

# Central relay team wins at Mansfield

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MANSFIELD O.— Michigan schoolboys came up with half a dozen excellent early season performances here Saturday in the 48th edition of the Mansfield Interscholastic Relays.

Neither high winds, hail, rain, nor an electrical storm which knocked out the public address system and caused a delay of 35 minutes, could throw a damper on the prestigious meet.

An 800-meter relay team from Detroit Central High made a prophet of Roy Allen, assistant director of athletics for the Detroit Public Schools.

"Mark my word," Allen said last Tuesday, "That Central High team is going to win that event at Mansfield."

The quartet put together by coach Woody Thomas, comprised of Darryl James, James Wells, Dimetrius Hallum and Robert Johnson covered the slippery asphalt track in 1:29.4. It was a performance which stamped the Trailblazers as the team to beat in next month's state finals in Flint.

Junior Derek Harper of Pontiac Northern High took home the first place medal in the long jump. Harper is a little guy who is equipped with great straightaway speed, tremendous lift off the board and the right competitive factors. He won the event with a leap of 23 feet, 9¼ inches, nearly two inches farther than he had ever jumped before.

**FLINT NORTHERN'S** Randy Anderson is a Seventh Day Adventist who seldom competes as a hurdler on Saturdays. But Anderson made an exception this week and came down here to win the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.2 seconds.

"I never ask him to compete for us on Saturdays," said coach Norb Badar. "I leave the decision up to him. If he chooses to compete, that's fine. If he doesn't that's all right too."

"The college coaches have shied away from him because of this factor but truthfully I think he's just as good a hurdler as Marcus Allen of Cass Tech," Badar said.

Allen didn't even come here. He stayed home because of a pulled thigh muscle sustained in last Saturday's Spartan Relays.

There was a family reunion at the high-jump pit when Jon English, the all-state football quarterback from Birmingham Brother Rice competed against his brother, Steve, representing Pitts-

burgh Central Catholic.

Their father, Wally English, the former Lions' assistant, was there to watch his two sons. The elder English is now an assistant at the University of Pittsburgh.

Jon cleared 6-foot-9, good for third place in the event, while Steve went out at 6-foot-5.

**HILTON OTTEY** of Toronto Eaton won the event, tying the Mansfield record of 6-foot-11¼ inches. Dave Elliot of Ann Arbor Pioneer was second, and Paul Piwiniski

fourth.

Paul Babits of Redford Union finished second to David Volz of Bloomington, Indiana, in the pole vault. Volz set a record of 15-foot-5½ inches while Babits cleared the bar at 15 feet.

Philip Wells of Warren Mott threw the shot 57-foot-5¼, good for second place. Charles Broski of Hazel Park finished third in the 1,500 meter run in 4:02.2. Jeff Hurdon of Ann Arbor Huron picked up a third-place medal behind Anderson in the 110-meter high hurdles.

## Burley ices title

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