The Champion of Champions Meet

From 1956 to 1972, the Champion of Champions meet at Kalamazoo College's Angell Field brought together much of the state's best track & field talent, including many of the state champions during that period. Kalamazoo Central coach Elf Pedler led the committee that drew up the plans for the first edition. The meet was also championed by WMU coach George Dales.

The meet, according to the original proposal, would offer "a look at the eight best Michigan prep athletes in every event competing against each other In a real champion of champions showdown. Invitations will be tendered on the basis of performances in the regional and state finals." The original selection committee was Dales and a local sportswriter, Jack Moss.

In 1964, for instance, all state champions were automatically invited, in addition to athletes who made the following standards could apply for an invitation: 10.0, 21.9, 505, 1:58.0, 4:30.0, 14.8, 19.8, 6-2, 12-6, 22-0, 53-0.

Athletes of all grades and school sizes were included. The event also originally featured exhibition races featuring some top Olympic athletes, as well as junior high events.

The MHSAA gave the event its full support. Athletes were allowed to wear school uniforms and the relays featured school teams. Charles E. Forsythe, the director of the MHSAA, was the honorary referee of the first edition.

The event was sponsored for many of its years by the Kalamazoo Jaycees and the Kalamazoo Gazette and was originally a fundraiser for the Olympic Fund, which support the U.S. Olympic teams.

The quality of the meet was undeniable. The fields usually featured most of the best in the state, with the notable exception of the Detroit schools. Scheduled for a week after the state finals, it clashed with the Detroit PSL Championships, which were also held after the state finals. It wasn't until the final edition that a Detroit athlete won at Waldo Stadium.

Over the years, crowds of often up to 2500 came out to see state champions in various classes do battle. However, in 1973, the event was finally cancelled. The Gazette reported it was "a victim of who was going to stage the big show." Another report noted that organizers had experienced difficulty in getting the top stars to attend in the latter years.

The next year, the Midwest Meet of Champions was created to fill the void, an event for where the top seniors from various Midwest states competed against each other.

Year-by-Year Highlights

1956: John Palmer of St. Louis won the outstanding performer award after winning the low hurdles into a headwind, tying for 1st in the shot, and taking 3rd in both the long jump and high hurdles. Overall, Class B athletes won 10 events to the 7 won by Class A athletes. An exhibition featuring some of the best collegiate milers in the state saw WMU's Bill Pyle win in 4:20.4.

1957: Bob Jones of Battle Creek captured the 100/200 double and was voted the outstanding athlete. Olympic relay gold medalist Ira Murchison set a track record of 9.6 in winning the exhibition 100-yard dash.

1958: Farmington's Rex Cawley, who 6 years later would be a World Record holder and Olympic champion, was voted outstanding athlete after winning both hurdle races in meet records in a light drizzle. Pontiac won the 3-lap medley relay (then a feature of the state finals instead of the mile relay) in 2:27.8, a state record.

1959: Terrible weather cut the crowd size by more than half as only 900 showed. A blackout was caused by storms, so the meet "was conducted in semi-darkness" for 35 minutes. For the second-straight year, Rex Cawley stole the headlines. On his way to a top 10 World Ranking as a high school senior in both the 120 highs and the 400 hurdles, he won both prep hurdle events in record times, and added a 21.4 anchor on Farmington's winning 4x2.

1960: In front of a crowd of 2500, Mack Hunter of Muskegon Heights captured the spotlight. The sprinter, who missed regionals and the state finals with an ankle injury, took on the Class A state champ Maurice Pea of Flint Northern and won both the 100 (9.8) and 220 (21.4) in record times.

1961: Bradell Pritchett of Pontiac Central threw a state record of 61-3.5 in front of 2500 fans to earn outstanding athlete honors. The other big star was Neil Browne of Class D Lawton, who defeated the stars from bigger schools to win the mile in 4:28.9. Ira Murchison returned from injury to win the exhibition 100 in 9.7.

