

# Relays won by Jackson

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Jackson won only one of the 15 events, the distance medley relay in 10:41.2, but still managed to capture the Class A team title of the annual Spartan Relays by a half point over Ann Arbor Huron, 31½-30, Saturday night at Jenison Field House at East Lansing.

Lansing Sexton and Flint Northwestern tied for third place with 29 each, Detroit Cass finished fifth with 28 and Grosse Pointe North sixth with 25.

Paul Babits, a Redford Union senior, set a pole vault meet record of 15 feet, 1¾ inches. The old mark of 14-9½ was posted by John Kretschmer of Bloomfield Lahser in 1976. A year ago Babits was second to Jeff Ward of East Lansing as both cleared 13-6 in the Michigan State meet, but Ward had the fewer misses.

Joe Meehan of Grosse Pointe North trailed Babits at 13 feet even. Two other rivals also cleared 13 feet, but with more misses. They were Tony Gossett of Milford-Lakeland and Bob Morden of North Farmington.

Mike McNelis of Trenton and Rick Petrucha of Swartz Creek tied for fifth, each at 12 feet.

In the absence of injured Cass hurdler Marcus Allen, Jeff Herndon of Ann Arbor Huron won both the 60-yard high and low hurdles on times of 7.4 and 7.1, respectively. Allen Jones of Midland trailed in both with 7.5 and 7.1.

Allen, a champion in the Huron Relays a week ago, pulled a thigh muscle after anchoring a winning preliminary 240-yard shuttle hurdle relay heat. It happened as he pulled up after hitting the tape. Earlier Marcus had tied the high hurdles record of 7.3 in a semifinal heat and then set a new record of 7.0 in a low hurdles semifinal heat.

Vincent Bean of Southfield set a long jump meet record of 23 feet, 5½ inches.

Jon English, the highly rated Birmingham Brother Rice quarterback, won the high jump at 6 feet 8 and Dan Sapp of Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills trailed at 6-6.

Chuck Broski of Hazel Park took the one mile in 4:20.0 to Randy Piotrowski's 4:21.8 for Walled Lake Central. Doug Tolson of Wayne won the two mile in 9:16.0.

Cass won the two-mile relay in 8:09.8 and Detroit Public School League rival Mumford was second in 8:14.6. The Cass unit included William Boyd, Steve Moore, Kevin Johnson and Charles House.

Detroit Central won two relays, the 880 in 1:31.9 to Lansing Sexton's 1:33.2 and the sprint medley in 2:32.1 to Birmingham Groves' 2:32.3. Midland took the shuttle hurdle relay in 29.0 seconds and Ann Arbor Huron trailed in 29.3.

Only three shotputters were able to reach a distance of 49 feet or better. Frank Smith of Lansing Everett won the event at 56 feet, 7 inches. Rich Jones of Milford-Lakeland trailed at 50-8 and John Bailey of Benton Harbor was third at 49-5.

Anthony Battle of Flint Southwestern won the 60-yard dash in 6.4 seconds and runnerup Don Anderson of Detroit Cody also was timed in 6.4.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud won three events in capturing the Class B title by edging Flint Beecher, 51-50, Friday night. Holly was third with 42.