Newspapers.com
The News-Palladium (Benton Harbor, Berrien, Michigan, United States of America) · 22 May 1944, Mon · Page 5
Downloaded on Dec 19, 2018

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1944

# BEARS SEVENTI

## 3 Parochials Get 37 Points But Miss Title

### Saginaw Arthur Hill Is New A Champion As Rifenburg Stars

EAST LANSING, May 22—Coach Ray Lincoln's Benton Harbor St. John's Irish thinclads, all four of them, compiled 37 points in Saturday's state high school track meet here, but finished in third place behind Ludington and Bloomfield Hills.

George Wilson was the star of the small Irish contingent, winning the broad jump with a leap of 19 feet, 7 inches, finishing second in the hurdles and third in the 100 yard dash.

Art Arntz cleared five feet, 1½ inches to tie for first in the high jump. He also finished second in the shot-put and second in the high hurdles.

Benny Osborne, third point-getter in the foursome, wound up third in the pole-vault, fourth in the 220 yard dash and sixth in the 100 yard dash. Bill Storey failed to place in the broad jump, the only event he was qualified to enter.

Team strength held the Irish, with quality but no quantity. Careful study of the points proves that St. John's couldn't have overcome the leaders even with eight first places. There just weren't enough Irish to go around.

The three St. Joseph high school trackmen who participated in the state track meet held in East Lansing Saturday placed seventh among the Class B high schools taking part in the meet.

Coach Arnie Karsten's three thinlies accounted for 12 points.

Vern Pearson took the only first place for the boys, winning the mile run without much trouble.

Taking a good lead, Vern held it throughout the entire race and won by about 15 yards. His time was 4.46, 18 seconds over the state record.

Marvin Bicknell took a fourth in the low hurdles and a fourth in the broad jump, but failed to place in the high hurdles. Marv missed third place in the broad jump by only half an inch.

Bill Zuhl took a fifth place in the 880 yard run. Bill, only a junior this year, promises to be a real threat next year when the Bears again take to the cinder paths.

Incidentally, in the eight years that Karsten has been coaching the trackmen in St. Joseph, this is the first time one of his men has taken first place in the state track meet.

EAST LANSING, May 22-(AP)-Athletically speaking, Michigan's prep school of the year is Saginaw Arthur Hill, which Saturday parlayed its versatile Dick Rifenburg to the class A track title of the Lower Peninsula just as it dashed in on his talents for the top state basketball crown in March.

Rifenburg, who was All-state football back last fall, contributed 17½ points to Arthur Hill's winning total of 38. The rangy 17-year-old who is said to be headed for Michigan this summer wasn't the whole show, however, as some 600 schoolboy stars battled for four titles after a year's lapse because of the war.

Other new team champions crowned as two meet records fell were East Grand Rapids, an upstart winner in class B, Powierville in class C, and tiny Leelanau school for boys in class D. Also new state champions were Ludington, Muskegon and Ionia City, 1943 winners in the four classes, while Bear Lake failed to defend its class D title.

Rifenburg, despite his shot-put triumph, tie for first in high jump, second in the high hurdles and fifth in the lows, was outshone in Class A by Monroe's brilliant Negro performer, Clinton Campbell, who set a new low hurdles record, won the high hurdles, was second in the broad jump and placed fifth in the high jump for a 18-point total.

Campbell scooted the 200 lows in :23.8, bettering the meet record of :23.9 established by Mason of Monroe in 1937. The other new meet record came in the class C mile as Johnny Kiewer of Grant won in 4:38.1, two and a half seconds faster than the 4:37.6 standard set by Firth of Flint Hoover in 1941.

Other standout individuals included Bob Swain's pair of exceptional sprint victories for East Grand Rapids in class B, Henry Sullar, Negro star of fourth-place Lansing Sexton Vocational who won the 440 and 880 runs, Ed Kaiser who put for the meet's only triple, and Duane Formsma, whose high hurdles victory and tie for first in the high jump enabled Grand Rapids Wyoming to finish fourth in class C.

The only class A team contest was for the runner-up spot with Dearborn Fordson, third in the closing 880 relay, taking second place in the standings with 30 5/6 points. Grand Rapids Catholic third with 25 5/6 and Grand Rapids South fourth with 23.

**Nine Scored**

The class B title fight also went to the last event, the speedy Swain pacing East Grand Rapids to a six-points relay win and a final point total of 35 1/3, a fraction of a point above well balanced Niles which finished second with 32 42/65 points. Third with 22 points was Ypsilanti Central, while fourth in the exciting finish with 21 was Kalamazoo Hoite high.

Powierville won nine events to beat out St. Clair Shores, Lake Shore, 32 1/9 to 28, for the class C championship. The Lake school won the closing half mile relay but Powierville took second in the same race.

Leelanau, with an enrollment of some 75 boys, tallied in 11 events to outlast Bloomfield Hills 34 to 24½ in a free scoring scrap for the class D diadem.

Swain's :13.6 for the 100 and his :52.3 in the 220 were the best sprint performances of the day. Dean Osterhout of Arthur Hill won the class A century in :11.8, while Bud Elte of Grand Rapids Davis Tech copped the class A 220 in :23.6.

Detroit I

Four Michigan For Big Ten Ch

CHICAGO, May 22-(AP)-With four teams with Indiana this week—Michigan, Ohio, the Big Ten baseball leader—in the week's conference activity will Coach Ray Fisher's pace setters, and will seek their fifth and sixth victories

Weather Halts First TCI Tilt

Locals To Meet Green's Giants Sunday

Rain executed a double play at the House of David ball park yesterday afternoon, tagging out the Twin City Independents and the visiting South Bend Knights of Pythias teams after only a half-inning of play. The game was to have been the Independents' opener.

After the sixty-voce cussing died down, the locals learned that Joe Green's Chicago Colored Giants will appear at the colony diamond. If the weatherman will co-operate, the Independents might even appear in their new togs.

It didn't look like rain at the House of David until 3:30, and the boys had even sprinkled the infield to keep down the dust before a drop fell from the sky. They had retired the KP nine and had one man on base when the rains came.

Manager Doc Tally will be drilling the locals hard this week, anticipating trouble from Green's Giants, a formidably potent collection of baseball.

Tele Edgell has announced a practice session tonight for the potential members of a planned colored team here. The boys will work out tonight at the House of David, under manager Roverie Brown.

# State BHNP 5-20-1944

Clipped By:

**jeffhollobaugh**
Wed, Dec 19, 2018

Copyright © 2018 Newspapers.com. All Rights Reserved.
POWERED BY Newspapers.com