1962: Joe Parham set records in the sprints (9.8, 21.6) and anchored Muskegon Heights to a record 1:30.0 in the 4 x 2 to earn outstanding athlete honors. Jerry Cerulla of Wyandotte Roosevelt captured both hurdle races. In exhibition races, Olympic bronze medalist (and later a gold winner) Hayes Jones ran 14.0 for the hurdles; Ira Murchison took the 100 in 9.8 two days after winning the Michigan AAU title.

1963: Walt Wilson of Robichaud High took down the meet record in the 880 with his 1:54.7 and also anchored the winning mile relay to win outstanding athlete honors. Many were excited when a pair of Class D jumpers tied at a record 6-5 in the high jump: Mike Bowers (Litchfield) and Charles Washington (Centreville). The exhibition races were called off when the stars couldn't make it; they wouldn't be on the schedule again.

1964: The meet moved to Western Michigan's Waldo Stadium. Jim Giachino from Kalamazoo's University High thrilled the locals among the 1000 fans with his record win in the mile at 4:20.1. That got him outstanding athlete honors. Roseville produced possibly the best mark with a state record 3:22.0 mile relay that was more than 6 seconds faster than the winning time at the Class A state finals. Sophomore Delbert Littlejohn became the second champion from that family, soaring over 6-5.25 in the high jump (in the days before the Fosbury Flop).

1965: The chilly, windy weather limited the crowd to just 400 spectators as Flint Central junior Len Hatchett earned outstanding athlete honors with his hurdle double and his leg on the 4x2 winners. Kerchival Patterson of Ypsilanti won the sprint double (9.9 / 22.0) and Manchester's Gary Knickerbocker tied the meet record in the high jump (6-5.25).

1966: Pontiac Central's Bill Tipton, on his way to becoming the No. 1 hurdler in the country, stole the spotlight with two record-breaking runs, 14.2 in the highs and a state record 18.9 in the lows. Over 1000 fans applauded. They also saw Rich Stevens of Dearborn Heights Riverside blast a 1:53.7 in the

880, then anchor the winning mile relay in 49.2. Future MSU great Bill Wehrwein of Roseville beat the meet record in the 440 with his 49.4.

1967: Junior Gary Van Elst of Middleville's Thornapple-Kellogg High won meet honors when he crushed the state record in the shot put in a thrilling dual with East Detroit's Giulio Catallo. Van Elst had to break the state record to win, as Catallo had already broken it three (!) times that day, with throws of 62-2.5, 62-8.5 and 63-2.5. The only double winner of the day was sprinter John Schneider of Marshall (9.8w / 22.7 in "brisk" weather). As at the MHSAA finals, the two-mile was added to the meet, with Southfield's Kim Hartman winning the first title in 9:37.8.

1968: Ron DeVries of Class B Erie-Mason became one of the best stories in the meet's history. The 6-2.5 senior came in with a high jump PR of 6-5. He had won the B title at 6-3 in a season where he had been spending a lot of time pole vault and the hurdles. For the week before Champ of Champs, he had concentrated only on the high jump, and his coach Jerry Wing predicted he could go 6-7. Instead, he flew over a state record 6-9.25, defeating the best jumpers in the state. In other events, Kalamazoo Central broke its own meet record in the 4 x 2 at 1:29.3, and Andy Johnson of Battle Creek Central won both hurdle races.

1969: John Morrison, a hurdler from Redford Union (and later coach at Brighton), won outstanding athlete honors on a warm, sunny day with a snappy hurdle double of 14.0 / 19.1, the highs mark being a meet record. Southgate became the first team in state history to crack 3:20 in the mile relay with its 3:19.7. Class C Reading High surprised many by beating the Class A powers to take the 4 x 2 relay.

1970: Benton Harbor's Rod Rhodes won top honors with a blazing sprint double (9.7 MR / 21.6) plus anchor on a winning 4x2. Rob Cassleman of Grand Rapids Catholic Central crushed the 400 record with his 48.6 and Muskegon Catholic's Jim Stevenson became the first vaulter in meet history to top 14-feet.

