

Prep Dash Mark Falls in Wayne Relays

Northern's Alkon Sprints 100 Yards in 9.8 as Jungaleers Win Meet

By W. W. Edgar

A 200-pound package of lightning streaked across the Belle Isle track Monday and supplied the seventh annual Wayne University Relays with the finest individual sprinting performance in Detroit high-school history.

Leonard Alkon, of Northern, was the boy of the lightning-like performance. The 200-pound Alkon was clocked in 9.8 seconds as he won the special 100-yard dash from the pick of the high-school sprinters in the metropolitan area.

His time clips two-tenths of a second off the Wayne Relays mark set by Eddie Conway, of Wyandotte, two years ago.

No other high-school performer has ever run the century so fast on a Detroit track as Alkon did on this sunshiny Monday. When you consider that Ralph Craig and Eddie Tolan, who later won Olympic championships, did their high-school running in Detroit, you have a pretty good idea of what Alkon did.

Wins by Eight Feet

The Northern ace, who looks more like a hard-plunging football fullback than a sprinter, finished a good eight feet in front of Bob Bodah, of Fordson, with Graham Landeau, of Central, third, and Elmer Conway, of Hamtramck, fourth.

Southeastern dethroned Cooley as the team champion in the big Relays event. The Jungaleers turned the trick by winning the last event on the meet, the four-mile relay.

When the final event was called, Cooley had completed its activities and had registered 60 points. Southeastern had posted 52 and needed a relay victory to win.

Overcome Lead for Victory

Standing in the way, however, was a fine team from Cass Tech. When the gun cracked, Cass shot into the lead and held it until the two-mile mark was reached. Here Bill Fritz, No. 3 man for the Jungaleers, pulled even with his rival, then passed him, to give Bob Phipps, anchor man, a lead long enough to assure victory.

This triumph brought the title to Southeastern with 82 points. Hamtramck was third with 51. Northwestern had 46½. Cass Tech 33, Western 32, Central 28, Fordson 28, Eastern 20, MacKenzie 18, Redford 18, Wyandotte 16, Pershing 16, Denby 16, Ferndale 11½, Dearborn 10, Northern 10, Royal Oak 9, Grosse Pointe 9, Southwestern 8, Northeastern 6 and Miller 4.

Birmingham took Class B honors with 31 points, trailed by Melvindale, 22½; South Lake, 19; Ecorse, 14; East Detroit, 9½; Wayne, 8 and Lakeside, 1½.

Class B Mark Broken

One record was broken in Class B. Harold Oehneke, of East Detroit, tossed the shot 49 feet, 6 inches, to erase the mark of Jon Turn to RELAYS—Page 18

High Honor Given Director of Decathlon

By Tod Rockwell

The highest award in the field of physical education has been conferred on Vaughn S. Blanchard, director of the health-educational program of Wayne University and Detroit's public schools, it was revealed Monday.

Blanchard, director of the Free Press Decathlon and Pentathlon athletic meets, received the honor award in administration of health and physical education from the American Academy of Physical Education at a recent convention in Chicago.



Blanchard

Blanchard is being honored during the staging of the Free Press events. The Decathlon, consisting of 10 events, was designed by Blanchard for growing schoolboys.

The methods which he and his staff use in completing this mass athletic program have been widely copied throughout the country, it was learned Monday that the Decathlon entry list totaled 6,915 boys, largest in the 26-year history of the Free Press games. The date of the Decathlon was Turn to DECATHLON—Page 18

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