

Records fall at state meet

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JACKSON — A slew of record-setting performances and Detroit Denby star Anthony Mahone's last-chance bid to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials highlighted the Class A boys and girls track and field state championships Saturday at Jackson's Withington Stadium.

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Mahone, an 18-year-old senior, tied the state record of 10.5 seconds to retain his 100-meter dash title. He also won the 200-meter dash for the second straight year in a meet record 21 seconds flat. But his personal best in the 200 meters remained at 20.8, short of the Olympic trials qualifying time of 20.7.

"In some ways it's disappointing, but I was really looking for the double win," Mahone said.

Detroit Central won the boys team title with 53 points, and Benton Harbor took the girls crown with 64 points. Eight state records were broken during the meet.

Mt. Clemens senior Omar Davison broke the 400-meter dash record with a winning time of 46.6. Jackson's Michael Parker won the 300-meter hurdles in a record 35.9.

Flint Powers junior Jeff Wilson won the 1,600-meter run in 4:13.1, beating the previous record by 4.3 seconds.

Wilson's teammate, Mike Sargent, a 6-foot-2, 227-pound tight end headed for Michigan State, won the discus (174-11) and the shot put (61-8).

In the girls competition, Benton Harbor dominated the show, winning five events and setting three state records.

Benton Harbor's 400-meter relay team won in a state record 47.9 seconds, and the 800-meter relay team finished in a state record of 1:39.2.

Benton Harbor's Carolyn Ferguson took both the 100-meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles and Marita Rimpson won the 100-meter dash in 11.8. Ferguson's time of 42.4 in the 300 bettered her state mark of 43.0, set in 1983.

Birmingham Seaholm's Michelle Bews, an Australian exchange student, won the 1,600-meter run (4:59.6) and the 3,200-meter run (10:49.2).

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