1971: St. Joseph runners won both the mile and two mile in 80° heat, with Tim Tobin taking outstanding athlete honors with his 4:16.8 record performance over four laps. Teammate Steve Norris broke the meet record in the two-mile at 9:19.7. Bob Eubank of Grand Rapids Union won a sprint double (10.2 / 22.0).

1972: No one knew it at the time, but it was the last edition of the meet. The portents were there: at a new site (Kalamazoo Central), the always impeccably-run meet started over an hour late, and some of the key entrants did not show. Only 300 fans watched, as temperatures climbed above 80° on a sunny afternoon. Whomever won the outstanding athlete award is lost to history, though it was probably Ken Delor, winner of the 100 (meet record 9.6) and 220 (21.9). Mike Burns of Carson City-Crystal, later to be the head timer at the state cross country finals, broke the mile record with his 4:14.5.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

1956	John Palmer (St Louis)
1957	Bob Jones (Battle Creek)
1958	Rex Cawley (Farmington)
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1960	Mack Hunter (Muskegon Heights)
1961	Bradell Pritchett (Pontiac Central)
1962	Joe Parham (Muskegon Heights)
1963	Walt Wilson (Dearborn Heights Robichaud)
1964	Jim Giachino (Kalamazoo University)
1965	Len Hatchett (Flint Central)
1966	Bill Tipton (Pontiac Central)
1967	Gary Van Elst (Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg)
1968	Ron DeVries (Erie-Mason)
1969	John Morrison (Redford Union)
1970	Rod Rhodes (Benton Harbor)
1971	Tim Tobin (St Joseph)
1972	unknown

MR = Meet Record
SR = State Record

100 YARDS

1956	Joe Christie (Muskegon Heights)12	10.1 MR
1957	Bob Jones (Battle Creek)12	10.0 MR
1958	Bob Manning (Pontiac)12	10.1 (-)
1959	Roger Williams (South Haven)12	10.0 =MR
1960	Mack Hunter (Muskegon Heights)12	9.8 MR
1961	Craig LaGrone (Detroit Lutheran West)12	10.0
1962	Joe Parham (Muskegon Heights)12	9.8 =MR
1963	Willie Jones (Monroe)12	10.0
1964	Harold Olds (Grand Ledge)11	10.0
1965	Kerchival Patterson (Ypsilanti)11	9.9
1966	Dave Carroll (Laingsburg)11	9.9
1967	John Schneider (Marshall)12	9.8w
1968	Jim Holmes (Lansing Boys Training)11	9.9
1969	unknown	
1970	Rod Rhodes (Benton Harbor)11	9.7 MR
1971	Bob Eubank (Grand Rapids Union)12	10.2
1972	Ken Delor (Grosse Pointe North)11	9.6 MR

220 YARDS

1956	Charles Kyser (Inkster)10	22.1 MR
1957	Bob Jones (Battle Creek)12	22.1 =MR
1958	Bob Manning (Pontiac)12	22.2 (-)
1959	Roger Williams (South Haven)12	22.3
1960	Mack Hunter (Muskegon Heights)12	21.4 MR
1961	Joe Grasley (Warren Lincoln)11	22.4
1962	Joe Parham (Muskegon Heights)12	21.6
1963	Bill Raynor (Niles)12	21.6

1964	Harold Olds (Grand Ledge)11	21.9
1965	Kerchival Patterson (Ypsilanti)11	22.1
1966	Gary Bosh (Flint Southwestern)12	22.2
1967	John Schneider (Marshall)12	22.7
1968	Bob Woodroof (Rochester)12	22.1
1969	Ralph Burger (Reading)12	22.3
1970	Rod Rhodes (Benton Harbor)11	21.6
1971	Bob Eubank (Grand Rapids Union)12	22.0
1972	Ken Delor (Grosse Pointe North)11	21.9

