

Three Titlists Retain Honors

Goodrich Girls Dethroned by Mt. Morris Marys in Class C Race

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From the sea of mud that was Dort field, Mt. Morris boys and Beecher girls in Class B and Mt. Morris St. Mary boys in Class C emerged splashed with rain Friday as successful defenders of their respective championships in the annual Genesee county high school track and field meet.

When the field of athletes finally finished slipping and sloshing around, only Goodrich girls were among the missing from the 1939 title list. In their stead was Mt. Morris St. Mary as the new Class C girls leader.

Mt. Morris found it no great problem to defend its Class B title as it nearly doubled second place Fenton's total in winning with a point total of 62 3/7. Fenton had 33 3/7 with Davison close behind with 30 6/7. Grand Blanc came up fourth with 24 points.

In defending its championship, Mt. Morris St. Mary's boys found it hardly so easy as it finished with a lead of but 3 1/7 points over a pressing Hoover aggregation. St. Mary scored heavily in the broad jump and copped the relay in finishing with a 65 3/7 total to 62 2/7 for Hoover. Goodrich took third, but never was in on the championship fight, with 29 2/7 points.

Same as a Year Ago

As a year ago, Beecher and Mt. Morris girls ran one-two in Class B with Beecher compiling 38 points. Mt. Morris garnered 24 and was followed by Bendle with 18.

With Helen Dobis showing the way with three firsts, Mt. Morris St. Mary rose up to take Goodrich in the girls Class C division. The Mt. Morris aggregation had 48 points to 33 for Goodrich. Montrose took third with 17.

County track meets may have been run under more adverse circumstances than those of Friday, but if so time has dimmed the memories of the older meet officials. The track was heavy and slippery and the rain made footing even more treacherous in not only the running events, but the field events as well.

Yet contestants took the opportunity to better seven existing records and equal another. Most surprising was the fall of the pole vault records in both Classes B and C. In Class B, Joe Craft of Fenton vaulted to a height of 10 feet, 10 1/2 inches, to better the mark jointly held by Herman of Fenton and Klepoch of Flushing by 4 1/2 inches.

Barlow Increases Standard

Ralph Barlow, Hoover ace, upped his own record in the Class C pole vault from 9 feet 8 inches, to 10 feet 3/4 inch.

Two other marks toppled in the boys' Class C division. Harold Flynn, Hoover, slashed 15.8 seconds off his 1939 record in running the mile in 4:47.8. Doyle Lyman, Montrose raised his shot put record from 38 feet, 8 inches, to 40 feet, 5 1/4 inches.

The other three marks were created in the girls' Class B division. Phyllis Austin of Bendle increased her basketball throw mark from 79 feet, 8 inches, to 87 feet, 3 inches. Jeanette Dobbs tossed the shot 32 feet, 10 3/4 inches, for another new mark while Helen Brooks of Fenton set a new standard of 31 feet, 8 inches in the hop, step and jump. Betty Pearce of Beecher equaled the standing broad jump mark of 7 feet, 11 inches.

High point medals in the meet went to Warren Hart, Mt. Morris, and Ralph Barlow, Hoover, for the second straight time in their respective divisions. Miss Austin of Bendle took the Class B girls medal, while Helen Dobis, who won it last year as a member of the Beecher squad, took Class C this year as a member of the St. Mary team.

English First in Mile

Ralph Brackrog, Mt. Morris' crack miler, took Friday's meet as an occasion to work out for his race today in the Michigan AAU meet at Kalamazoo. Working out in sweat clothes and never pushing himself at any time Ralph finished second in the Class B event to Hobart English, a teammate.

In winning the Class B boys title, Mt. Morris garnered six of the possible 14 first places. Warren Hart led the way by winning both the high and low hurdles. Pete Niemershlen of Grand Blanc was the only other Class B athlete to take two firsts, winning both of the dash events.

St. Mary took five firsts of a possible 12 in Class C, while Hoover took four. Rene LaFraniere accounted for St. Mary firsts in both the dashes and also the broad jump. Barlow of Hoover was a dual winner in the high jump and vault. Andy Kohan of Goodrich took both the hurdle events.

In the Class C girls division, St. Mary won six of the seven first places. First places in the Class B girls events were well divided with the Beecher champions winning only two events, but taking four seconds to boost their total.