

CENTRAL WINS THE INTERSCHOLASTIC

LOCAL TEAM HAS FIVE POINT LEAD BESIDES FIRST HONOR IN THE RELAY RACE.

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[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 23.—Starting out at the second session of the Michigan Interscholastic meet this morning in fourth place, with Lake Forest leading by 13½ points, Detroit Central High came strong at the finish and won the meet by 5 points, scoring 85½ to Lake Forest's 80½.

Besides this victory the honor of the relay event, which counts no points in the summaries, goes to the Central team, "Mud" Wildman beating Will Spiegel for the last eighth by four yards.

Two interscholastic records went by the boards. Hannivan, of D. U. S., clipped three seconds from his own record in the mile, negotiating the distance in 4:40 flat.

The most astonishing performance of the day was that of Percival of Lake Forest, who won the half-mile in the record time of 1:59 3-5, shaving 2 8-5 seconds from Balhatchet's record of 2:03 1-5, made in 1906.

"Scotty" Smith, of Central, met a cruel defeat in this event. He was beaten to the tape by Percival of Lake Forest, in one of the prettiest races ever seen on Ferry field. At the start the Detroit leap-er into the lead, crowding the two Illinois entries out of the pole.

At the quarter he was leading by ten yards and going easily. Along the back stretch Percival began quietly and steadily to overhaul him. The Detroiters in the bleachers leaped to their feet with cries of "Sprint, Scotty, sprint!"

The little Central man plunged ahead on the turn, but only for a second. Percival swept on, increasing his lead with every stride until he was five yards ahead at the finish. The field was far behind, with Debronchard, of Lake Forest, third, and Benkema, of Muskegon, fourth.

Chorus greeted the announcement of a new record.

The two-mile ended in a terrific sprint of a quarter of a mile with Mann, of Muskegon, and Henderson, of Ann Arbor, neck and neck to the tape. It was the most beautiful race of the meet, a two-mile such as one would probably never see again in a lifetime. At the end of the first mile Percival, of Lake Forest, dropped out, with a stitch in his side. Bird, of D. U. S., stood by with the Muskegonite behind Henderson and McLaughlin, of Ann Arbor, until the seventh lap. Then the Muskegon man in two strides leaped into the lead, and Bird fell by the wayside. As the gun sounded in the last quarter, Mann tried to head off the Ann Arborites. He passed McLaughlin in a mighty effort, but could not head Henderson. Around the second turn and the back stretch the competitors raced like quarter-milers. Every spectator was on his feet, yelling like mad. This was no two-mile, but a mad dash. Into the home stretch came the runners, tearing along wildly. Mann seemed to be so nearly exhausted that the crowd expected to see him fall behind any moment. His arms were swinging crazily, thumping Henderson on the breast and left arm with every swing.

Still he pounded on, and as the two struck the tape, it seemed that he had won. A big dispute arose among the officials as to whether or not Mann had fouled Henderson. The decision was right—a tie. McLaughlin, who took third, is a son of Prof. A. C. McLaughlin, formerly of Michigan, now of Chicago, and a grandson of President Angell. Gillette, of Muskegon, was fourth.

By 9 o'clock 2,000 spectators had taken their places in the north bleacher. Most of them were high school boys, here to cheer on their favorite contingents. All the Michiganders appeared banded to pull against the championship going to any outsider.

At the outset it still looked like anybody's meet; for Alderman, the star weight man by virtue of whom Lake Forest had secured its lead, has done all the work he could for the Illini.

The exasperating delay that marked the opening of the games characterized the morning's races. A plethora of officials seemed to be the trouble.

There was more herbiboned men standing around on the face of progress than athletes at work competing. In the quarter mile, eight men started. Selbert, of Central, had the pole. Begsoid, of Lansing, jumped into the lead on the back stretch. Miller, of Lake Forest, pulled ahead easily and won in slow time, :54 flat, without being pushed at all.

Score: Lake Forest, 20; Lansing, 8; D. U. S., 7½; Central, 6½.

This victory of Lake Forest took the wind out of the sails of many contestants, and placed the Detroit schools at a decided disadvantage.

The hundred was wholly contested every inch of the way by J. Spiegel, Widman and W. Spiegel. The final stride told in favor of J. Spiegel. Widman jumped 15 feet in the last stride to win second for Central. Time was :10 2-5, slower than yesterday's trial by 1-5 second, on account of the breeze that favored the sprinters Friday. The big surprise was the complete distancing of Kuhn, Wendell Phillips' sprinters.

Score: Lake Forest, 20; D. U. S., 14½; Central, 10½; Lansing, 8.

440-yard run—Miller, Lake Forest, first; Reghold, Lansing, second; Roper, Ann Arbor, third; Conchee, Muskegon, fourth. Time, 54 seconds.

100-yard dash—J. Spiegel, D. U. S., first; Wickman, Central, second; W. Spiegel, D. U. S., third; Stoddard, Central, fourth. Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Allan Garrels walked away with the high hurdles. He had fully five yards on Shaeffer, of Muskegon, from the third hurdle to the tape. Van Husen, Central, was third, pressing Shaeffer closely. Clippinger, Hyde Park, was a poor fourth. Time, :16 4-5. Score: Lake Forest, 20; Central, 17½; D. U. S., 14½; Muskegon, 9.

120-yard high hurdles—Garrels, Central, first; Shaeffer, Muskegon, second; Van Husen, Central, third; Clippinger, Hyde Park, fourth; time, 16 4-5.

Half-mile run—Percival, Lake Forest, first; Smith, Central, second; Debronchard, Lake Forest, third; Benkema, Muskegon, fourth; time, 1:59 3-5.

Score: Lake Forest, 27; Central, 20½; D. U. S., 14½; Muskegon, 13; Lansing, 8.

Garrels had almost no competition in the low hurdles. His winning brought Central into the lead.

Score: Central, 30½; Lake Forest, 27; D. U. S., 22½; Muskegon, 19.

Two-mile run—Henderson, Ann Arbor, and Mann, Muskegon, tied for first; McLaughlin, Ann Arbor, third; Gillette, Muskegon, fourth. Time, 10:39.

220-yard low hurdles—Garrels, Central, first; J. Spiegel, D. U. S., second; Lehndorff, Ann Arbor, third; Shaeffer, Muskegon, fourth. Time, 26 seconds.

Hanivan, of D. U. S., winning by a 50-yard margin that he maintained from the start, smashed to splinters his own mile record for the Michigan interscholastic. He finished easily in 4:40, three seconds faster than his former record. Cowley, of Muskegon, finished nicely with a good spring from the field that Hanivan had left behind.

In the relay each man ran an eighth of a mile. Central, D. U. S., Ann Arbor and Muskegon entered. The first lap saw Spiegel hand a lead of three yards to Schram for D. U. S.; Schram lost to James, who gave Garrels a lead of three yards. Garrels gave Wildman a lead of four yards, and "Mud" beat Will Spiegel to the tape by four yards, landing the relay and the meet for Central high. Summary: Half-mile relay race—Central first, D. U. S. second, Ann Arbor third, Muskegon fourth. Time, 1:16 1-5.

Final score was: Central, 35½; D. U. S., 30½; Lake Forest, 27; Muskegon, 25; Ann Arbor, 16; Lansing, 8; Hyde Park, 7; M. M. A., 6; Shelby, 6½; North Division, 2; Wendell Phillips, 1½.

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