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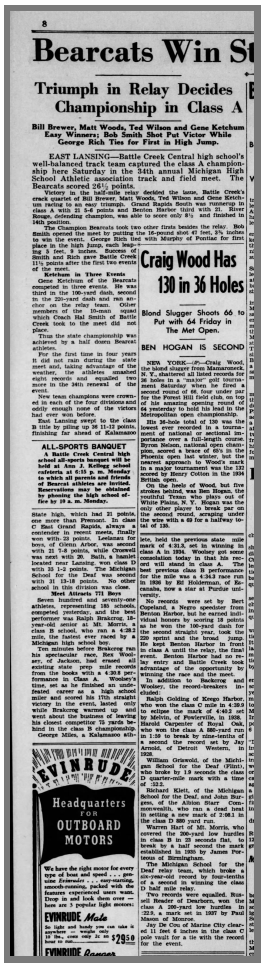

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Bearcats Win St

Triumph in Relay Decides Championship in Class A

Bill Brewer, Matt Woods, Ted Wilson and Gene Ketchum Easy Winners; Bob Smith Shot Put Victor While George Rich Ties for First in High Jump.

EAST LANSING—Battle Creek Central high school's well-balanced track team captured the class A championship here Saturday in the 34th annual Michigan High School Athletic association track and field meet. The Bearcats scored 24½ points.

Victory in the half-mile relay crowned Coach Hal Smith's Battle Creek squad which racing to an easy triumph. Grand Rapids South was runnerup in class A with 21 5-6 points and Benton Harbor third with 21. River Rouge, defending champion, was able to score only 8½ and finished in 14th position.

The Champion Bearcats took two other firsts besides the relay. Bob Smith pulled the novel by putting the 16-pound shot 47 feet, 3¾ inches to win the event. George Rich tied with Murphy of Pontiac for first place in the high jump, each leaping 5 feet, 9 inches. Success of Smith and Rich gave Battle Creek 11½ points after the first two events of the day.

Ketchum in Three Events

Gene Ketchum of the Bearcats competed in three events. He was third in the 100-yard dash, second to the 220-yard dash and ran anchor on the relay team. Oliver Wendell Holmes of Muskegon, which Coach Hal Smith of Battle Creek took to the meet did not place.

Thus the state championship was achieved by a half dozen Bearcat athletes.

For the first time in four years it did not rain during the state meet. To take advantage of the weather, the athletes smashed eight records and equalled two more in the 34th renewal of the event.

New team champions were crowned in each of the four divisions and the championship of the victors had ever won before.

East Lansing swept to the class B title by piling up 36 11-12 points, finishing far ahead of Kalamazoo

ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

A Battle Creek Central high school all-sports banquet will be held at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 6:15 p. m. Monday with all parents and friends of Bearcat athletes are invited. Reservations may be obtained by phoning the high school office by 10 a. m. Monday.

Stare high, which had 21 points. Lee Stevens of Ferndale, in class C, East Grand Rapids, always a contender in recent meets, finally won with 19 points. Lesieanu for boen, of Ginsu Arbor, was second with 21 7-8 points, while Crowell was next with 20. Ball, a bassist with 20 points, and Hall of Flint with 19 1-2 points. The Michigan School for the Deaf was second with 21 13-18 points. No other school in this division was close.

Meet Attracts 771 Boys

Seven hundred and seventy-one athletes, representing 195 schools, competed yesterday, and the best of them was Jack Breakeng, 17-year-old senior at Mt. Morris, a class B school, who ran a 4.38.2 mile, the fastest ever raced by a Michigan high school boy.

Ten minutes before Breakeng ran his spectacular race, Rex Woodley, Battle Creek Central star, set existing state prep mile records from the books with a 4.30.8 performance in Class A. Woodley's time, set as he finished an undefeated career as a high school miler and scored his 17th straight victory in the event, lasted only while Breakeng warmed up and was clocked by Coach Ward Haylett, his closest competitor 75 yards behind in the class B championship.

George Miles, a Kalamazoo sch-

Craig Wood Has 130 in 36 Holes

Bland Slugger Shoots 66 to Put with 64 Friday in The Met Open.

BEN HOGAN IS SECOND

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Craig Wood, the bland slugger from Mamaroneck, N. Y., shattered all listed records for golf's 36-hole route today when he fired a second round of 66, four under par for the Forest Hill field club, on top of his amazing opening round of 64 yesterday in the 40th play of the Metropolitan open championship.

His 36-hole total of 130 was the lowest ever recorded in a tournament of national or sectional importance over a full-length course. Byron Nelson, national open champion, turned in a 131 in the Los Angeles Phoenix open last winter, but the nearest approach to Wood's mark in a major tournament was the 132 scored by Henry Cotton in the 1934 British open.

On the heels of Wood, but five strokes behind, was Ben Hogan, the youthful Texas who plays out of White Plains, N. Y. Hogan was the only other player to break par on the second round, scraping under the figure with a 69 for a halfway total of 136.

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lete, held the previous state mile mark of 4.31.5, set in winning in class A in 1934. Woolley got some consolation today in that his record will stand in class A. The best previous class B performance was the 4.32.2 mile run by Ray Conger in 1936 by Ed Holderman, of Escanaba, now a star at Purdue university.

No records were set by Bert Copeland, a Negro speedster from Benton Harbor, but he earned individual honors by scoring 18 points as he won the 100-yard dash for class A and placed second in the 220 sprint and the broad jump. He kept Benton Harbor in front in class A until the relay, the final event. Benton Harbor had no relay entry and Battle Creek took advantage of the opportunity by winning the relay in 43.2.

In addition to Beckeng and Woolley, the record-breakers included:

Ralph Golding of Kreeo Harbor, who won the class C mile in 4.39.9 to eclipse the mark of 4.40.3 set by Ralph Hill of Ferndale in 1935.

Harold Carpenter of Royal Oak, who won the class A 880-yard run in 1.59 to break by one-tenths of a second the record set by Jay Arnold, of Detroit Western, in 1936.

William Griswold, of the Michigan School for the Deaf (Flint), who broke by 1.9 seconds the class D quarter-mile mark with a time of :52.2.

Richard Klett, of the Michigan School for the Deaf, and John Burgess, of the Albion Starr Commonwealth, who ran a dead heat in the class D 880 yard run in 2.06.1 to tie the class D 880 yard run.

Warren Hart of Mt. Morris, who covered the 200-yard low hurdles in class B in 29 seconds flat, to break by a half second the mark established in 1935 by James Purtess of Birmingham.

The Michigan School for the Deaf mile relay squad broke the six-year-old record by four-tenths of a second in winning the class D half mile relay.

Two records were equalled. Russell Reader of Dearborn, won the class A 220-yard low hurdles in 25.4, a mark set in 1937 by Paul Mann of Muskegon.

Jay De Cou of Marine City cleared 11 feet 6 inches in the class C pole vault for a tie with the record for the event.

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