440 YARDS

1956	Bill Wyatt (Inkster)11	50.6 MR
1957	Jim Nelligan (Lansing Sexton)12	51.7
1958	Nick "Bud" Jaros (Detroit Thurston)11	52.1
1959	Jim Moers (Wayne)12	51.3
1960	Steve Meyer (Berkley)11	50.1 MR
1961	Sam McMurray (Muskegon Heights)11	50.4
1962	Dick Gaston (South Haven)12	50.3
1963	Mike Thompson (Kalamazoo Central)12	50.7
1964	Dan Jones (Saginaw Hill)11	50.4
1965	Rich Stevens (Dearborn Heights Riverside)11	49.8 MR
(tie)	Earl Winblad (Bangor)12	49.8 =MR
1966	Bill Wehrwein (Roseville)12	49.4 MR
1967	Gordon Aldrich (Akron-Fairgrove)12	50.2
1968	Bob Anderson (Howell)12	50.6
1969	Dave Anderson (Birmingham Groves)12	50.0
1970	Rob Cassleman (GR Catholic Central)12	48.6 MR
1971	Tom Burger (Reading)12	49.6
1972	Todd Murphy (Ann Arbor Pioneer)12	49.9

880 YARDS

1956	Bob Lake (Kalamazoo Central)12	1:59.5 MR
1957	Harold Arft (Armada)12	2:01.5
1958	Paul Underhill (South Lyon)11	1:59.0 MR
1959	Martin Hammerstein (Temperance Bedford)12	1:57.3
1960	Ron Horning (Sturgis)12	1:58.1 MR
1961	Mike Martens (Charlotte)11	1:58.8
1962	Mike Martens (Charlotte)12	1:57.4 MR
1963	Walt Wilson (Dearborn Heights Robichaud)12	1:54.7 MR
1964	John Spain (Dearborn)11	1:55.1
1965	Pat Wilson (Roseville)12	1:55.7
1966	Rich Stevens (Dearborn Heights Riverside)12	1:53.7 MR
1967	Ernest Brown (Dearborn Heights Robichaud)12	1:57.1
1968	Dan Hague (Ecorse)12	1:55.7
1969	Mitch Garvey (Portage Central)12	1:54.8
1970	Al Martin (Saginaw St Peter & Paul)12	1:59.0
1971	Don Keswick (Fenton)12	1:55.3
1972	Mike Cason (Detroit Kettering)12	1:57.2

MILE

1956	Tony Smith (Lansing Sexton)12	4:34.3 MR
1957	Bob Carigon (Lowell)12	4:32.8 MR
1958	Jerry Bashaw (Lincoln Park)11	4:36.3
1959	Roger Humbarger (Godwin Heights)12	4:31.1 MR
1960	Rush Ring (Sparta)12	4:26.6 MR
1961	Neil Browne (Lawton)12	4:28.9
1962	Jeff Taylor (Otsego)12	4:24.3 MR
1963	Ken Coates (Wyoming Park)11	4:23.5 MR
1964	Jim Giachino (Kalamazoo University)11	4:20.1 MR
1965	Steve Bishop (Vicksburg)12	4:18.7 MR
1966	Ron Strang (Detroit Lutheran West)11	4:23.4
1967	Brent Stone (Ann Arbor)12	4:24.6
1968	Gary Williams (Farmington)12	4:21.8
1969	Steve Danforth (Temperance Bedford)12	4:17.1 MR
1970	Jeff Dixon (East Grand Rapids)11	4:20.6
1971	Tim Tobin (St Joseph)11	4:16.8 MR
1972	Mike Burns (Carson City-Crystal)12	4:14.5 MR

TWO MILE

1967	Kim Hartman (Southfield)12	9:37.8 MR
1968	Gary Harris (Kalamazoo Norrix)12	9:31.2 MR
1969	Rick Schott (Grosse Pointe North)11	9:26.2 MR
1970	Kevin Reabe (Waterford Kettering)12	9:28.0
1971	Steve Norris (St Joseph)12	9:19.7 MR
1972	Kurt Holland (Trenton)11	9:40.0

