

Negro Speedster Leads Benton Harbor to Title

East Lansing—(P)—Talent-hunting college track coaches Monday had their sights trained on Bert Copeland, a slightly-built Negro lad, whose flashing spikes carried Benton Harbor to its first lower peninsula cinderpath championship here Saturday.

There were other students in the meet in which East Lansing retained its class B title and St. Clair Shores, South Lake and Bear Lake were established as new class C and D champions, but Copeland, a senior, brought forth the brightest gleam in the eyes of scouting mentors.

Copeland Wins Three.

Copeland Saturday registered his second straight slam in the 100, 220 and broad jump, and ran anchor on the winning Benton Harbor half-mile relay team to score 19½ of his team's 30 points.

As a sophomore, Copeland won the 100 thus leaving him with seven state titles in three years of competition.

In staving off a persistent Monroe

team, Benton Harbor rounded out a banner athletic year. The Tigers were undefeated in football last fall and won the 1941 lower peninsula basketball title.

East Lansing, which lacks a practice track of its own, was hard-pressed in its title defense by Three Rivers, but the champions won out, 35 to 32½. South Lake's well-balance squad ran away from the class C field in compiling 43 points.

The small, but talented Bath team was nudged off the class D throne by a consistent Bear Lake crew, 31½ to 30.

Sharing the spotlight with Copeland was another hustling Negro, Horace Smith of Jackson, who hacked four-tenth of a second off the class A 120 high hurdle record with a 14.6 triumph.

New Vault Mark.

Four other meet standards were cracked and a fifth equaled. East Lansing's Roy Dygert soared to a new class B pole vault record of 12 feet ¼ inch. In class C, Stan Bocek of Corunna hoisted the shot to a fresh record of 49 feet 2 inches, and Harold Flynn of Flint Hoover scamped the mile in a record breaking time of 4:37.6. Rene LaFreniere of Mt. Morris St. Mary leaped 20 feet 11¼ inches to a new class D broad jump mark.

The class C high jump record of 5 feet, 10½ inches was tied by Bill Dale of Wayne.

Ottawa Leads Locals.

Ottawa's Indians paced local thinclads at the state high school track meet at East Lansing Saturday, running up a total of 16 points in class A competition. Central made 7 points, Creston 6 and South 5½. Union was held to a single tally. East Grand Rapids rang up 6 points in class B competition.

Atman of Ottawa placed third in the 220, VanKulken fourth in 440, Lewis tied for third in the pole vault and the half-mile relay team for Ottawa placed second to account for the Indian tallies. Betts of East placed first in the class B 440.

Other local point winners were: Olszewski (Union) fourth in the half mile; Wood (Creston) second in half mile; McCormick (South) tie for second in high jump; Linderman (Central) second in pole vault; McGee (Creston) sixth in pole vault.

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is the biggest prize in pugilism. It should not be allowed to be won in that fashion, anyway, particularly when a man is on his way out—which a Baer was, as was apparent to everyone. The handwriting was on the wall and I probably would have had to stop the fight in the seventh round anyway.

There's No Appeal.

My disqualification of Baer was based on the fact that Baer's handlers refused to leave the ring for the start of the seventh round. The whole thing settles around his handlers. It was entirely my responsibility and not that of the judges.

In view of the fact that the blow was not struck after the bell—but at the bell—and in view of the circumstances that followed, I had no other alternative but to disqualify Baer.

My decision stands. It is final. There is no appeal as far as I am concerned.