

Howard Cty. Retains Track Championship

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Howard County JC, the Silky Sullivan of the junior college track world, came on strong to wrap up first place in the 21st annual NJCAA Track and Field Meet for the second straight year.

The flying legions of coach L. L. (Red) Lewis, showing early and steady foot in the sprints and the relay races, piled up a total of $111\frac{3}{4}$ points, compared to $74\frac{3}{4}$ for runnerup Phoenix JC of Phoenix, Arizona.

The Hawks finished 1-2-3 in the 100 and had a 1-2-4 finish in the 220 events to account for 46 points in the two events - nearly half of the aggregate.

Dean Cheatham, the meets high point man, and Herman Robinson finished 1-2 in each event as expected. The real surprise was team-mate Don Carter, the stout hearted freshman who was third in the century and fourth in the furlong.

HCJC took the lead relatively early Friday evening and kept widening its margin. Hutchinson held second place most of the night but succumbed to Phoenix's overpowering strength in the pole vault.

A slight drizzle which occurred most of the evening cancelled out any chance of a wholesale assault on the records.

The Hawks, however, brought a throaty roar from the crowd estimated at 1,000 by establishing a new mark in the sprint relay.

The Big Springer's combination of Kenny Kesterson, Dean Cheatham, Herman Robinson and the redoubtable Carter negotiated the lap in 41.8 seconds, half a second under the mark they established last year.

Phoenix's great pole vaulter, Jerry Armon, won his specialty with a leap of 13 feet $6\frac{1}{4}$. He failed in his record bid, however, because of a late wind that whipped in from the west.

Hutchinson shot ahead of HCJC and every other team in the field Friday night by winning the broad jump and tying for first place in both the sprint medley relay and the high jump.

HCJC had been mildly favored in both the sprint medley and the high jump but the best Lou Balenton of the Hawks could do in the high jump was 6 feet $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches, an effort that deadlocked him with Jerry Williams of Hutchinson and Tony Penalton of Pratt JC, Pratt, Kansas.

HCJC led for much of the way in its heat of the sprint medley relay but both Hutchinson and Flint JC of Flint, Michigan, running in the same heat, overtook the locals down the straight-away heading for the tape.

The Big Springers wound up fourth in the event when South Plains, running in the other heat, was placed ahead of them.

Dick Perry of Hutchinson cut loose with a magnificent broad jump of 24 feet $\frac{1}{4}$ inches to win that event.

Phoenix JC, Arizona, supplied the winner, as expected, in the shot put. Ron Jespen pushed the shot 48 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches to win for the team from the Cactus State.

Gary Walker gave HCJC its first outright first place Saturday morning when he delivered the discus 144 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Hutchinson got a fifth in that event and three of the Blue Dragons picked up a grand total of 16 points in the javelin throw.

TEAM STANDINGS

1.	Howard County JC, Texas	111 $\frac{3}{4}$
2.	Phoenix JC, Arizona	74 $\frac{3}{4}$
3.	Hutchinson JC, Kansas	59 $\frac{3}{4}$
4.	Flint JC, Michigan	51
5.	Victoria JC, Texas	36
6.	Garden City, Kansas	25
7.	Lubbock Christian, Texas	21 $\frac{3}{4}$
8.	Blinn JC, Texas	20
9.	Independence JC, Kansas	18
10.	Scottsbluff, Nebraska	17
11.	South Plains, Texas	16
12.	Coffeyville JC, Kansas	14
	Pueblo JC, Colorado	14
14.	Schreiner, Texas	11
15.	Pratt JC, Kansas	8
	Fairbury JC, Nebraska	8
17.	McCook JC, Nebraska	6
18.	Spring Arbor, Michigan	4
	Mesa JC, Colorado	4
	Iola JC, Kansas	4
21.	Ranger JC, Texas	1
	Northeastern A & M, Oklahoma	1
	Jackson JC, Michigan	1
22.	Amarillo JC, Texas	0
	Otero JC, Colorado	0
	LaJunta, Colorado	0
	Abraham Baldwin, Georgia	0
	Trinidad, Colorado	0

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

100 yard dash—Dean Cheatham, Howard County JC, Big Springs, Texas	10.0	440 yard Relay—Howard County JC, Big Springs, Texas (Kenny Kesterson, Dean Cheatham, Herman Robinson, Don Carter)	41.8
220 yard dash—Dean Cheatham, Howard County JC, Big Springs, Texas	21.5	Mile Relay—Howard County JC, Big Springs, Texas (Herman Robinson, Milton Marrow, Tommy Yarbro, Don Carter)	3.23.7
440 yard dash—Joe Kirkland, Garden City JC, Garden City, Kansas	48.1	Broad Jump—Dick Perry, Hutchinson JC, Hutchinson, Kansas	24 ft. $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
880 yard dash—Dennis Johnson, Flint JC, Flint, Michigan	1.55.4	High Jump—Three-way tie between Lou Balenton, HCJC; Jerry Williams, HJC; & Tony Penalton, Pratt JC	6 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Mile Run—Jim Thomas, Coffeyville JC, Coffeyville, Kansas	4.29.7	Pole Vault—Jerry Armon, Phoenix JC, Phoenix, Arizona	13 ft. $\frac{6}{4}$ in.
2 Mile Run—Don Sleeman, Flint JC, Flint, Mich.	9.56.9	Shot Put—Ron Jespen, Phoenix JC, Phoenix, Arizona	48 ft. $\frac{4}{2}$ in.
120 yard H.H.—Charles Ennis, Victoria JC, Victoria, Texas	14.8	Discus—Gary Walker, Howard County JC, Big Spring, Texas	144 ft. $\frac{3}{2}$ in.
220 yard L.H.—Toby Sellers, Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas	24.3	Javelin—Don Broadus, Independence JC, Independence, Kansas	205 ft. 7 in.
Sprint Medley Relay—Two-way tie between Flint JC, Michigan, (Dennis Johnson, Bill Hajec, John Niergarth, Lawrence Collins) and Hutchinson JC, Kansas, (Steve Stout, Bob Bracey, Dick Perry, Gene Newman)	3.37.0		

HOWARD COUNTY TRACK CHAMPS



Standing (L to R) Coach L.L. Lewis, Tommy Yarbo, Tommy Wise, Leroy Smith, Lou Balenton, Ken Windham, Gary Walker, Wayne Jennings, Mgr.
 Kneeling (L to R) Kenny Kesterson, Don Carter, Larry Mauldin, Herman Robinson, Ronnie Overby, Dean Cheatham, Lewis White.