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Thunderstorms and lightning forced an early ending to the 32nd annual Rotary Meet at St. Joseph's Dickinson Stadium Tuesday evening, but even Mother Nature couldn't slow down Benton Harbor's Larry Harden.

Harden, the area's fastest hurdler ever in the 110-meter highs and 300 intermediates, was the track and field meet's only quadruple winner. The splendid senior won both his specialties in easy fashion and also anchored the Tigers' winning 800 and 400 relay units which turned in area season best efforts.

Joining Harden on the relay units were Darrin Ford, Wendell Conley and Joe Griffin. The 800 unit clicked off a 1:29.9 and the 400 a 43.7. Harden, running the highs against a stiff north wind, still managed a 14.5. And he tied his own Rotary mark in the 300 intermediates with a season best 38.3.

Only one meet record was broken, when Dowagiac's Bill Deering cleared 14-10 in the pole vault on his only jump of the night just before the meet was wisely called off by officials due to the inclement weather. The meet, called after the girls' 800 run, was nearly 80 percent complete.

Unfortunately for Lakeshore's Randy Helling, he did not have an opportunity to make a run at the Rotary and all-time area mark in the 800 run. However, he did anchor the Lancers' winning 3200 relay team featuring himself and teammates Jeff DeSchaaf, Derek Thomas and Steve Bredeweg.

Once again the Rotary Meet produced a number of area season-best efforts. Besides those already mentioned, others included: Shot put — St. Joseph's Rob Fredrickson (52-11½), Benton Harbor's Sharnett Huddleston (39-1); discus — St. Joseph's Colin Cronin (154-5); girls' 800 relay — Lakeshore's team of Stacey Johnson, Shannon Wood, Jessica Johnson and Cheryl Petzke (1:50.1); boys' 1600 run — Niles' Dave Couch (4:21.6); girls' 400 dash — Benton Harbor's Yolanda Ferguson 58.6; girls' 300 lows — Buchanan's Letitia Bowen (47.5), and girls' 800 run — Lawton's



BILL DEERING
Record breaker

Dawn Noble (2:22.5).

Dowagiac's Aaron Murray was an individual double winner in the boys' meet, taking the long jump and 100 dash. Double winners on the girls' side of the ledger were Bowen in the high jump and 300 lows, Benton Harbor's Taneisha Welch (long jump and 100 hurdles) and Ferguson (100 and 400 dashes) and Lawton's Noble (800 run and 3200 relay).

Winning the open 5K run were Mike Bond of St. Joseph and Missy Hagen of Lawrence, two former area prep standouts and collegiate runners. Winning the 5K walk were Jordan Carl of Bridgman and Karen Laetz of St. Joseph.

BOYS

Shot Put — 1. Fredrickson (St. Joe) 52-11½, 2. Houghton (Paw Paw) 52-4½, 3. Kveton (Edwardsburg) 51-5, 4. Wheeler (Fennville) 50-0, 5. Kubicki (St. Joe) 49-4.
Discus — 1. Cronin (St. Joe) 154-4, 2. Ransom (S. Haven) 153-5, 3. Dakka (S. Haven) 150-10, 4. Lowe (B. Harbor) 128-8, 5. Wallace (Bridgman) 129-10.
High Jump — 1. Douglas (Edwardsburg) 6-3, 2. Squire (Fennville) 6-2, 3. Nett (Edwardsburg) 6-1, 4. Simmons (B. Harbor) 6-0, 5. Brown (Fennville) 6-0.
Long Jump — 1. Murray (Dowagiac) 26-8, 2. Morris (B. Harbor) 26-4½, 3. Murphy (Niles) 26-½,



