

Sexton High speedster also excels in jumping

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Lansing Sexton is a perennial track power in the Capital Area Conference and, typical of the trifecta bettor who wins five grand in a \$2 hunch wager, Coach Paul Pozega admits a little luck always helps.

One of Pozega's most consistent point scorers in a three-year varsity career has been Marcus Sanders.

In today's Detroit News listing of outstanding performances throughout the state, Sanders shares the fastest 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds with Don Anderson of Detroit Cady.

Ten years ago, in 1971, Marshall Dill of Detroit Northern posted the same time of 9.6 for the current state Class A record (a mark can only be established in the state finals). It was equalled two years later by Reggie Jones of Saginaw.

SANDERS, a 5-foot-10, 135-pound senior, also tops the 440 listing in 47.9 seconds. Anderson shares the third fastest time with James Johnson of Detroit Cooley in 49.0.

Arch-rival Anderson has accounted for the fastest 220, a 21.6, while Sanders shares sixth best of 22.4

with three others.

But most significant in the Sanders camp is that Marcus has turned in his best performance in the high jump with a leap of 23 feet, 6¾ inches — only 4¼ inches shy of the current state Class A record of 28-11, set in 1972 by John Ross of Detroit Mackenzie and equalled the following year by Kelsey Johnson of Detroit Oshorn.

This is where Pozega's hunch on Sanders could be disputed.

"I'm figuring that if he wins a state title, it is more apt to happen in the 440," explained the Sexton coach. "You see, Sanders is most consistent in that event. But in the long jump he's been up and down, good for distance one day and short the next time.

"SO IN THE state meet we will have him concentrate on the 440, not the long jump. He's simply convinced me during the regular season that he has the speed to win the 440 crown.

"In the state meet a high school athlete only has one crack at a title. So we figure that Sanders will do his finest in the 440 when the show-down comes (Saturday, May 30, at Flint Northwestern High's Guy Houston Stadium)."

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OF HIGH Finances: San 49ers will travel 31,000 miles (10 times across the country) expense of \$600,000. Maybe they make Steve Kemp the traveling

g of traveling secs, Donald of Houston Astros says pitcher is so relaxed "it takes him an a half to watch 60 Minutes." . . on: Bobby Unser.

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LaSorda, Los Angeles Dodger when asked why Fernando a looks straight up before every "We think he has notes written peak of his cap."

e Banks, "Mr. Sunshine," on the start of his Chicago Cubs — st backing up so we can get a art."

ly Hayes, former Ohio State coach, on the eligibility scandals

Rockets trainer, on the highlight of the 1980-81 season — "It was taking 20 minutes to fly from Detroit to Cleveland and 25 minutes to get our bags."

● Yogi Berra, Yankee coach, speaking about this business of inflation — "A nickle isn't worth a dime anymore."

● Brenda Savage, member of the LeSeuer, Minn., High School girls' basketball team — "We tried saying 'chick to chick' instead of 'man to man,' but it didn't work."

BASEBALL'S GREATEST team? Everybody says the '27 Yankees, but the '32 Yankees had eight Hall of Famers: Red Ruffing, Joe Sewell, Lefty Gomez, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Earle Combs, Herb Pennock, Bill Dickey and Manager Joe McCarthy.

Dept. of Incidental Information: Three players on PGA tour have their own airplanes — Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and, of course, Mike Sullivan.

Florida State outfielder Mike Yastrzemski talking about the time he came back from a knee operation and worked out with his father: "It was a very special moment for me — he beamed me with the first pitch."

ANECDOTE ALLEY:

Umpire Ken Kaiser went into the coffee shop of his Anaheim hotel and asked the hostess: "A table for two, please."

She replied: "Is that for here or to go?" Ed Beckley of Kansas City bills him-