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Junior captures 55-meter hurdles

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Deter relay at the Class A Sparian Delays Saturday at Jenison Field flouse. She'll tell vou. "I did excellent," she said of her 25-second split for 200 yards. "I was out to prove myself in the 201 Some people say Nikki Bouyer wouldn't be all that much if it wasn't for the hurdles. I wanted to prove I could sprint."

prove I could sprint. Or ask Bouyer how she did in the 55-meter hurdles, which she won in 8.4 seconds, a tenth of a second shy of the meet record. She'll tell

."I wanted to break the record. but I have another year. I'll be back next year and I will break the

record," Bouyer said.
The Big Reds finished eighth with 18 points.

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Plymouth Salem won the girls' portion of the meet with 59 points and Salem's neighbor. Plymouth Canton, was second with 56 points and Ann Arbor Pioneer placed third with 42 points.

Okemos scored 21 points, good for seventh place.

Spartan Relays

- Plymouth Salem beat Plymouth Canton 59-56 for the girls' title. ■ Top performances: Okemos' Rafaela Lopez-McKnight took
- first in the shot put and teammate Robin Gillum won the 55. meter dash
- Traverse City won the boys' meet, edging Sexton 42-41% Top performances: Sexton's Mike Rosenburg won the long jump and teammate Octavis Long placed second in the 55meter dash
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In the boys' nieet, Traverse City won the championship by the closest of margins. The Trojans edged

Sexion 42-411; In the girls' mpet, Okemos' Rafaela Lopez-McKnight paced a clean sweep of area athletes in the shot put. McKnight threw the shot 39-4, Waverly's Bachel Mays was second at 35-1 and Sexton's Cheir-ece. Williams was third at 35-0.

Okemos sprinter Robin Gillum won the 55-meter dash with a 7.35 clocking. Okemos also placed sixth in the 800-meter relay team and seventh in the sprint medley relay. Everett, which fied for 14th with

Everett, which lied for 14th win Waverly in the girls meet, got a good day from Gernette Richardson. Richardson was third in the 35-meter hurdies with a time of 8.8 seconds and placed fifth in long jump, going 15-4.
East Lansing listance runner Eiteen Fleck placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run in 5:33.6 and was

fifth in the 800-meter run in 2:34 Charlotte's Sonja Rodoy's jump of 4-10 earned her a sixth-place finish

In the shuttle hurdle relay, of which Bouyer was a part of, Sexton came in fifth.

Bouyer said she knows why she missed the record in the 55-meter

"I slipped when I was going over the third hurdle," she said. "When I miss the record by a tenth of sec-ond, I know that hurdle cost me."

Bouyer also ran the first leg of the 1,600-meter relay. It was a race she wasn't sure if she wanted

"I told my coach I didn't want to run," said Bouyer. "I hadn't run that race since my freshman year and when I got to the line, I'd for-gotten how to run that race."

Sexton's boys' team didn't forget much. Sexton coach Brian Murley said he was experimenting, but

was still pleased with the finish. 'We basically didn't keep track of points, so this comes as a wel-come surprise," Murley said. "We tried some things with the younger kids. We wanted to see if we could

find anything that might help us. This is a definitely a plus for us." Big Reds speedster and Michigan State football and track recruit Octavis Long demonstrated why he was such a sought-after commodity.

Long placed second in the 55-meter dash, a race that included three big-time football players. Besides Long, East Lansing's Ran-dy Kinder (Notre Dame) and Martin Luther King's Clarence Thompson (Michigan) competed in the

Wendell Faria of Ypsilanti won with a 6.48 and Long had a 6.57 Kinder was fourth in 6.59 seconds.

Sexton's shuttle hurdle relay team of Ali Ansari. Mike Rosen-burg, Calvin Beard and Mike Boles hed first in 31.9 seconds. The Big Reds' sprint medley relay team was fourth (2:33.8). Sexton shot putter Rodney Wil-

son took first with a toss of 53-feet. 3-inches

"We don't put too much emphasis on the indoor season," Murley said. "We're trying to stay healthy and train them through the early part of the season

Rosenburg picked up quality points for the Big Reds. He won the long jump, flying 21 feet and he also placed sixth in the high jump.

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