



Coach Collini, Sherrick, Hill, Rough, Kelsey, Parker, Manager Zabel
 Findlev, Cross, Smith, Lockard, Williams, Hess, Forburger
 Grimes, Crawford, Petruska, Bath (Capt.), Adler, Kenney, Groat

Track Schedules and Scores

DATE	SCHOOL AND RESULT	
March 28	Dowagiac 32	Niles 45
April 27	Dowagiac 34½	Niles 84 1-3
May 11	Conference	Niles 69½
	South Haven 24½	
	Dowagiac 22½	
	St. Joseph 21	
	Three Rivers 16½	
May 18	Regional	Niles 40
	Grand Rapids Catholic 30½	
	Muskegon Feights 24	
	Dowagiac 15	
	Allegan 12	
	Hastings 12	
	South Haven 7	
	Three Rivers 5	
	Mrashall 2	
	Grand Haven 2	
May 26	State Meet	Niles 28



The Pirates Were Good Tracksters

THE Niles track team was undefeated throughout the entire season, thereby winning the state championship for the first time since 1925. At the first of the season Coach Claudius Collisi had several letter men around which to build his team. The returning trackmen were Ex-captain Grimes, Bath, Harold Williams, Richard Williams, Claude Smith, Croat, Crawford, Petruska, James Kenny, and Adler. These men elected "Speedy" Bath captain for the year.

Coach Collisi had an indoor track meet in which any senior high school student was eligible to compete. This was an endeavor to secure material for the varsity track team.

On March 28, Niles defeated Dowagiac in an indoor meet, 45 to 32. Dick Williams surprised everyone when he won the twenty-yard low hurdles as he had never run them before. Adler was high point man of the meet with $9\frac{1}{4}$ points, winning the shot put, tying for first with James Kenny in the high jump, and running on the winning shuttle relay team.

Encouraged by this first success, the tracksters practiced conscientiously in the gym, getting in shape for the outdoor season. On April 4 the Niles varsity trackmen worked out for the first time at Plym Field. Everyone worked hard in order to be in shape for the Three Rivers meet scheduled April 20. It rained all morning April 20 and the meet was postponed.

Then Niles practiced for the meet with Dowagiac April 27. All the boys were in midseason condition, although this was to be their first outdoor meet.

The Niles thinly clad buried the visitors under an $84\frac{1}{3}$ to $34\frac{2}{3}$ score. Crawford and Adler tied for high point honors, each having 13 points. The rivalry between Dick Williams and Allison Lockard (which continued all season) was first displayed in this meet. Each won one race and lost to the other in the second race.

Several of Collisi's previous records were broken. The record events were the mile run, 220-yard low hurdles, 440-yard dash, pole vault, javelin, high jump, and the relay. Petruska started his season by breaking the record for the 440-yard dash, running it in 56.2 seconds. Ex-captain Grimes easily won the mile in 5 minutes 21 seconds. Pete Williams hurled the javelin 142 feet 1 inch to win this event.

Niles was scheduled to meet St. Joseph May 10, but the meet was postponed and the Little Five Conference scheduled for May 11.

Niles went to St. Joseph on May 11 and returned victors, winning $69\frac{1}{2}$ to $24\frac{1}{2}$ (nearest rival). One man or more of Niles placed in every event. The most

thrilling race of the meet was the mile run. Steele and Grimes fought for first place throughout the entire race, Steele finally winning by a foot lead. A new star was found when Forburger, a sophomore, placed third in the 440-yard dash against a very fast field. Dick Williams won both the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash, defeating Lockard and other good men. The Niles relay team easily won their event in 1 minute 18 seconds. Crawford was the high point man of the meet winning two firsts and one second place—15 points. Captain Bath easily won the high hurdles.

Then Coach Collisi began to bear down on the entire squad. Practices were harder and longer.

As a result of this severe training, twelve Niles men placed in the Regional meet at Kalamazoo, May 18. Niles won the meet easily, having 40 points (9½ points more than Grand Rapids Catholic).

Grimes lost to Pedlar of Muskegon in the mile, his second defeat of the season. Captain Ted Bath won the high hurdles, the event in which he was undefeated in Michigan last year. The most thrilling event was the 220-yard low hurdles. Just as James Crawford was going over the bar high jumping, the gun starting the low hurdlers went off. Crawford lit, running, and overcame a large handicap to place second in this event. Niles took third in the relay, being beaten by Muskegon Heights and Dowagiac (Niles defeated them in the Little Five).

The twelve men who placed in the Regional meet went to the State meet May 25. Six men placed and the relay took second place. Niles men won four firsts, two seconds, and one third place to win with 28 points. Ex-captain Grimes won the mile, beating Pedlar and Steele who had beaten him earlier in the season. Ted Bath broke the state record for high hurdles in class B, which was established by Darling of Niles in 1922. Bath ran the hurdles in 16.2 seconds (Darling ran them in 16.6). James Crawford tied for first in the high jump. James Kenny was thrown off his balance because of a disagreement about his jumping. He was unable to place.

Several Niles men were sent to Chicago where they competed in the interscholastic meet held at Stagg Field. They made a very creditable showing against very strong competition.

The Niles varsity track team completed the most successful season in three years, easily winning every meet they entered. They broke many field records, Regional records, and even State records.

The letter men were Grimes, Captain Bath, Forburger, Findley, James Crawford, James Kenny, Allison Lockard, William Petruska, Claude Smith, Lyle Cross, and Edward Hess.



Niles Pirates Gym and Field Records

EVENT	PIRATE	TIME
100 Yard Dash	D. Williams	10.5
220 Yard Dash	D. Williams	25.1
440 Yard Dash	W. Petruska (Regional)	53.8
880 Yard Dash	L. Cross (Plym Park)	2:25
Mile Run	T. Grimes (State)	4:44.6
120 Yard Low Hurdles	T. Bath (State)	16.2
220 Yard Low Hurdles	J. Crawford (Little Five)	29.4
880 Yard Relay	J. Crawford—D. Williams (State)	1:35
	T. Bath—A. Lockard	
Shot Put	O. Adler (Plym Park)	40'
Pole Vault	A. Findley (State)	11'
High Jump	J. Crawford (State)	5'6 1/4"
Discus	O. Adler	95'4"
Running Broad Jump	J. Crawford (Little Five)	21'
	B. Groat (State)	
Javelin	H. Williams (Little Five)	142'7"

The "N" Men

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	Total
James Crawford	555554	333		(2 1/2)	26 1/2
Orville Ader	55	333	22	1	24
Teddy Bath (Capt.)	5555		1	(2 1/2)	23 1/2
Harold Williams	55	333	1 1-3	11	22 1-3
Richard Williams	555	3		(2 1/2)	20 1/2
William Petruska	555		2		17
Thomas Grimes	55	33			16
Allison Lockard	5	3	21	1 (2 1/2)	14 1/2
James Kenny	45	3			12
Ben Groat		333		1	10
Claude Smith	5	1 1/2	3 1/2 11		9
Allan Findley	5	1 1/2	1 1-3		7 5-6
Charles Forburger			2		2
Lyle Cross		1	1		2
Edward Hess			11		2
			Totals		216 1/6

(2 1/2)=Points relay men earned