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

1956	Dick Miller (Reed City)12	15.0 MR
1957	Jerry Meyer (Berkley)12	14.7 MR
1958	Rex Cawley (Farmington)11	14.6 (-) MR
1959	Rex Cawley (Farmington)12	14.4 MR
1960	Jim Raschel (Niles)12	14.9
1961	Clarence Brown (Ecorse)12	14.6
1962	Jerry Cerulla (Wyandotte Roosevelt)12	14.5
1963	Henry Patino (Lansing Everett)11	14.7
1964	Nelson Graham (Mt Morris)12	14.5
1965	Len Hatchett (Flint Central)11	14.8
1966	Bill Tipton (Pontiac Central)11	14.2 MR
1967	Joe Schiros (Dearborn)12	14.3
1968	Andy Johnson (Battle Creek Central)12	14.3
1969	John Morrison (Redford Union)12	14.0 MR
1970	Henry Brown (Highland Park)12	14.4
1971	Joe Schneider (Wyandotte)12	14.5
1972	Paul Zolnysky (Allen Park)12	14.3

180-YARD LOW HURDLES

1956	John Palmer (St Louis)12	19.6 (-) MR
1957	Don Massengale (Iona)11	19.4 MR
1958	Rex Cawley (Farmington)11	19.4 (-) =MR
1959	Rex Cawley (Farmington)12	19.4 (-) =MR
1960	Joe Mason (Saginaw Hill)12	19.3 MR
1961	Jim Vogler (Detroit Lutheran West)12	19.7
1962	Jerry Cerulla (Wyandotte Roosevelt)12	20.0
1963	Henry Patino (Lansing Everett)11	19.9
1964	Henry Patino (Lansing Everett)12	19.3 =MR
1965	Len Hatchett (Flint Central)11	19.4
1966	Bill Tipton (Pontiac Central)11	18.9 SR
1967	Mel Cole (Pontiac Northern)12	19.0
1968	Andy Johnson (Battle Creek Central)12	19.6
1969	John Morrison (Redford Union)12	19.1
1970	Joe Schneider (Wyandotte Roosevelt)11	19.7
1971	Paul Sherd (Rockford)11	19.2
1972	Gary Veurink (Muskegon Western MI Christian)12	19.9

HIGH JUMP

1956	Walter Ector (River Rouge)12	5-10 MR
(tie)	Paul Heniker (Ann Arbor)12	5-10 MR
(tie)	Joe Locey (Kalamazoo St Augustine)11	5-10 MR
(tie)	Nate Taylor (Kalamazoo State)12	5-10 MR
(tie)	Joe Thompson (Lansing Sexton)12	5-10 MR
1957	Jason Harness (St Joseph)12	6-1 MR
(tie)	Joe Locey (Kalamazoo St Augustine)12	6-1 MR
1958	Steve Williams (Boyne City)12	6-2.25 MR
1959	Alonzo Littlejohn (Jackson)12	6-2.5 MR
1960	Mike Freshley (Niles)12	6-0.75
(tie)	John Worthy (Kalamazoo Central)11	6-0.75
1961	Charles Washington (Centreville)10	6-2.5 =MR
1962	Charles Washington (Centreville)11	6-3.25 MR
1963	Mike Bowers (Litchfield)12	6-5 MR
(tie)	Charles Washington (Centreville)12	6-5 MR
1964	Delbert Littlejohn (Jackson)10	6-5.25 MR
1965	Gary Knickerbocker (Manchester)12	6-5.25 =MR
1966	Delbert Littlejohn (Jackson)12	6-4.75
1967	Mike Katauskas (Davison)11	6-3
1968	Ron DeVies (Erie-Mason)12	6-9.5 SR
1969	Dennis Adama (Newaygo)11	6-6
1970	Dennis Adama (Newaygo)12	6-6 5/8
1971	Mark Freeman (Warren Fitzgerald)10	6-7 1/8
1972	Chuck Durant (Portland)12	6-6

