

East Wins State Title

Bob Swain Paces Team to Class B Crown

(By Fred Baker.)

East Lansing—It was the East high track squad that brought glory to the Grand Rapids area by capturing the state track and field title here Saturday. Led by trail-blazing Bob Swain, sprightly-stepping dashman, the East Pioneers took the class B title by sweeping the field in the relay.

But in class A the best that Grand Rapids schools were able to do was to take runnerup spots behind powerful Saginaw Arthur Hill and its Dick Ritenburg and Dean Dusterhout—a third for Catholic and a fourth for South. Fowlerville was victorious in class C with Grand Rapids Wyoming Park fourth. Leelanau School for Boys took a close decision from Bloomfield Hills in class D.

As luck would have it East's Bob Swain, a junior, will have to try again next year to break the state record in the 100-yard dash. Bob

Still More Meets

There's still one more round of dual meets for tired trackmen of Grand Rapids schools. Tuesday six city track squads will be playing out the last meets of the season, although it has already been decided that Catholic Central has won the city championship.

The schedule Tuesday:

Union and Tech at Ninth Street field.

Creston and Catholic at South field.

Ottawa and South at South field.

Swain looked to be in excellent form in the preliminary contests Saturday morning and was primed for a few good races in the afternoon. But during the noon hour, while the field was vacated, a driving rain came down that slowed up the track considerably, giving Swain a mark of 10.3 in the century race, 3/10 of a second slower than he ran it last week in the regional and 1/10 of a second slower than the state record.

Swain wasn't discouraged, however, but went on to win the 220-yard dash handily and to take a berth as anchor man on the winning relay four, with a total of 13 1/4 points.

Have Tough Time.

As a group the Grand Rapids schools weren't too fortunate. At first Coach Ted Sowle of Catholic Central thought he had at least a second in the state meet. In fact, he was presented the trophy for the runnerup spot, but learned the hard way that Dearborn Fordson had been discredited for four points to which it was actually entitled. The revised totals, with Fordson's extra four points, left Catholic third.

Biggest blow to the Cougars came early in the morning when O'Hearn was eliminated from the 100-yard dash. Then, as the day progressed under changeable skies, Bob Vandenberg was unable to gain first places in either the 100-yard or century spurt and displaced by Davis Tech's Elve in the 220.

South High showed remarkably well. With Blair, Brady's counterpart in the hurdles, in the lineup the Trojans would certainly have gained a second place instead of their fourth.

Half-miler King of Central, who has another year of competition ahead of him, gained honors for himself by placing second in this event in a fast field. Possessor of a long, even stride, King should go far next year in the state meet. Another local boy that starred Saturday was Graham of Ottawa who showed late-season improvement that helped him take a fifth in the 100-yard dash against the best in the state.

Archie England, peppery little jumper, gained a first in the broad jump, while other South tracksters were sprinkled freely through several events, pulling down their share of the total of 23 points, 5/6 of 1 point behind Catholic.

Grant's Klever Stars.

Creston with two men and Davis Tech with three also distinguished themselves for point-making despite a limited numbers of contestants.

In class C outstanding work of the day was turned in by John Klever, lanky farm lad from Grant who set a brand new state record in the mile at 4:35.1. Just as in the regional meet last week, Klever found opposition wanting. He finished easily far ahead of a packed field.

Only one other state record was broken. Garion Campbell, Monroe High school hurdler and jumper who scored 19 points, clipped 1/10 of a second off the state record of 22.9 in the low hurdles, followed closely by three Grand Rapids boys. Brown of Creston, Brady of South and Bockheim of Catholic.

Also scoring right along with the others was another lanky youngster, Duane Formsma of Wyoming Park, who managed to lead the entire field in both hurdle races and to tie for first in the high jump.

Class A—Saginaw Arthur Hill 38, Dearborn Fordson 25 1/2, Grand Rapids Catholic 23 5/6, Grand Rapids South 23, Monroe 19, Battle Creek 17 1/2, Kalamazoo Central 13 5/6, Ann Arbor 12 1/2, Ferndale 13, Grand Rapids Central 10 1/2, Grand Rapids Ottawa 9 1/8, Grand Rapids Davis Tech 8, Ottawa Hills 6 1/6, Holland 6, Grosse Pointe 4, Pontiac 2 5/6, Bay City 2, Dearborn 2, Waukegan 1, Lansing Eastern 1/5.

Class B—East Grand Rapids 23 1/5, Niles 22 43/65, Ypsilanti 22, Kalamazoo State 21, Hastings 17, River Rouge 13, St. Joseph 12, Cadillac 12, Ludington 11 43/65, Fremont 11 1/5, South Haven 11, Charlotte 8, Dowagiac 8, Birmingham 7 12/13, Alma 7 5/13, Howell 7 1/5, Belleville 6, Berkley 6, Adrian 5, Alpena 4 6/13, Grand Blanc 3, Caro 2 6/12, Allegan 2 6/13, Mt. Pleasant 2 6/13, Wayne 2, Redford Union 2, East Lansing 1, Three Rivers 12/13, Plymouth 6/13, Lowell 5/13.

Class C—Fowlerville 33 1/9, St. Clair Lake Shores 25, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 25 1/9, Grand Rapids Wyoming 17 4/5, East Jackson 14 1/2, Romulus 11 13/15, Grandville 13 1/2, Ypsilanti Roosevelt 10, Bad Axe 10, Marysville 9, Grant 8, Algonac 8, Comstock Park 7 1/9, Dundee 6 2/9, Fenton 6, Ewart 6, Marine City 5 1/2, Cass City 5, Michigan Deaf 5, Blissfield 4, Inlay City 12 1/15, Ann Arbor University 3, Paw Paw 3, Tecumseh 3, Oxford 2, Flat Hoover 2, Grand Rapids Lee 2, Reed City 1 1/3.

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