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Sports

Sexton shares third in 'A' Spartan Relays

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After watching his performers place highly in six events Saturday inside Jenison Field House, Sexton High track coach Paul Pozega looked at his team's third-place tie at the 21st annual Spartan Relays for Class A teams in two ways.

"We didn't do poorly . . . I'm certainly satisfied with the way we ran this early in the season," said Pozega. "But then again, maybe we could have done a wee bit better than we did, too. We improved from last week (when the Big Reds competed at the Huron Relays), but we've still got a lot of experimenting to do."

SEXTON FINISHED highest among the five area teams competing. Detroit Cooley and Detroit Catholic Central finished one-two, respectively, with 54 and 47 points. Flint Central, Detroit Murray-Wright, Ann Arbor Huron and Detroit Denby placed fourth-through-seventh, respectively, while Lansing Everett tied for eighth with Ann Arbor Pioneer with 23 points, and Lansing Eastern placed 10th with 17. Grand Ledge picked up eight points at the meet, while St. Johns didn't score.

The Big Reds' most successful showing was in the sprint medley relay. The foursome of Donnell Bullock, Paul Tyler, Anthony Norris and Anthony Cannon turned in a first-

place time of 2:30.65. Eastern took a fourth in the event, with Ray Coats, Jeff Austin, Ron Gillum and Darrin Jones cruising in at 2:33.16.

Other high Sexton finishes came in the 890-yard relay, in which Shawn Burnett, James Moore, Tyler and Norris placed third in 1:33.54; in the two-mile relay, where Cannon, Keith Berquist, Ben Trumbell and Bullock finished fourth in 8:18.80; in the 60-yard high hurdles in which Randy Eddy placed fourth in 7.62; in the mile relay, in which the Big Reds placed fifth; in the shuttle hurdle relay, in which Sexton placed fifth in 28.40; and in the 60-yard low hurdles, in which Norris was sixth in 7.38.

EVERETT, COACHED by Ron Barr, got a first in the shuttle hurdle relay in which Resco Banner, Roger Ware, Kimyon Lockhart and Ken Thompson turned in a time of 28.25; a second by Ware in the 60-yard high hurdles (7.43); a fifth in the 890 yard relay in which Rod Wittington, Rodney Wilson, Andy Bunnell and Ken Thompson finished in 1:34.12; a seventh out of Wittington in the long jump (20-6¾); and an seventh in the mile relay.

"I'm a bit surprised we did so well in the shuttle hurdle because we were in a slow heat," said Barr. "But it's still early in the year, and we looked a bit shaky in some of the other events. I guess, more than anything, this meet gave us an indication of where our strengths and



TAKING HIS BEST SHOT — Grand Ledge shot putter Rod Cushman shows his winning form in Saturday's Class A Spartan Relays in Jenison Field House.

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weaknesses are and it gave us an indication where we should put some of our personnel."

Other top performances by area competitors came by Grand Ledge's Rod Cushman, who finished first in the shot put with a throw of 52-3¼; Eastern's Bruce Newby, who placed

fifth in the 60 high hurdles (7.67); East Lansing's shuttle hurdle team of Terry Thomas, Steve Logan, Mike Beham and Nate Kelsey, which placed sixth in 29.50; Eastern's shuttle hurdle squad of Austin, Coats, Gillum and Newby, which placed seventh in 30.04; East Lansing's dis-

tance medley relay team of Dennis Donohue, Marc Light, Brian Bradley and Ron Sprinkel, which finished seventh in 11:02.73; and Eastern's Newby, who finished third in the high jump (6-6).

21st Spartan Relays
(at Jenison Field House)
CLASS A
Saturday's Results
Team scores (top 10 seed circled) — Det. Cooley 54, Det. Catholic Central 47, Lansing Sexton 35, Flint Central 30, Det. Murray-Wright 34, Ann Arbor Huron 31, Det. Denby 26, Lansing Everett 23, Ann Arbor Pioneer 23, Lansing Eastern 17, Jackson 16, Grand Ledge 8, St. Johns 8.
Distance Medley Relay — 1, Ypsilanti, 10:28.18; 2, Murray-Wright; 3, Ann Arbor Pioneer; 4, East Lansing (Donohue, Light, Bradley, Sprinkel); 5, 11:02.73.
Shot Put — 1, Cushman (Grand Ledge), 52-3¼; 2, Mills (Barn, Swabson); 3, Barby (Troy).
Pole Vault — 1, Bridges (Dearborn), 13-0; 2, Lacy (Flint Northway); 3, Wilson (Holland).
Two-mile Relay — 1, Detroit Central, 8:12.43; 2, Brighton; 3, Northway; 4, Sexton (Cannon, Berquist, Trumbell, Bullock); 5, 8:18.80.
Two-mile Run — 1, Neal (Detroit Murray Wright), 9:18.20; 2, Mackinnon (Swartz Creek); 3, Parker (Birmingham).
60-yard High Hurdles — 1, Carpenter (Ann Arbor Huron), 7.42; 2, Ware (Everett); 7.43; 3, Norris (Detroit Catholic); 4, Eddy (Sexton); 7.62.
Sprint Medley — Sexton (Bullock, Tyler, Norris, Cannon), 2:30.65; 2, Detroit Cooley; 3, Detroit Murray Wright; 4, Eastern (Coats, Austin, Gillum, Jones); 2:33.16.
60-yard Dash — 1, Derrick (Flint Central), 6.13; 2, Mahone (Detroit Denby); 3, Davis (Livonia).
60-yard Low Hurdles — 1, Leonard (Flint Central), 6.99; 2, Parker (Dearborn); 3, Carpenter (Ann Arbor Huron); 4, Norris (Sexton); 7.38.
890-yard Relay — 1, Detroit Denby, 1:31.62; 2, Detroit Central; 3, Sexton (Burnett, Moore, Tyler, Norris); 1:33.54; 4, Everett (Wittington, Wilson, Bunnell, Thompson); 1:34.12.
One-mile Run — 1, Neal (Detroit Murray Wright), 4:19.33; 2, Frisvold (Ann Arbor Pioneer); 3, Frederick (Ann Arbor Huron).
Shuttle-Hurdle Relay — 1, Everett (Banner, Ware, Lockhart, Thompson); 28.25; 2, Detroit Cooley; 3, Ann Arbor Huron; 4, Sexton (Eddy, Moore, Cannon, Norris); 29.50; 5, East Lansing (Thomas, Logan, Beham, Kelsey); 29.58; 7, Eastern (Austin, Coats, Gillum, Newby); 30.04.
Long Jump — 1, Pitzer (Flint Northwestern), 23-3; 2, Hanks (Bishop Burgess); 3, Harris (Detroit Cooley); 7, Whitman (Everett); 24-4.
One-Mile Relay — 1, Detroit Denby, 3:27.88; 2, Detroit Central; 3, Pontiac Northway; 5, Sexton; 3:28.79; 7, Everett; 3:29.93.
High Jump — 1, Johnson (Flint Central), 6-10; 2, Morehouse (Royal Oak Kimball); 3, Newby (Eastern), 6-4.

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