POLE VAULT

1956	Bill Deering (Dowagiac)12	12-5 MR
1957	Rod Denhart (Comstock Park)11	11-11.5
(tie)	Bill McFarlen (Birmingham)11	11-11.5
1958	Dean Marsh (Reading)12	12-6 MR
1959	Bill Alcorn (Birmingham)12	13-1.5 MR
1960	Bob Van Vleck (Charlotte)12	12-4.25
1961	John Best (Battle Creek)12	12-4.25
(tie)	Rich Schlegelmilch (Flint Bentley)12	12-4.25
1962	Gary Tesman (Centreville)12	12-7.5
1963	Dan Greene (Tecumseh)12	12-8.25
1964	Ernest Ver Hage (Hudsonville Unity Christian)12	13-7.5 MR
1965	Neil Boynton (Cadillac)12	13-6
1966	Ron Shortt (Farmington)12	13-10 MR
1967	Larry Robards (Ann Arbor)12	13-10.5 MR
1968	Larry Biskner (Waterford Township)12	13-10

1969 Dave Boyer (Fremont)12 .... 14-5.25 MR
1970 Jim Stevenson (Muskegon Catholic)12 .... 14-6 MR
1971 Ed Kretschmer (Bloomfield Hills Lahser)12 .... 14-7.25 MR
1972 Nat Durham (Farmington)12 .... 14-9 MR

LONG JUMP
1956 Willie Prewitt (Willow Run)10 .... 22-0 MR
1957 Joel Johnson (Kalamazoo Central)11 .... 22-7.75 MR
1958 Mack Hunter (Muskegon Heights)11 .... 23-3 MR
1959 John Love (Battle Creek)12 .... 22-6.5
1960 Ernest Carr (Flint Northern)12............................. 21-1.25
1961 Gene Roberts (Muskegon)12................................ 21-4
1962 Len Martin (Muskegon Heights)12 .... 22-4.75
1963 Willie Jones (Monroe)12 22-5
1964 Dennis Laminan (Roseville)12 .... 22-9.5
1965 Al Phillips (Redford Thurston)11 .... 22-8.5
1966 Laverne Miller (Flint Southwestern)11 .... 23-7 MR
1967 Dennis Johnson (Kalamazoo Central)11 .... 23-3.25
1968 Dennis Johnson (Kalamazoo Central)12 23-3
1969 Kurt Dunn (Portage Central)11............................. 22-6.25
1970 Ken Papes (Free Soil)12...................................... 22-2
1971 Carlton Daniels (Ann Arbor Huron)10................... 22-11.5
1972 Mike Pinkett (Highland Park)12............................ 22-7

SHOT
1956 Welton Bonner (Battle Creek)11 .... 52-0.25 MR
(tie) John Palmer (St Louis)12.................................... 52-0.25 MR
1957 Welton Bonner (Battle Creek)12 .... 54-3 MR
1958 Steve Sichterman (Grand Rapids Catholic)12....... 52-11
1959 Dave Behrman (Dowagiac)12 .... 55-3 MR
1960 Bill Swingle (Grand Haven)12 .... 57-4 MR
1961 Bradell Pritchett (Pontiac)12................................ 61-3.5 MR
1962 Ruddy O'Boyle (Plainwell)12................................ 55-5.75
1963 Mike Neuman (GR Catholic Central)12 .... 56-3.25
1964 Rob Johnson (Vassar)11 58-4
1965 Rob Johnson (Vassar)12 60-3
1966 Tony Wiench (Ann Arbor)12.................................. 60-2.5
1967 Gary Van Elst (Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg)11 63-10 SR
(Guilio Catallo state records 62-2.5, 62-8.5, 63-2.5)
1968 Gary Van Elst (Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg)12 61-8
1969 Steve Nelson (Battle Creek Central)11 .... 57-11.5
1970 Ron Gatheright (Mt Clemens)11 60-1
1971 Ron Gatheright (Mt Clemens)12 .... 60-4.75
1972 Brian Ford (Kalamazoo Central)12........................ 57-2

