to Spartan title

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EAST LANSING — They are the Big Reds Machine. And with the way it's starting, Sexton could run right

through the Class A state meet's finish line.

The Sexton boys' track team sprinted out early and took the Spartan Relays championship, beating second place Traverse City by 25 points Saturday at MSU's Jenison Field House.

SPARTAN RELAYS

Ann Arbor Pioneer finished third with 33 points, followed by Detroit Cooley with 21, and Ypsilanti and Kalamazoo Loy Norrix with

20. Grand Ledge finished with 10 points, East Lansing had five and Everett two.

The Big Reds showed their power by winning three of the first four events. The shuttle hurdle relay team of Mark Davis, Keith Newbern, Octavius Long and Howard Triplett won in 29.1 seconds, breaking the meet record set by Sexton in 1986 by four tenths of a

Seniors Davis and Jevon Williams each won an individual event. Williams took the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 2¾ inches. Davis won the 55 meter hurdles in 7.61 seconds.

The other first place was in the distance medley relay, where Saddi Washington, Newbern, Williams and Dave Campbell ran a 10:59, one second better than Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Sexton Coach Paul Pozega said winning the meet would take away from the disappointment at the Huron Relays, where the championship was taken away from Sexton because of a rule violation.

"I'm pleased with the outcome," Pozega said. "I was disappointed last week because of what happened, but I told them you've got to come back in this

"We got a good mixture of young kids and old kids that makes a good blend," Pozega said. "And the kids are pretty low key, they never get too excited and that's because they're experienced and have gone through this before. They will take this championship in stride, but if they lose they're disappointed."

Sexton finished second in the sprint medley and the 1,600 relay. Jason Husband took third in the 55 dash, Campbell was third in the 1,600 and Matt Beard placed third in the shot put.

Sexton might have had another win, but its 800 relay team was on pace to win and possibly set a meet record when an opponent knocked the baton from the hands of the Sexton runner.

Grand Ledge's Jason Briggs placed fifth in the high jump and teammate Ron McEnhill took second in the 3,200. East Lansing finished fourth in the sprint medley relay and sixth in the 800 medley relay.

Everett's Brian Headley finished sixth in the 1,600

and Kollon West took fifth in the pole vault.

In the girls' division, Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the title with 94 points, 53 more than secondplace Greenville. Pioneer won eight of the 13 events, and placed in two others

Holt placed third with 36 points, behind strong performances of Chloe Parker and Alys Abdo.

Parker won the 55 hurdles in 9.09 seconds, and Abdo won the long jump with a 16-3.
Holt's Jack Rarick said he was pleased with the

team he took over as coach just two months earlier.
"They did a super job," Rarick said. "Alys and Chloe won, and the relay teams did real well. We were happy to be here, and we picked up a trophy and that's great.



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Micah Guadio of Grand Ledge competes in the pole vault at the Spartan Relays.

The Holt relay teams took second in the 800, third in the sprint medley, and fifth in the shuttle hurdle

Plymouth Salem finished fourth with 28 points and Redford Union took fifth with 24 points. Eastern finished with eight points, East Lansing had six, Everett had two and Sexton one.

Eastern took third in the 800 relay, and sixth in both the 1,600 relay and the shuttle hurdle relay.

Everett's Tashan Terry placed fifth in the 55 dash and Sexton's Sharee Robinson took sixth in the shot put. East Lansing finished third in the distance medley.

Byron Outdoor Relays: Bath captured the bote meet with 91 points to outdistance runner-up Webberville while Durand won the girls' meet with 76 points at the Byron Relays Saturday.

In the boys' meet, Webberville scored 82 points, Fliat Ben-dele was third with 70 points, New Lothrop finished fourth with 62 and Byron had 61 points. Each event is in relay form

and the totals are added up to determine a winner.

Webberville placed first in the high jump relays with a distance of 22 feet, six inches and took first in the discus relay with 421-9. The Spartans also placed first in the sprint medley relay with a 3:52.0.

In the girls' meet, New Lothrop finished second with 60 points, Byron was third with 58 points and Laingsburg finished fourth with 56 points. Flint Bendele placed fifth with 48 points and Bath had 34 points for a sixth place finish. Fowlerville was seventh (12), Webberville was eighth (8) and Genesse placed

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