

Track Title Won By Maroon Team

Kalamazoo Central Displaces
Benton Harbor As State A
Champions.

D FIVE RECORDS ARE BROKEN

EAST LANSING—Kalamazoo Central took five first places yesterday to capture the class A championship of the annual lower Michigan high school track meet as five records fell to the 700 athletes representing 160 teams.

Kalamazoo, scoring 32 points, replaced Benton Harbor as ruler of the top division, and only one champion—Bear Lake in class D—successfully defended its title. Birmingham broke East Lansing's two-year grip on the class B crown, and Inlay City won in class C, succeeding St. Clair Shores South Lake.

Speedy Bob Rogers blazed the way to Kalamazoo's triumph with blue ribbons in the 100 and 200-yard dashes, only double victory in class A, and also anchored the winning half-mile relay team. That gave him a neat 13½ point total.

In the class A pole vault, Forrest Naveaux, youngest of three Monroe brothers who specialize in the event, cleared 12 feet 7½ inches to eclipse by nearly three inches the three-year-old former mark held by brother Jim.

Speelman Stars

In class B Birmingham scored 33½ points to replace East Lansing, which finished 13th. Jack Speelman was a standout in this division. Like Kalamazoo's Rogers, the Birmingham boy won the 100 and 200 and clinched his team's relay victory.

First record to fall was the class C 200 low hurdles mark of 23.8 seconds which was shattered when George Brown of Ann Arbor University High scissored the low sticks in 23.5 seconds in a preliminary heat. Brown won in the finals in 23.6.

Bill Dale of Wayne broke the 10-year-old class B high jump record with a leap of 6 feet 2 inches, only seven-eighths of an inch below the class A standard. The old class B mark of 5 feet 10½ inches was set by Kurt Warmbein of St. Joseph in 1932.

Vault Record Falls

The class C pole vault record of 11 feet, 6 inches set in 1929 by Gnoen of East Grand Rapids went by the boards when Jay De Cou of Marine City soared 11 feet, 7½ inches. White Figo's 800 yard relay quartet sped to a new record for the distance in class D, finishing in 1:36.4 to shave almost two seconds from the record of 1:37.2 set by the Michigan School for Deaf in 1940.

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