

Copeland Scores 19½ Points for Track Kings

EAST LANSING, May 24.—Benton Harbor—undefeated in football and winner of the Class A basketball tournament during the current school year—and East Lansing—the school without a track—today captured the Class A and B championships, respectively, at the thirty-fifth annual Michigan High School track and field meet.

Winners in other classes were South Lake of St. Clair Shores in Class C with the highest scoring team in the meet, and Bear Lake in Class D.

Paced by Bert Copeland, who captured three events for the second straight year and participated on the winning half mile relay team, Benton Harbor rolled up 30 points to edge out Monroe with 25.

Kalamazoo with 21½ was third and Ann Arbor with 19½ was fourth. Copeland, the Tiger star, led all scorers in the meet with 19½ points.

Successful Defender

In Class B, East Lansing became the only 1940 winner to successfully defend its championship. Although the Trojans, coached by Lynn Adams, a combination manual training instructor-track coach, hold practices on the front lawn of their school, they still managed to tally 35 points for top honors. Three Rivers, with 32½ points, was second, and Birmingham, with 21½, was third.

Three of the four divisional championships were settled by the final event, the 880-yard relay. Benton Harbor won its baton passing contest to come from one point behind Monroe, while East Lansing took a second and Bear Lake a third.

South Lake with 43 points in Class C also won its relay, but its closest rival was Inlay City with 24 points. Bear Lake in Class D, however, needed its victory to jump ahead of Bath which finished second with 30 points.

Jackson Slips Off

Jackson, an early contender in the Class A race, slipped off after Horace Smith, husky Negro hurdler, broke the 120-yard high mark in the outstanding performance of the meet. Smith bettered the old mark of 15 flat, established by Floyd Bates of Flint Central in 1938 on two occasions, :14.7 in the qualifying heat and :14.6 in the final.

East Lansing was paced by Roy Dygert and Bob Miller. Dygert smashed the Class B pole vault mark with a leap of 12 feet ¼ inch.

Copeland's contribution to Benton Harbor's cause consisted of winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the broad jump and running the anchor leg on the relay team.

Other record smashing performances were turned in by Harold Flynn of Flint Hoover in the Class C mile; Stan Bocek of Corunna, in the Class C shot put, and Rene LaFrienerie of Mt. Morris, St. Mary's in the Class D broad jump. The Class B high jump record set by Kurt Warmbein of St. Joseph in 1932, was equaled by William Dale of Wayne with a leap of 5 feet 10⅞ inches.