

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1944

# Saginaw Arth

## Pioneers Tie Ferndale For Third Place

### Campbell Of Monroe Is Winner Of Three First Positions

Saginaw Arthur Hill, 1944 Class A basketball champion, also seems headed for top laurels in the state high school track meet at East Lansing next month.

Led by dashing Dick Rifenburg, hero of its cage title march, Arthur Hill copped the River Rouge invitational indoor track meet here Saturday night, topping a 24-school field with 37½ points to displace Ann Arbor as titlist.

Standout performer, however, was Garion Campbell, Monroe's

### Jim Whittaker At Meet

Among the interested spectators at Saturday night's River Rouge invitational was Jim Whittaker, captain of the Ohio State University track team in 1939 and a great miler and two-miler in his competitive days. Whittaker, now First Lt. Whittaker, is convalescing at Percy Jones hospital in Battle Creek from injuries received in overseas action but managed to squeeze out enough time to attend Saturday's meet. His interest in track hasn't dimmed a bit since his days at OSU, when he was competing with Michigan's Ralph Schwartzkopf among others.

stellar Negro athlete, who romped to three firsts—in the 65-yard high and low hurdles and in the 60-yard dash.

Arthur Hill scored only one first, but that was the meet's lone record-breaking stint, a six-foot, quarter-inch high jump by George Osborn. The old record, established in 1941, was 5 feet, 11¾ inches.

### Rifenburg Stars

Rifenburg accounted for three of Arthur Hill's five runner-up spots, finishing second to Campbell in both hurdles and behind Dick Lee of Ypsilanti Central in the shot-put.

Pontiac shaded Ann Arbor and Ferndale in a hot scrap for second place in the team standings, finishing with 22¼ points while the latter two counted 22 each to tie for third.

Thanks mainly to Campbell, who starred in football last fall, Monroe placed fifth with 24¼ points. Other team totals included Battle Creek 19½, Saginaw Eastern 16½, Wyandotte 11½, Ypsilanti Central 10, Dearborn 8, Royal Oak 7, Lansing Eastern 6, River Rouge 5½, Flint Northern 5, Birmingham 4.

### The summaries:

65-yard high hurdles—Won by Campbell (Monroe); second, Rifenburg (Saginaw Arthur Hill); third, Haidler (Ann Arbor); fourth, Bruegger (Lansing Eastern); fifth, Hampton (Battle Creek); sixth, Carlson (Wyandotte) Time :08.4.

60-yard dash—Won by Campbell (Monroe); second, Ousterhaut (Saginaw Arthur Hill); third, Smith (Battle Creek); fourth, Bolivar (River Rouge); fifth, Grynliewicz (River Rouge); sixth, Sherman (Lansing Eastern) Time :06.6.

60-yard dash—Won by Hill (Ferndale); second, Koepflin (Saginaw Arthur Hill); third, Makelski (Ann Arbor); fourth, Scott

## Major League Very Unprec

NEW YORK (AP)—Major league baseball managers agreed today that draft uncertainties rather than actual playing ability, will have more bearing on the pennant races opening tomorrow with games at Washington, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York and Philadelphia.

The 16 leaders of the eight American and National league clubs, polled by The Associated Press, also held a universal view that the season shapes up as one of the most unusual and interesting in the game's history.

### Unpredictable

In the words of Jimmy Wilson, manager of the 1943 fifth place Chicago Cubs: "Why go out on the limb and try to predict anything for this season? That's an impossibility. All clubs will be hit about the same during the campaign by Uncle Sam's call. The team with the most 4-F's may be on top at the finish, but they may even take 4-F's, so there you are again."

Here are comments from American league managers:

Joe McCarthy, New York, world champions -- my kids have the spirit and heart of champions and they'll start digging in Tuesday and go all the way. Remember, we are the world champions and that makes us the team to beat.

### Nats Have Pitchers

Ossie Bluege, Washington, 2nd last year—I have every confidence in our pitching staff and believe our hitting will pick up enough to give the other clubs plenty of trouble. The Senators are not to be underestimated.

Lou Boudreau, Cleveland, 3rd last year—we'll be lucky to finish in the first division. Problem entirely up to Uncle Sam.

Jimmy Dykes, Chicago, 4th last year—three or four clubs may be a little weaker than the rest, but generally the league shows pretty good all-around balance. I look for

(Royal Oak); fifth, Jenkins (Adrian); sixth, Cleary (Pontiac). Time 4:47.3.

Shot put—Won by Lee (Ypsilanti Central); second, Rifenburg (Saginaw Arthur Hill); third, Ford (Pontiac); fourth, Brunhraber (Birmingham); fifth, Smith (Wayne); sixth, Little (Birmingham). Distance 46 feet, eight inches.

440-yard run—Won by Steerstra (Saginaw Eastern); second, McGrish (Ferndale); tie for third between Stone (Wyandotte and De Ruy (Hazel Park); fifth, Mercade (Ann Arbor); sixth Terry (Wayne). Time :55.6.

Pole vault—Won by Voseberg (Pontiac); tie for second between Sholers (Pontiac) and Sulimen (Belleville); fourth, Hampton (Battle Creek); tie for fifth between Hopson (Monroe), Nicholson (Pontiac) Stramecky (River Rouge) and Smith (Wayne). Height 11 feet three inches.

65-yard low hurdles—Won by Campbell (Monroe); second, Rifenburg (Saginaw Arthur Hill); third, Walters (Ypsilanti); fourth, Haidler (Ann Arbor); fifth Bruegger (Lansing Eastern); sixth, Ousterhaut (Saginaw Arthur Hill). Time :07.9.

880-yard run—Won by Kelley (Ferndale); second, Morrison (Flint Northern); third, Irvine (Royal Oak); fourth, Hall (Saginaw Eastern); fifth, Judson (Ann Arbor); sixth, Duncan (Wyandotte). Time 2:10.7.

High jump—Won by Osborn (Saginaw Arthur Hill); second, Hampton (Battle Creek); third, Whitlow (Pontiac); tie for fourth between Lewis (Dearborn), Rifenburg (Arthur Hill and Shower (Pontiac). Height 6 feet ¼ inch. (Breaks meet record of 5 feet 11¾ inches set by Bender (Jackson) and Smith (Royal Oak) in 1941.

Medley relay—Won by Dearborn (Clements, Templin, Eberweingn Stafford); second, Battle Creek; third, Saginaw Eastern; fourth, Ferndale; fifth, Monroe; sixth, Ann Arbor. Time 8:21.3.

880-yard relay—Won by Ann Arbor (Platt, McQuiston, Mercado, Haidler); second, Wyandotte; tie for third between Saginaw Arthur Hill and Saginaw Eastern; tie for fifth between Michigan School for Deaf, Flint, and Battle Creek. Time 1:40.1.

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**PIONEER RELAY TEAM VICTORIOUS OVER BIG FIELD:** Ann Arbor High's 880-yard relay team, snapped in action here with only one foot touching the ground, from left to right, Henry Platt, Lee McQuiston, Phil Mercado and Bill Haidler, emerged victorious over more than 20 teams in Saturday's River Rouge Invitational meet in Yost Field House. But the Pioneers nearly chewed their fingernails off before being assured of winning. The event was run off in six sections and Ann Arbor was in the first section. Although the Pioneer club's time was 1:40.1, which is pretty fair, it wasn't so far out of class that victory was certain. So Coach Tim Ryan and the quartet above waited impatiently as section after section reeled by in slower times than 1:40.1.