

High schools

Lansing Sexton, A.A. Pioneer win state track titles

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ALMA, Mich. — Standing on the sidelines Saturday afternoon, Cliff Dwelle had exhaustion etched across his brow, but he started to smile.

The Lake Orion senior had just set a Michigan record (4 minutes, 12.9 seconds) in winning the Class A state title in the 1,600-meter run. The old mark was 4:13.1.

"It hurt," he said, "but it hurt good."

IT WAS like competing in an outdoor sauna, but Dwelle had been certain of his race's outcome: he and Todd Williams of Monroe dueling, stride for stride, toward the

finish line, his superior kick being the difference.

He was right by one-tenth of a second. Williams (4:13.0) also was under the old record and won the 3,200 meters in 9:01.4 to break his own state record of 9:11.63.

"I almost fell," Dwelle said, referring to an incident on the last lap when he and Williams were trying to overtake John Gill of Ferndale.

"He cut me right off going into the turn," Dwelle said of Gill, "and I had to put my arm out to keep from falling down."

COREY PRYOR of Jackson ran 10.4 for 100 meters to break the state record (10.5) and later won the 200 meters (21.37).

Class A

Kyle Wray of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix and Keith Wheeler of Troy also were double winners. Wray put the shot 60 feet 1½ inches, and threw the discus 184-2.

Wheeler took the 400 meters (47.3) and 300-meter hurdles (36.23). He also ran 14.03 for second place in the 110-meter hurdles behind Roget Ware of Lansing Sexton (13.87).

Ware also teamed with Stan Wheeler, Allen Haller and Parris Milton to win the two sprint relays, the 400 meters in 42.2 seconds and 800 in 1:27.92 as they led Lansing Sexton to the boys' team title with

64 points.

Sexton had one other winner, Orlando Scott, high jumped 6 feet 9 inches. He beat Andre Beverly of Saginaw, who made the same height but had more misses.

Kalamazoo Loy-Norrix was second with 50½ points. Ann Arbor Huron had 39, Jackson 34, Troy 30, Monroe 27½, Farmington 26, Saginaw 18, Detroit Mumford 17, Kalamazoo Central 16 and Detroit Cass Tech 15.

Two records fell in girls' events. Cheryl Pruitt of Detroit Henry Ford won the 400-meter dash in 55.6 (the old mark 55.9), and Lisa Waite of Ann Arbor Pioneer threw the discus 140 feet, 3 inches (the old mark 136-7).

PIONEER ROLLED up 90 points and took the girls' team title for the third consecutive year, with Cass Tech second at 64. Flint Northern had 30, Dearborn Edsel Ford 29.5, Grand Haven 27, Detroit Cooley 25, Saginaw 25, Detroit Denby 24, Flint Central 20 and Ann Arbor Huron 19.

Darchelle Ross of Cass won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.45 and 300 hurdles in 43.89 in addition to running on the winning 1,600-meter relay. Kristen Salt of Dearborn Edsel Ford won the 1,600 in 4:53.60 and the 3,200 in 10:49.07.

Yvette Smiley of Detroit Central won the 200 in 24.89 and Charlotte Williams of Pershing won the 800 in 2:15.

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Defenders are the victors again

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Detroit Country Day, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Flint Beecher and Lansing Sexton are becoming synonymous with winning in Michigan high school track.

Country Day, coached by George Prosperi, won its fourth consecutive girls' state championship Saturday in the Class C meet at Bangor.

Class A Pioneer and Class B Beecher also won state girls' championships — for the third consecutive year — and Sexton won the boys' Class A title for the second year in a row.

The Beecher boys kept pace with the girls by winning the B title at Sturgis High School. The Beecher girls set three Class B relay records and the boys set one.

The other state champions were: (Boys) Detroit Lutheran, West in Class C and Detroit East Catholic in Class D; and (girls) Akron-Fairgrove in Class D.

With the 1987 track season over, here are the highlights from Saturday championships.

Overall records: Corey Pryor of Jackson High won 100-yard dash in 10.4 to break the overall record of 10.5 shared by Terry McDaniels of Class A Saginaw in 1982, Andreas Laut of Class B Dexter in 1980 and Larry Jordan of Class D Detroit De Perres in 1980.

Cliff Dwelle of Lake Orion High won the 1,600 meters in 4:12.9 to break the overall record of 4:13.1 set by Jeff Wilson of Flint Kearsley in 1984.

Todd Williams of Monroe ran a

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9:01.4 in the 3,200 meters to easily break his own record of 9:11.63 set last year.

Farmington's 3,200-meter relay of Ron Smedley, Brandon London, Chris Inch and Al Stebbins combined to run a 7:48.5 and break the overall mark of 7:50.02 set by Detroit Murray-Wright last year.

Cheryl Pruitt, Detroit Henry Ford, won the 400 meters in 55.6 to break the overall mark of 55.9 set by Joyce Wilson of Warren Tower in 1982.

Ann Arbor Huron's 3,200-meter relay of Laura Simmering, Mara Matuszak, Amy Bennett and Tracy Boudreau ran 9:20.40 to break overall the record of 9:25.44 set by Pioneer last year.

Class records: Beecher's 3200-meter relay of Stacy Watson, Michael Ford, Rhamon Cleveland and Aaron McFadden ran 7:52.3 to break the Class B record of 7:58.9 set by Inkster Cherry Hill in 1984.

Lisa Waite of Pioneer 140-3 discus toss broke the Class A record of 136-7 set by Michelle Pfeiffer of Davison in 1980.

Beecher's 400-meter relay of Daphney Terry, Yolanda Jones, Michelle Westbrook and Twynette Wilson ran 49.02 to break the Class B mark of 49.1 set by their own school in 1980.

Wilson, Jones, Westbrook and Pretoria Wilson ran 1:41.82 in the 800-meter relay to break another record held by Beecher — 1:42.7 set in 1981.

And Beecher's 1,600-meter relay of Twynette and Pretoria Wilson, Westbrook and Ayuna Harrison ran 3:55.64 to break the Class B record of 3:59.20 set by Beecher in 1985.

Akron-Fairgrove's 3,200-meter relay of Michelle Brown, Theresa Bischoff, Yvonne Siler and Rob-in Aldrich ran 9:52.30 to break the Class D record of 9:54.04 set by Fowler last year.

Triple winners: Rory Stace of Galesburg-Augusta won the long jump (23-2), 100 dash (10:81.2) and the high jump (6-7) in Class C.

Willy Scott of Detroit East Catholic won the long jump (22-10½), 110 high-hurdles (14.34) and 300 hurdles (39.37) in Class D.

Double winners: For the boys: Keith Wheeler, Troy, defended his titles in the 300-meter hurdles (36.23) and the 400 meters (47.3) in Class A. . . Jackson's Pryor won the 100 and 200 (21.37) in Class A. . . Kyle Wray, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, won the discus (184-2) and shot put (60-1½) in Class A. . . Aaron Gowell, Shelby, the discus (165-11) and shot (57-0½) in Class C. . . Darryl Stallworth, Ecorse, the 200 (22.25) and 400 (49.43) in Class C.

For the girls: Darchelle Ross, Detroit Cass Tech, won the 100 hurdles (14.45) and 300 hurdles (43.89) in Class A. . . Kristen Salt, Dearborn Edsel Ford, the 1600 (4:53.60) and the 3200 (10:49.07) in Class A. . . Kelly Olsczewski, Saline, the 100 hurdles (15.15) and 300 hurdles (45.3) in Class B.