

By DON FILLION

The University of Massachusetts parlayed its superior depth in the running events and first-place finishes in four of 12 events into a first-place finish in the Yankee Conference Indoor Track Championships held at UVM's Gutterson Field House Saturday.

The Redmen led the charge of conference teams in a meet which saw seven cage and four conference marks fall by the wayside.

Massachusetts' winning margin was 10 points over second-place Connecticut which gathered 45. In third place with 37 points was the University of Rhode Island, followed with a tie between Maine and New Hampshire at 18½. The University of Vermont, host for the meet, which started Saturday morning, placed last with 18 points.

Massachusetts won the one-mile relay, high jump, two-mile run and 600-yard run with some fine individual performances.

By winning the mile relay in the time of 3:26.3 the Redmen established a Gardner Cage

mark. Dave Carpenter's 6-4½ high jump gave UMass a first place and another cage mark. Chet Lang won the gruelling two-mile run for UMass in the time of nine minutes, .07.9 seconds for a cage and conference mark.

Roger Hasselbaum emerged the winner in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:13.2, despite a tremendous effort by UVM's Robert Horn, who placed second.

In his heat Horn came on in the last lap to edge out Connecticut's Hilmer by an inch. It was one of the finest individual performances of the meet, which drew a good sized audience.

Connecticut established two cage and conference marks in the 1,000-yard and one mile runs.

For the Huskies Steve Flanagan posted a time of 2:12.0 for a record smashing finish in the 1,000 yarder. Charley McColl led a 1, 2, 3 finish by the Huskies with a time of 4:11.1 cage and conference mark in the mile.

Five-foot 10 Harry Jennings thrilled the audience with his winning heave of 52 feet, 10½ inches in the 16-pound shot put, good for another cage and conference mark.

Roger Fowler of URI tied a record of 5.4 in the 50-yard sprint in the morning trials, and then came back with a 5.5 pace and a first place in the finals in the afternoon.

Billy Phillips of UNH, perhaps better known for his running ability with a football, set the pace in the 35-pound weight throw with a distance of 59 feet, 7½ inches.

Mike Devine of UVM, a sophomore, finished second in the long jump, which was won by Maine's Richardson with a jump of 22 feet, 6½ inches, which tied a Gardner Cage mark. Phillips was second in the shot put and competed in the high jump.

Sandy Magid of UVM placed fourth in the 35-pound weight throw.

Archie Post, UVM veteran coach, who has been head track coach at UVM for the past 40 years, presented the conference trophy to UMass coach Ken O'Brien, who gave credit to the team for the victory.

Post, who will retire at the end of the school year, was witnessing his last indoor meet as head coach. Following the spring season he will retire.

Shot Put

1. Jennings, URI, 52-10½; 2. Hews, Maine, 49-8½; 3. Phillips, New Hamp., 49-1; 4. Connor, UConn; 5. Moulton, Maine

One Mile Run

1. McColl, UConn; 2. W. Young, UConn; 3. Vitale, UConn; 4. Wayne, UMass; 5. Turner, Maine;

Time: 4:11.1 (new cage and conference record)

600-yard Run

1. Hasselbaum, UMass; 2. Horn, UVM; 3. Hilmer, UConn; 4. Kelly, URI; 4. Stelmok, Maine;

Time: 1:13.2

Two-Mile Run

1. Lang, UMass; 2. Spurling, UConn; 3. Hoss, UMass; 4. Vitale, UConn; 5. Duart, UMass

Time: 9:07.9 (new cage and conference record)

One-Mile Relay

1. Massachusetts; 2. Connecticut; 3. New Hampshire; 4. Rhode Island; 5. Maine.

Time: 3:26.3 (new cage record)

Pole Vault

1. Tibbett, UNH; 2. Gousse, UConn; 3. Pritchard, URI; 4. Ciulla, UVM; 5. Nichols, UNH; Lebrun, URI; 13-6

50-Yard Dash

1. Fowler, URI; 2. Mayo, UMass; 3. Marble, UMass; 4. Amaral, UConn; 5. Richardson, Maine; Time: .05.5

55-yard High Hurdles

1. Whiffield, URI; 2. Spellman, UMass; 3. Spinney, URI; 4. Rivard, URI; 5. Gingras, UVM; Time: 07.0

1,000-yard Run

1. Flanagan, UConn; 2. Gonzalez, UMass; 3. McColl, UConn; 4. W. Young, UConn; 5. Wayne, UMass; Time: 2:12.0 (new cage and conference record).

High Jump

1. Carpenter, UMass; 2. Keillor, UVM; 3. Aranson, UMass; 4. Nyman, UMass; 5. Cate, UVM; Ht.: 6' 4½" (new cage record)

Final Team Scores

1. Massachusetts, 55; 2. Connecticut, 45; 3. Rhode Island, 37; 4. Maine, 18½; 4. New Hampshire, 18½; 5. Vermont, 18