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ST. JOE'S TRACK TEAM IS HAPPY THOUGH BEATEN

Holds Dowagiac to Score of 54-50; Prospects in Big 5 Improve

It is with a gratified feeling of having demonstrated to the world—or that portion of it which is concerned with high school track and field sport—that it is not to be counted out of Big Five conference or regional doings that the St. Joseph high school track team today reflected on its achievement at Dowagiac.

St. Joseph lost, but by only 54 to 50 score. Dowagiac had anticipated a runaway, but four points cannot be regarded a runaway by any one.

Dowagiac last week ran close to Niles in a three-team tournament. Niles beat Three Rivers by narrow margin in dual games. So write your own ticket in the conference game, to be held next Saturday at Niles.

Will Shift Lineup

Coach Howe, reflecting upon yesterday's record, today planned rearrangement of his lineup to strengthen its point-getting abilities. He was cheered yesterday by the form displayed by Bob Erickson in the pole vault and high jump, both of which he won; by Metz in winning the low hurdles and by the general performance of the sprinters.

Erickson, although not striving for real height, soared 11 feet 3 inches in the vault. He has a record of 11 feet 6 inches, which he will probably exceed next week. He ranks easily as best in this sector.

Metz Wins Hurdles

Further, Erickson yesterday tied with Checo, touted Dowagiac high jumper, at 5 feet 9 inches. The bar sagged, making jumping only more difficult, but Erickson's performance was outstanding. He surpassed Adtterberg, who previously has been St. Joseph's Number One man in the event. He and Erickson also placed in the high hurdles.

In the distance runs St. Joseph made a sweep when Adtterberg won the mile and Tuggle outran his Dowagiac rival by 20 yards to win the half-mile.

Vinty Davis, St. Joseph's little sprinter, ran second to the veteran Frontczak of Dowagiac in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes, but the latter race was close and Frontczak's margin only two yards. Davis again lost distance in the first ten yards, for he has a habit of thrashing after he gets out of his holes equally with his rivals. Experience is expected to correct that flaw.

Coach Howe was especially pleased by the performance of his relay team, which won the half-mile event in 1:37, equalling Dowagiac's mark in last week's 3-team tournament. Dowagiac used two veterans and two fast recruits in its lineup.

The rivals were tied in first places with five each and a tie for first in the high jump, and St. Joseph took the relay. There was one slam—by Dowagiac in the shot put.

The summaries:

120-yard high hurdles—Larkin, D; Erickson, S. J.; Metz, S. J. Time—17.2.

Shot put—Larkin, D; Frontczak, D; Davis, S. J.; Maher, D. Time—34.4.

Pole vault—Erickson, S. J.; Metz, S. J.; Brock, D. Height—11 feet 3 inches.

Shot put—Larkin, D; Frontczak, D; Wilson, D. Distance 41 feet.

Mile run—Adtterberg, S. J.; Maher, D.; Wittwerl, S. J. Time—5:06.

High jump—Erickson, S. J.; Checo and Cisco, D; tied. Adtterberg, S. J., third. Height, 5-9.

Broad jump—Merritt, S. J.; Van Riper, D; Wilson, D. Distance—19-1.

440-yard dash—Myers, D; Van Riper, D; Davis, S. J. Time—:56.4.

220-yard low hurdles—Metz, S. J.; Larkin, D; Wilson, D. Time—28 seconds.

880-yard run—Tuggle, S. J.; Brock, D; Hunsberger, S. J. Time—2:18.2.

100-yard dash—Frontczak, D; Davis, S. J.; Maher, D. Time—10.1.

Half-mile relay—St. Joseph (Metz, Merritt, Hardy, Davis).

Niles, Buchanan Clash

NILES, Apr. 29 (Special)—The track teams of Niles and Buchanan high school clashed here this afternoon on Flynn field.

Niles was favored in view of its victory in the three-team tournament at Dowagiac last week-end, in which Buchanan ran third.

One of the features today was to be the race between Cain of Niles and Weaver in the 440. Weaver won at Dowagiac.

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