-place finish in the 44th annual Mansfield Relays.

Huckleby was beaten by Flint Powers' Dwayne Strouzer in the 100-yard dash. Both youngsters were clocked in 9.5 seconds, but Strouzer won by a foot.

Huckleby came back to finish third in the 220 as the afternoon temperatures dipped into the low-30s, then anchored the Technicians' 800-yard relay team to a 1:29.9 winning finish in the next-to-last event on the eight-hour program.

HUCKLEBY WASN'T SURE he was destined to win at all. "I've become accustomed to finishing second," he said after the 100-yard dash. "We finished second two years in a row in football to Redford."

Cass Tech brought home one of the six first-place trophies won here Saturday by Michigan schoolboys.

Bill Reardon of Livonia Churchill won the shot put with a heave of 55 feet, 10 1/2 inches. "I had come here hoping to place," Reardon said. "I had no idea I could win it all."


Strouzer, the Michigan Class B dash champion, won the century in the fastest time of his life. His 9.5 clocking was one-tenth of a second off the record set here by Herb Washington.

After finishing third in the high hurdles, the first event of the afternoon, Henry McClung of Saginaw waited five hours to come back and win the 100-yard low hurdles in 18.1 seconds.

Flint Northern loaded up the two-mile and mile relays and won handsily both times. "We didn't want to go home empty-handed," explained Northern coach Norb Badar. Pontiac Central's Steve Elliott missed in his effort to win the mile run. Carey Pinkowski of Hammond (Ind.) High ran away from Elliott in the final 100 yards to beat him by 50 feet in 4:16.3.

Hammond, which had piled up 28 points in the first three events Friday, hung on to win the team title with 40 points. Finishing behind Hammond were Dayton Roosevelt with 30; Bay Village, Ohio with 25; Gary (Ind.) Roosevelt with 23; and Cass Tech with 24.

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