

Flint Squad Disqualified In Last Race

Pioneers Take Title By Winning Disputed Relay Event

Coach Tim Ryan's Ann Arbor High track team retained its title in the River Rouge Invitational meet here Saturday by amassing a total of 27 1/2 points. Flint Northern finished second with a 23 1/2 total.

But the Pioneers would not have annexed the crown had not Flint Northern's medley relay team been disqualified in the final event.

As they came down to the relay, Flint Northern was leading Ann Arbor, 23 1/2 to 17 1/2. Points in this meet are scored 6-5-4-3-2-1.

Ed Walker, Flint Negro running the anchor leg of 660 yards was disqualified by the track inspectors for crossing on the inside of the curb on four occasions during the race.

Ken Explains

Ken Doherty, Michigan track coach and head referee of the meet, today explained the disqualification of the Flint relay team. He said:

"Walker was disqualified for passing an opponent by running off the track on the inside of the curb. In addition he had run off the track on three previous occasions, despite the repeated warnings of Johnny McKean, head inspector. The inspectors reported that no other competitors ran off the track in this race.

"The entire situation was most unfortunate. The Flint Northern coach, Stan King, and his team were most sportsmanlike throughout. However, in the circumstances, as referee of the meet, I felt that I had no alternative other than to disqualify the Flint runner."

River Rouge, the host at this invitational meet, finished up in third place with 22 points, followed by Jackson and Royal Oak, each with 19 1/2, Pontiac 16 1/2, Monroe 15, Battle Creek 12, Birmingham 11 1/2, Saginaw 10 1/2, Marine City 9 1/2, Keego Harbor 7, Corona 6, Midland 6, Benton Harbor 5 1/2, Dearborn 4, Mt. Morris 4, Ferndale 3 1/2, Traverse City 3 1/2, Imlay City 1, Melvindale 1, Adrian 1, Wyandotte 1/2.

Smith Is Star

Jackson High's sensational Negro sprinter, Horace Smith, stole individual honors by roaring to two first places, a fourth place, competing on a relay team and smashing one record, the 65-yard high hurdle event. Smith was timed at 8.2, which was four-tenths of a second better than the record of 8.6.

Other records to fall were in the pole vault where Naveaux cleared 12-6, and in the 40 which Howison of Midland negotiated in 52.4, breaking the former mark of 54.2.

The meet, which is rapidly becoming recognized as the unofficial state interscholastic meet of the year, drew a total of 320 individual entrants. There were 54 contestants in the sprint and 17 medley relay teams.

Ann Arbor had its greatest strength in the distance events, winning both the mile and the 800. Wayne Larmee paced the half-milers in 2:05, good enough to give the Pioneers first place but one-tenth of a second too slow to do any record busting. Glenn Shankland was an easy victor in the mile run.

Guy Paul heaved the shot more than 47 feet to pick up a second place in that event and Bill Marshall took a fourth in the pole vault with a leap of 116 feet. Wayne Newman placed second in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.6, just one-tenth of a second off the record which Jackson's Smith equalled in winning the event.

More than 300 athletes from 32 high schools came from distances as far away as Traverse City to compete in the meet.

65 yard high hurdles—Won by Smith, Jackson second, Hamilton, Flint Northern third, Brodie, River Rouge fourth, Clark, Battle Creek, fifth, Sloan, Flint Northern sixth, Glasque, Imlay City Time: 8.2 (better meet record of 8.6, established by Bibbs of Flint Northern, 1941).

60 yard dash—Won by Smith, Jackson second, Newman, Ann Arbor third, Streetman, Birmingham, fourth, Naveaux, Monroe, fifth, Walters, Dearborn, sixth, Holder, Flint Time: 6.5 (ties meet record established by Copeland, Benton Harbor, 1941.)

Mile run—Won by Shankland, Ann Arbor second, Thomas, Royal Oak third, Holloway, Mt. Morris, fourth, Bud, Melvindale, fifth, Rogge, Flint Northern six for sixth between Hills, Jackson, and Tingham, Saginaw Time: 4:44

40 yard dash—Won by Howison, Midland second, Gibson, Pontiac, third, Von Eberstein, Royal Oak, fifth, Kootberg, Birmingham, fifth, Cuffey, Dearborn, six for sixth between Gratton, Flint Northern and Moore, Benton Harbor Time: 52.4 (better meet record of 54.2, set by Weaver, Grosse Pointe, 1941.)

65 yard low hurdles—Won by Hamilton, Flint Northern second, Brodie, River Rouge, third, Dunnet, Keego Harbor, fourth, Clark, Battle Creek, fifth, Blake, Pontiac, sixth, Sloan, Flint Northern, seventh.

800 yard run—Won by Larmee, Ann Arbor second, Peppe, Benton Harbor third, Brown, Battle Creek, fourth, Gibson, Royal Oak fifth, Hanger, Pontiac, sixth, Wegberg, Birmingham Time: 2:05

High jump—Won by Brodie, 41 or more, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches, tie for second among Evans, River Rouge, Pittman, 39 or more, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches, tie for third among Bander, Royal Oak, Smith, 38 or more, tie for fourth among Gidell, Adrian, Fadden, Wyandotte, Seals, Pontiac, Flint Northern, Traverse City.

Shot Put—Won by Beck, Corona, 45 feet, 10 1/2 inches, second, Beck, 43 feet, 10 1/2 inches, third, Beck, 42 feet, 10 1/2 inches, established by Holmeister, Benton Harbor, 1941, second, Paul, Ann Arbor, 41 feet, 10 1/2 inches, third, Paul, Ann Arbor, 40 feet, 10 1/2 inches, fourth, Van, 39 feet, 10 1/2 inches, fifth, Fisher, Birmingham, sixth, Magel, Melvindale.

Medley relay—Won by Marine City, second, Saginaw, fourth, Keego Harbor, fifth, Ann Arbor, sixth, Birmingham Time: 7:57.5 (new event, 1941 meet record)

800 yard relay—Won by Saginaw, second, Flint Northern, tie for third between Ferndale and Jackson, 4:52, tie between Ann Arbor and Birmingham Time: 1:27.5

Pole vault—Won by Naveaux, 12 feet, 6 inches, better meet record of 12 feet, 2 inches, established by home record, tie for second between Shawe, Marshall, Ann Arbor, tie for fifth among Marshall, Pontiac, Frankel, Pontiac, and McLoughlin, Flint Northern.