4 x 220-YARD RELAY
1956 Inkster.. 1:30.2 MR
(Charles Calloway, Charlie Bond, Willie Wyatt, Charles Kyser)
1957 Kalamazoo Central 1:31.3
(Joel Johnson, Jerry Macomber, Larry Brownell, Dave Snyder)
1958 Pontiac 1:30.9
(Jim Kellar, Jim Hawkins, Joe Hill, Bob Manning)
1959 Farmington 1:31.5
(Mike Agee, Tom Grimshaw, Don Jordan, Rex Cawley)
1960 Flint Southwestern 1:31.9
(Paul Neely, Ken Franklin, Roger Elford, JW Guy)
1961 Detroit Lutheran West 1:31.7
1962 Muskegon Heights .... 1:30.0 MR
(Chuck Swenor, Leroy Fialek, Jim Johnson, Joe Parham)
1963 Kalamazoo Central .... 1:29.5 MR
(Len Marcilous, Walt Worthy, Mike Thompson, Wayne Fisher)
1964 Roseville... 1:29.9
(Ken George, Stan Mizinski, Lyle Matteson, George Day 21.4)
1965 Flint Central 1:29.6
(Len Hatchett, Dick Yedinak, Lew Patton, George Hoey)
1966 Flint Southwestern 1:30.0
(Daryl Smith, Al Renick, George McNair, Gary Bosh)
1967 Howell... 1:31.6
1968 Kalamazoo Central .... 1:29.3 MR
(Charlie Parker, Leroy Scott, Larry Green, Dennis Johnson)
1969 Reading 1:30.6
1970 Benton Harbor 1:28.7
1971 Grand Rapids West Catholixc 1:29.8
1972 Allen Park 1:31.3
(Paul Zolnysky, Bob Fletcher, Roger Piche, Don Trionfi)

4 x 440-YARD RELAY
1961 Lansing Eastern.. 3:30.2 MR

1962 Muskegon Heights... 3:24.7 MR
(Jim Johnson, Buck Smith, Len Martin, Leroy Fialek)
1963 Dearborn Heights Robichaud................................. 3:28.2
(Walt Wilson anchor)
1964 Roseville... 3:22.0 SR
(Jerry Feil 50.0, Bill Wehrwein 51.8, Lyle Matteson 50.7, Pat Wilson 49.5)
1965 Roseville... 3:23.7
(Voss, Bill Wehrwein, Lyle Matteson, Pat Wilson)
1966 Dearborn Heights Riverside................................... 3:24.9
(Gary Abell, Art Hoffman, Paul Cooke, Rich Stevens 49.2)
1967 Howell 3:26.5
1968 Ecorse 3:23.3
(Leslie Wise, Art Small Dan Hague, Marion Pittman)
1969 Southgate .... 3:19.7 SR
1970 Ann Arbor Pioneer 3:25.8
1971 Portage Northern 3:22.2
(Chuck Evans, Russ Fender, Russ Powers, Tim Cashen)
1972 St Joseph 3:27.8
(Brian Hudson, Pat Tobin, Tim Tobin, ?)

MEDLEY RELAY
1956 Kalamazoo Central .... 2:32.5 MR
(Enloe Collier, Larry Burrington, Bill Johnson, Dave Warner)
1957 South Haven.. 2:29.8 MR
(Weldon Jones, Gary Smith, Larry Flora, Skip Williams)
1958 Pontiac .... 2:27.8 SR
(Jim Pritchett, Jim Kellar, Jim Hawkins, Roger Coats)
1959 Kalamazoo Central 2:30.6
(Bob Gardner, Bernie Daggett, Joe Palmore, Howard Reno)
1960 Flint Southwestern 2:28.7
(Chester Harris, Ken Franklin, Paul Neely, JW Guy)
1961 event replaced with mile relay

JUNIOR HIGH RELAY
1959 Kalamazoo Lincoln 49.0
1960 Portage.. 47.7
1961 Kalamazoo Lincoln 47.9

SPECIAL EXHIBITION RACES
1956 Mile – Bill Pyle 4:20.4
1957 100Y – Ira Murchison 9.6
1961 100Y – Ira Murchison 9.7
1962 120H – Hayes Jones 14.0
1962 100Y– Ira Murchison 9.8
1963 100Y & 120H races called off when Murchison and Willie May could not make it.