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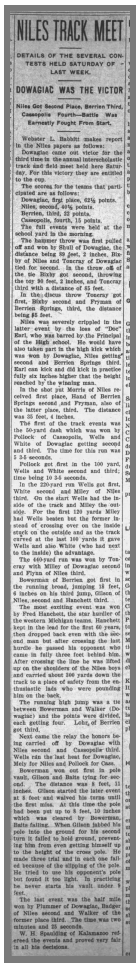

NILES TRACK MEET

DETAILS OF THE SEVERAL CONTESTS HELD SATURDAY OF LAST WEEK.

DOWAGIAC WAS THE VICTOR

Niles Got Second Place, Berrien Third, Cassopolis Fourth—Battle Was Earnestly Fought From Start.

Webster L. Baldtt makes report in the Niles papers as follows:

Dowagiac came out victor for the third time in the annual interscholastic track and field meet held here Saturday. For this victory they are entitled to the cup.

The scores for the teams that participated are as follows:

Dowagiac, first place, 62½ points.
Niles, second, 44½ points.
Berrien, third, 22 points.
Cassopolis, fourth, 15 points.

The fall events were held at the high school grounds in the morning.

The shot put was the first pulled off and was by Hoxit of Dowagiac, the distance being 39 feet, 2 inches, Bixby of Niles and Toscray of Dowagiac tied for second. In the throw off of the tie Bixby got second, throwing the toy 36 feet, 2 inches, and Toscray third with a distance of 35 feet.

In the discus throw Toscray got first, Bixby second and Fryman of Berrien Springs, third, the distance being 85 feet.

Niles was severely crippled in the latter event by the loss of "Doc" Hart, who was barred by the Principal of the High school. He would have also taken part in the high kick which was won by Dowagiac, Niles getting second and Berrien Springs third. Hart can kick and did kick in practice fully six inches higher that the height reached by the winning man.

In the shot put Morris of Niles received first place, Hand of Berrien Springs second and Fryman, also of the latter place, third. The distance was 35 feet, 4 inches.

The first of the track events was the 50-yard dash which was won by Pollock of Cassopolis, Wells and White of Dowagiac getting second and third. The time for this run was 5 3-5 seconds.

Pollock got first in the 100 yards, Wells and White second and third, time being 10 3-5 seconds.

In the 220-yard run Wells got first, White second and Miley of Niles third. On the start Wells had the inside of the track and Miley the outside. For the first 120 yards Miley had Wells beaten but the former instead of crossing over on the inside stuck on the outside and as the track curved at the last 100 yards it gave Wells and also White (who had next to the inside) the advantage.

The 440-yard run was won by Toscray with Miley of Dowagiac second and Fryan of Niles third.

Bowerman of Berrien got first in the running broad, jumping 18 feet, 6 inches on his third jump, Gilson of Niles, second and Hanchett third.

The most exciting event was won by Fred Hanchett, the star hurdler of the western Michigan teams. Hanchett kept in the lead for the first 60 years, then dropped back even with the second man but after crossing the last hurdle he passed his opponent who came in fully three feet behind him. After crossing the line he was lifted up on the shoulders of the Niles boys and carried about 300 yards down the track to a place of safety from the efforts of those who were pounding him on the back.

The running high jump was a tie between Bowerman and Walker (Dowagiac) and the points were divided, each getting four. Lehr, of Berrien got third.

Next came the relay the honors being carried off by Dowagiac with Niles second and Cassopolis third. Wells ran the last boat for Dowagiac, Miely for Niles and Pollock for Cass.

Bowerman won out first in pole vault, Gilson and Bahs tying for second. The distance was 8 feet, 11 inches. Gilson started the later event at 8 feet and waived his turns until the first miss. At this time the pole had been put up to 9 feet, 10 inches which was cleared by Bowerman, Bahs failing. When Gilson jabbed his pole into the ground for his second turn it failed to hold ground, preventing him from even getting himself up to the height of the cross pole. He made three trial and in each one fell on account of the slipping of the pole. He tried to use his opponent's pole but found it too light. In practicing he never starts his vault under 7 feet.

The last event was the half mile won by Flimmer of Dowagiac, Bolden of Niles second and Walker of the former place third. The time was two minutes and 15 seconds.

W. H. Hamilton of Kalamazoo refereed the events and proved very fair in all his decisions.

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