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DeWitt's 'C' boys champion

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The last time an area boys' track team came home from the state meet with all the marbles was 1968. DeWitt pulled the trick that year, and Coach Barry Kloenhamer's squad apparently felt the drought had lasted long enough as the Panthers again copped the crown by the narrowest of margins Saturday at Michigan Center.

"We're very pleased and very tired," Kloenhamer said. "Our name wasn't even mentioned until midway through the meet."

IN FACT, THE Panthers were third or fourth through most of the meet and needed exactly what they got in the last two events, Reggie Clark's second in the pole vault and a fourth from the mile relay unit of Mike Lotre, Ron Hensley, Scott Tallman and Tony Faggion, to squeeze past Detroit Benedictine by a 45½ to 44 count.

DeWitt accomplished the feat without placing first in a single event. Ron Hensley came close a number of times though, as he was second in the 800 and the mile, besides tying for fifth in the high jump. Faggion was runner-up in the 300-yard low hurdles, and a pair of fourth place finishes came from Clark in the 220 and the 440-yard relay team of John Lass, Tallman, Clark and Faggion.

The win closed out a nearly perfect season for DeWitt, as the Panthers were 10-0 in dual meets, winner of the Capital Circuit and regional titles and a fourth-place finisher against competition from Class B and Class C at the Spartan Relays.

THE AREA WAS blessed with several individuals who will reign as champions, though their teams finished back in the pack. Holt's Yvonne Matthysen was number one in the girls Class B quarter mile event with a 36.5 clocking. Roger Barbour of Stockbridge won the Class C 120-yard high hurdles in 14.6. St. Louis' Paul Diaz led everyone to the wire in the Class C half mile with a time of 1:56.3, and Bruce Pfeifle, Perry's strongman, heaved the discus 190.3, also taking Class C honors. Shepherd's Anne Simon set a new girls Class C state record in the 800-yard dash in 2:18.0. Portland was first among girls' Class C mile relay squads, breaking its own state record. And in Class D, Fowler's Doug Koenigsnecht leaped 6-4½ to claim the high jump crown.

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DeWitt High records fast finish to capture top honors in boys Class C track and field

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Area placers in Class A boys' events posted several area bests for 1979. East Lansing's Scott Brasington finished third with a school record 4:17.8 mile run. Likewise, his distance rival from Sexton, Brian Marley, took fourth place in lowering this year's half mile standard to 1:54.5. Brasington's teammate Steve Underwood was third in the two-mile, and fellow Trojans Glen Mitcham and Greg Matlick were sixth in the 300-yard hurdles and the high jump respectively. Waverly's Greg Rowland was third in the pole vault, and Frank Smith of Everett brought home a third place medal in the shot put.

EAST LANSING'S girls finished fourth overall with 26 points, exactly half the total compiled by state champion Flint Northern. Judi Brown paced the effort with a pair of second places. Her 110-yard low hurdles defeat came at the hands of Detroit Mumford's Kim Turner, who cracked the national record with a 13.6 time. Brown also lowered the top time for the 400 this year with a runner-up 59.9. Two-miler Jenny Weil finished third and the Tro-

jans' mile relay quartet of Cathy Hacker, Judy Johnson, Shirley Lynch and Judi Brown also dropped the mile relay best for 1979 to 4:01.8, good for fourth place.

In Class B boys' competition, sophomore Bill Stone of Holt was runner-up in the mile. The area's premier quarter-miler, Eaton Rapids' Scott Satterlee, was fourth in the 400-yard dash, and Jeff Howe of St. Johns finished fourth in the low hurdles. Charlotte had two good efforts from Mark Meltberg, fifth in the half mile, and Eric Brangenberg, sixth among the long jumpers.

Area Class B girls were represented by Alma's Lisa Last, with a second-place double in the mile and two-mile runs. Holt's mile relay, with Mattypsen anchoring, was a strong second, and Alma's Lisa Kapp finished fourth among the discus throwers. Jennifer Litomisky of Ovid-Estate tied for fifth in the high jump.

FULTON'S BRAD and Scott Winsor also placed third and sixth in the Class C high jump, while Brad added a fifth in the high hurdles. Perry's Pfeifle was also fourth among shot putters, and St. Louis' Luis Diaz was fourth in the long jump and

low hurdles. Itasca's John Church was sixth in the lows. Tim Spencer of Pewamo-Westphalia trailed Pfeifle in the discus, placing third. Hasket's Dennis Lerch was third in his specialty, the pole vault, and St. Louis' mile relay just edged DeWitt for third.

Shepherd finished second overall in Class C girls scoring, with Nora Green adding to Simon's record performance with two second place efforts in the mile and two-mile. Beth Evin of St. Louis and Hasket's Jill Anderson finished 2:3 in the 110-low hurdles. Portland's crack 800-relay finished second, to go along with its sizzling mile relay victory.

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
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