4. Linnell (St. Joe) 19-10, 5. Robinson (E. Claire) 19-8.
Pole Vault — 1. Deering (Dowagiac) 14-10, new meet record, 2. Gus Leber (S. Haven) and Shafter (Lakeshore) 12-6, 4. Liebel (Lakeshore) 12-6, 5. Maxam (Lawton) 12-6.
2000 Relay — 1. Lakeshore (DeSchaaf, Thomas, Bredeweg, Helling) 8:14.0, 2. Niles 8:18.6, 3. Niles 8:20.2, 4. St. Joseph 8:21.7, 5. Edwardsburg 8:30.8.
110 Hights — 1. Harden (B. Harbor) 14.5, 2. Ford (B. Harbor) 14.9, 3. Nash (Decatur) 15.0, 4. Selent (Gables) 15.8, 5. Woodruff (Paw Paw) 16.1.
100 Dash — 1. Murray (Dowagiac) 11.1, 2. Conley (B. Harbor) 11.2, 3. Griffin (B. Harbor) 11.3, 4. Craft (Lakeshore) 11.8, 5. Bittenbender (Lakeshore) 11.6.
800 Relay — 1. Benton Harbor (Ford, Conley, Griffin, Harden) 1:29.9, 2. St. Joe 1:32.4, 3. Bloomingtondale 1:33.1, 4. Lakeshore 1:35.0, 5. Dowagiac 1:35.2.
1600 Run — 1. Couch (Niles) 4:21.6, 2. Baker (Edwardsburg) 4:32.2, 3. Fyvie (Lawton) 4:42.1, 4. Axline (Niles) 4:43, 5. Dickson (Lakeshore) 4:48.2.
400 Relay — 1. Benton Harbor (Ford, Conley, Griffin, Harden) 57.7, 2. Dowagiac 58.3, 3. St. Joe 44.3, 4. Bloomingtondale 45.6, 5. Marcellus 46.1.
400 Dash — 1. Evans (B. Harbor) 51.8, 2. E. Brown (Fennville) 52.3, 3. Bradley (B. Harbor) 52.3, 4. Myles (Bloomingtondale) 53.3, 5. Kessman (St. Joe) 53.2.
300 Intermediates — 1. Harden (B. Harbor) 38.3, time meet record, 2. Johnson (Bangor) 39.7, 3. Nash (Decatur) 39.8, 4. Baker (Dowagiac) 41.1, 5. Eisele (St. Joe) 41.7.

GIRLS

Shot Put — 1. Huddleston (B. Harbor) 39-1, 2. Gresh (Decatur) 36-7½, 3. Schrupp (Gales) 35-8½, 4. Tupper (St. Joe) 35-8, 5. Rose (LMC) 34-10.
Discus — 1. Rose (LMC) 114-2, 2. Ward (Edwardsburg) 108-4, 3. McMillen (Lakeshore) 107-4, 4. Spaulding 105-10, 5. Nesbitt (St. Joe) 104-4.
High Jump — 1. Bowen (Buchanan) 5-0, 2. Tillman (Gales) 5-0, 3. Oran (Gables) 5-0, 4. Swift (Dowagiac) 4-8, 5. Butler (B. Harbor) 4-8.
Long Jump — 1. Welch (B. Harbor) 15-6½, 2. Siewert (Gales) 15-2½, 3. Wood (Lakeshore) 14-10½, 4. Starbuck (Bangor) 14-9, 5. S. Johnson (Lakeshore) 14-8.
3200 Relay — 1. Lawton (Pio, Conner, Happel, Noble) 10:21.9, 2. Lawrence 10:41.2, 3. Buchanan 10:43.5, 4. St. Joe 10:44, 5. Benton Harbor 10:48.3.
100 Intermediates — 1. Welch (B. Harbor) 15.8, 2. Scott (Buchanan) 16.7, 3. Jorgensen (S. Haven) 17.2, 4. Schwarz (St. Joe) 17.3, 5. Grimes (Bridgman) 17.8.
100 Dash — 1. Ferguson (B. Harbor) 12.7, 2. Whitfield (Dowagiac) 12.3, 3. Siewert (Gales) 12.6, 4. O'Donnell (Lawton) 12.8, 5. Dumaine (Niles) 14.0.
800 Relay — 1. Lakeshore (S. Johnson, Wood, J. Johnson, Fritze) 1:50.1, 2. Lake Michigan Catholic 1:51.9, 3. Hartford 1:52.8, 4. Benton Harbor 1:53.2, 5. Buchanan 1:53.3.
1600 Run — 1. Cameron (Buchanan) 5:32.6, 2. Happel (Lawton) 5:35.3, 3. Conner (Lawton) 5:44.8, 4. Pawlicki (Paw Paw) 5:51, 5. Large (Buchanan) 6:00.3.
800 Relay — 1. Paw Paw (Pastorik, Kossy, Hafner, Hansen) 2:21, 2. Lakeshore 52.7, 3. South Haven 52.8, 4. Edwardsburg 52.9, 5. Eas Claire 53.0.
400 Dash — 1. Ferguson (B. Harbor) 58.6, 2. Swift (Dowagiac) 1:00.1, 3. Dumaine (Niles) 1:00.7, 4. Petzke (Lakeshore) 1:03.3, 5. Norwood (Paw Paw) 1:07.
300 Lows — 1. Bowen (Buchanan) 47.5, 2. Gatz (LMC) 48.1, 3. Gebhard (LMC) 48.8, 4. Schwarz (St. Joe) 49.5, 5. Foster (B. Harbor) 51.3.
800 Run — 1. Noble (Lawton) 2:22.5, 2. Siewert (Gales) 2:29.0, 3. Nordquist (Bridgman) 2:29.5, 4. Vite (Buchanan) 2:32.2, 5. Pawlicki (Paw Paw) 2:35.8.



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