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BERRIEN TRACK COACHES POINT TO STATE MEET

Niles, Buchanan Win Regional Titles; Erickson Sets Vault Mark.

Regional Scoring

Class A
Kalamazoo Central, 93½; Muskegon, 31; Muskegon Heights, 31; Battle Creek, 27½.

Class B
Niles, 35½; Dowagiac, 21; South Haven, 13; Three Rivers, 10½; St. Joseph, 11; Hastings, 7; Coldwater, 1.

Class C
Buchanan, 46; Paw Paw, 42 1-2; Western State high, Kalamazoo, 22; St. Augustine, 16; Battle Creek Lakeview, 8; Fennville, 2; Fulsaw, 2.

Class D
Centerville, 45½; Portage, St. Stanislaus, 20; Bangor, 16; Kalamazoo Christian, 5; Dollar, 2; Mendon, 1½.

Berrien county high school coaches whose athletes placed well enough in the regional track meet at Niles Saturday to win their letters, are now busy grooming their performers for participation in the state final games at East Lansing next Saturday.

A record-smashing day at Kalamazoo, Niles and Buchanan achieved regional championships for Berrien county, while Benton Harbor and Coloma in C, Kalamazoo Central won the class A title by an overwhelming margin and Centerville won in class D.

Record Smashing Spree

No single records were broken at Normal field that the auditors discounted all those which did not count, but other marks in the south group of the meet were shattered, state records were broken and another tied in several hundred minutes of competition. Twenty-one qualified in a race qualifying the first three place winners for the state finals.

No state meet records were broken, but one was tied, three were shattered in class C and six in D.

Bob Erickson Sets Mark

In class A, Bob Erickson, St. Joseph's state champion vaulter, cleared 11 feet 6 inches to break his own state record of 11 feet 4 inches and tie the national mark of 11 feet 6 inches. If record was official, the national mark by the rules was 12 feet.

Also in B, Provezek, the big Dowagiac sophomore, cut the 220-yard low hurdles record to 26.4 seconds, six years ago at Lansing by Theodore Davis of St. Joseph. He also won the high jump at 5 feet 10 inches to break by a second off the mark made by Davis the same year.

Wyner of Buchanan beat Carter, Ionia State high's Michigan quarter mile champion, in the class C race, won in 51.7 seconds with a brilliant showing. The best previous mark was 54, by Martin of Oxford in 1926.

Jennings of Paw Paw ran the low hurdles in 25.2 seconds, one-tenth of a second better than a record made in 1924 and tied in 1928. The other record tied was by Hoffman, in 1926, Paw Paw, who threw the shot 48 feet 7 inches—10 inches farther than Joe McCarty of Chicagoan in 1931.

Erickson's vault victory, which was by nearly a foot better than class A, was St. Joseph's best performance. Metz was second in that event. Metz placed fourth in the low hurdles, too. Ralph Davis, Bob's brother, and Vinny Davis qualified in the 220-yard dash by placing third. He did not place in the 100-yard dash.

Class B Winners

For Benton Harbor, Collins was second in the high hurdles, Stevens was fourth in the low hurdles, Chapman second in the half-mile, Hunter tied with two others for third in the high jump, and the Benton Harbor relay team was fourth.

Class B first place winners were: Provezek, 26.4 low hurdles, 6 feet high jump, Class Dowagiac, 6 ft. 6 in.; high hurdles, Ludwig, Dowagiac, 16.6; 100-yard dash, Provezek, Dowagiac, 10.3; Mile run—Jarman, South Haven, 5:01.4; Class C, Niles, 11.4; low hurdles, Bauman, South Haven, 26.4; 220-yard dash, Provezek, Dowagiac, 25 flat; half-mile, Kaiser, Niles, 2:06; pole vault, Hoffman, Paw Paw, 11 ft. 9 in.; relay, Dowagiac.

How Buchanan Won

Buchanan won the class C cup with six first places, five seconds and two thirds. Wyner's victory in the 440 dash in the 440 was almost equaled by Dainty's performance in the 100-yard dash, which he stepped in 10.5 seconds.

Buchanan's star high jumper, missed a first largely because of a leg injury. He did, however, win the high hurdles. Dainty also won the 220-yard dash in 25 seconds. Brownell of Paw Paw was second to Paw Paw's [illegible]

St. John's Wins

St. John's Catholic high school of Berrien county won the class D cup and won its first regional track championship. The Irish won the class D title at Orland Reddy Saturday with a total of 45 points.

The Irish high quarter school was the only class D entry in the Orland Reddy games and was forced to compete in class C competition and last year's class D records were used in the class C.

Steve Ray Lozenbiel entered seven men in the meet and all placed. Lozenbiel's relay team was second to the next school, with first in the 100 and 220 yard dash events, a tie for first in the high jump and also ran on the winning relay team.

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