Record-busting

It's what they do annually in county prep indoor

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Records are made to be broken,
but this is ridiculous.

So goes the story in the annual Macomb County High School Indoor Track and Field Championships. For a meet that has been tabbed as the climax of the indoor track season and final tuneup for the outdoor schedule, it certainly doesn't run short of recordbreaking performances year-in and year-out.

Last year, 10 meet records — seven by the girls — were broken. This time out, six events established new marks, three each by the boys and girls.

Surprisingly, four of the six records belonged to underclassmen, which is probably where most of the talent lies within the county schools this year.

"The county is on the up but we've got problems with some schools not having the sport, Warren Consolidated in particular," said Ken Seidenwand, assistant cross country coach at Macomb Community College, where the meet is staged.

"The talent is getting better."

Although no team scores were kept, South Lake turned in the best performance among the girls teams, and maybe even the boys, with five first place finishes in-

cluding three records.

Junior Shirley Gatliff collected two first place finishes, including a record of 17-11 in the long jump. She outraced Kim Quinn of Richmond to win the 440 dash by fourtenths of a second.

Lori Vultaggio also won two events for South Lake. She won the mile run in record breaking fashion with a time of 5:21.9 and then one event later, took top honors in the 880 in 2:29.4.

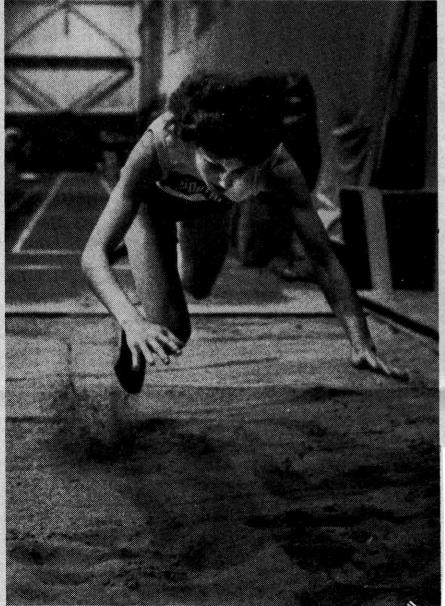
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"It sure helped us being down here on three Friday nights," the coach added. "I have noticed a difference in improvement in Shirley and Lori. She (Lori) ran super times here in the Macomb Invites (invitationals) on Friday nights.'

Julie Hathaway joined team-mates Vultaggio and Gatliff in the record spotlight with a new standard of 5-0 in the high jump.

Stevenson, meanwhile, walked off with three firsts, two of those coming in the mile relay and sprint medley events, and Linda Backus' top honor in the 600.

The 440 dash drew the most attention in the boys portion of the

"All three finishers were under the old 440 record, so I'd say it was the best race of the day," said Mount Clemens Coach Gary Sear.

The Bathers' Omar Davidson, only a sophomore, won that heated race with a record time 50.4, setting to rest the old mark of 51.15, which was established by Steve Corbett of Lakeview two years ago.

Right behind Davidson in the photo finish was teammate Kevin Carnes and Tim Okon of Clintondale.

Mount Clemens' mile relay team also set a record with a 3:28.51 clocking, which shattered the old mark by nearly five seconds.

Other than that, Sear didn't have much to smile about.

"I'm used to taking a lot of firsts. so we're going to have to work a little harder," he said, noting that his team had collected mostly second place finishes.

Matt Sandner picked up one of Lakeview's three first places with a record finish in the 60-vard hurdles. Sandner touched in at 7.5, two seconds better than the old record.

The Huskies' other top finishes belonged to Frank Badalamenti (60-yard dash) and Jeff Carless (pole vault).

Sterling Heights had three winners as well. The Stallions were tops in the 880 and distance medley relays and Jim Sabiston took a first in the 600 in 1:18.5.

Mott had a pair of winners in Frank Soave and Bob Miller, who won the long jump and high jump, respectively.

Medals and ribbons were presented to the top three finishers in each event with ribbons going to the fourth through sixth places.

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