

Umstatt Sets Record in 880

He's Timed in 1:56.6; Cards Keep Title

By John N. Sabo

Unassuming, curly-haired Mac Umstatt made his last high school race his greatest race Friday afternoon at U. of D. Stadium.

The seventeen-year-old wonder from Northwestern, runner stridently on one-mile race, shattered his own half-mile City record by galloping home in 1:56.6. He was running only against time because at the mark Umstatt was a good 60 yards in front of the field. Friday's time clips one and two-fifths seconds of the half-mile mark which Umstatt set in the West Side meet last week on the same track.

Umstatt's great race overshadowed the performance of a well-balanced Cooney team which performed to expectations to retain its team championship by scoring 27 1/2 points. Northwestern dominated second with 45 points, Hamtramck third with 35 and Central fourth at 47. Other team scores were Northwestern, 22; Bodine, 27; Cass, 20; Western, 15; Miller, 12; Eastern, 10; Bowling, 5; Southwestern, 4, and Northern, 2.

Steps Out at Start

Coaches, trackmen and spectators looked on in amazement as Umstatt ran his last City League race. The Cooney runner certainly the best distance runner ever to compete in the league, stepped out at the start and there was no doubt at any time as to the eventual winner. Umstatt stepped the first quarter in 57 seconds. His times for the four 220s of the race were 31, 37, 51 and 58 1/2 in that order.

On the last 220, Umstatt, an all-A student, could have taken time out to study for one of his examinations and still won in a breeze. Fred Harris, Miller sophomore, was second.

It was the opinion of most coaches present that with any kind of competition, Umstatt might have threatened the National intercollegiate record of 1:54.4 set by R. L. Bush of Sunset High School, Dallas, Tex., in 1932 at Chicago.

Wall Scores 27 Points

Umstatt was the only performer to set a record Friday, but there were plenty of other outstanding individuals. Dave Wall, of Goddard, took scoring honors as he performed in his last City League meet. Wall won both hurdle races and tied for second in the high jump. This gave him 27 points in the league's revised 10-6-4-2-1 scoring method.

It was in the hurdle race that Cooney really excited the team championship. The Cardinals picked up 34 points in the two hurdle events. Wall and Bob Smith placed one-two in the high jump and Wall and Charley Finney were one-two in the low. Wall was one-third of a second away from his own City mark in the high jump as he was clocked in 15.2. The time for the low hurdle was 22.4, two-fifths of a second slower than the record.

Gene Hirsch, basketballer about to putter from Northwestern, won his specialty but could not better the new mark of 51 feet, 10 1/2 inches which he made in the semifinals. His best effort Friday was 51 feet, 9 inches.

Whittier Takes 649

Ronnie Whittier, handsome Central quartermiler, was the winner in one of the most exciting races of the day. Bored midway in the race, Whittier swung wide and held the reins from behind in the last 20 yards to beat the faltering Dick Baker of Eastern by a slim margin. Despite the trouble he had in the race, Whittier was clocked in 31.1.

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two-fifths of a second slower than the record. Baker took second.

The closest finish saw 150-pound Bob Grant, of Central, nose out 125-pound Eddie Conner, of Hamtramck, by a rabbit's whisker in the 100-yard dash final. The time was :10.4. Conner got some revenge by coming back to edge out Grant in the 220 in :24.4.

John Watrobaki, of Hamtramck, pulled one of the surprises when he won the pole vault at 11 feet, 9 inches. John failed in his attempt to break the record of 11 feet, 10½ inches set by Bill Hock, of Southeastern, last week. Hock was off form Friday, failing to vault over 11 feet, 3 inches, and placed fourth.

Hank Lord, Cooley boy who was disqualified in the mile indoor run, got revenge by winning his specialty in 4:39.2 Friday. Hank stepped out on the last lap and beat Bill Fritz, of Southeastern, by four yards at the finish. Art Jenkins, of Southeastern, took the high jump at six feet while Bob Ramsey's jump of 21 feet, 3½ inches brought Cass first place in the broad jump.

Whetter, of Central, beat Conner, of Hamtramck, on the last leg to give Central a victory in the 880-yard relay in 1:33.6.

CITY FINALS

100-yard high hurdles: Won by Wall (Cooley); Smith (Cooley), second; Novitsky (Hamtramck); third; Spencekash (Southeastern); fourth; Vande Spuite (Southeastern), fifth; Sampson (Southwestern), sixth. Time—:12.5.

150-yard dash: Won by Grant (Central); Conner (Hamtramck), second; Baker (Central), third; Fausch (Western); fourth; Sampson (Southeastern); fifth; Conner (Northwestern), sixth. Time—:19.4.

Mile: Won by Lord (Cooley); Fritz (Southeastern), second; Puma (Southeastern), third; Wilson (Northwestern), fourth; Albinson (Hamtramck), fifth; Beckborough (Case), sixth. Time—4:39.2.

200-yard dash: Won by Conner (Hamtramck); Grant (Central), second; Fausch (Western), third; Conner (Northwestern), fourth; Burke (Western), fifth; Baker (Central), sixth. Time—:30.5.

Broad jump: Won by Ramsey (Case); Chalmers (Eastern), second; Fausch (Case), third; Conner (Northwestern), fourth; Meyer (Central), fifth; Stewart (Eastern), sixth. Distance—21 feet, 3½ inches.

220-yard run: Won by Umstad (Northwestern); Harris (Miller), second; Gelin (Farming), third; Smith (Hamtramck), fourth; Joyce (Cooley), fifth; Rubin (Central), sixth. Time—:26.4 (sets City record, old mark of :26.4 was set by Umstad in West Side meet last week).

440-yard run: Won by Whetter (Central); Baker (Hamtramck), second; Conner (Cooley), third; Garrick (Southeastern), fourth; Sullivan (Eastern), fifth; Parker (Northwestern), sixth. Time—:31.2.

Shot put: Won by Birch (Southeastern); Mason (Northwestern), second; Bennett (Eastern), third; Johnson (Miller), fourth; Bellows (Western), fifth; Jackson (Case), sixth. Distance—51 feet, 1½ inches.

50-yard low hurdles: Won by Wall (Cooley); Puma (Cooley), second; Spencekash (Southeastern), third; Spencekash (Hamtramck & North), fourth; Spencekash (Southeastern), fifth; Spencekash (Western), sixth. Time—:12.4.

High jump: Won by Jenkins (Southeastern); Wall (Cooley) and Peterson (Northwestern), tied for second; Meyer (Cooley), tied for fourth. Height—6 feet 10 inches.

Pole vault: Won by Watrobaki (Hamtramck); Thomas (Cooley), second; Harker (Cooley), third; Hock (Southeastern), fourth; Barnett (Cooley), fifth; Harker (Cooley), sixth. Height—11 feet, 9 inches.

880-yard relay: Won by Central (Meyer, Whetter, Conner, Whetter); Hamtramck, second; Conner, third; Southeastern, fourth; Northwestern, fifth; Western, sixth. Time—1:33.6.

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