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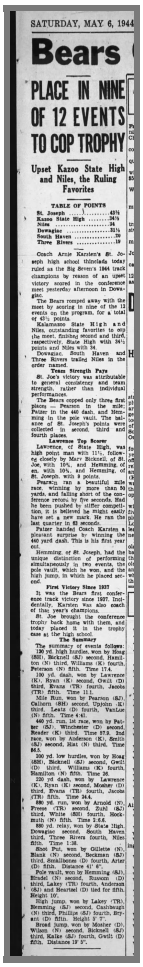

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1944

Bears

PLACE IN NINE OF 12 EVENTS TO COP TROPHY

Upset Kazoo State High and Niles, the Ruling Favorites

TABLE OF POINTS

St. Joseph	43½
Kazoo State High	34½
Niles	34
Dowagiac	31½
South Haven	19
Three Rivers	9

Coach Arnie Karsten's St. Joseph high school thinclads today ruled as the Big Seven's 1944 track champions by reason of an upset victory over favored Kazoo State High yesterday afternoon in Davis field.

The Bears romped away with the meet by scoring in nine of the 12 events on the program, for a total of 43½ points.

Kazoo State High and Niles, outstanding favorites to win the meet, finished second and third, respectively. Kazoo High with 34½ points and Niles with 34.

Dowagiac, South Haven and Three Rivers trailing Niles in the order named.

Team Strength Pays

St. Joe's victory was attributable to general consistency and team strength, rather than individual performances.

The Bears copped only three first places — Pearson in the mile, Pelzer in the 440 dash, and Hemming in the pole vault. The balance of the seven points were earned by second, third and fourth places.

Lawrence Top Scorer

Lawrence, of State High, was high point man with 11½, following closely by Mary Bickwell, of St. Joe, with 10½, and Hemming, of St. Joseph, with 9 points.

Francis ran a beautiful 880 race, winning by more than 50 yards, and failing by only two tenths of a second of the state record. He has been pushed by either competition, it is believed he might easily have set a new mark. He ran the last quarter in 55 second.

Pelzer handed Coach Karsten a pleasant surprise by winning the 440 yard dash. This is his first year out.

Hemming, of St. Joseph, had the unique distinction of performing simultaneously in two events, the pole vault, which he won, and the high jump, in which he placed second.

First Victory Since 1937

It was the Bears first conference track victory since 1937. Incidentally, it was the first victory of any year's championship.

St. Joe brought the conference trophy back home with them, and today placed it in the trophy case as the champs.

The Summary

The summary of events follows:

120 yd. high hurdles, won by Hemming (SJ); Bickwell (SJ) second, Hamilton (N) third, Williams (K) fourth, Peterson (N) fifth. Time 17.4.

220 yd. dash, won by Lawrence (K), Ryan (K) second, Cecil (D) third, Evans (TR) fourth, Jacobs (TR) fifth. Time 24.1.

Mile Run, won by Pearson (SJ), Cook (K) second, Upton (K) third, Lasky (D) fourth, Vanloo (N) fifth. Time 4:41.

440 yd. run, won by Pelzer (SJ), Winchester (D) second, Reader (K) third. Time 57.8. 2nd race, won by Anderson (K), Zenith second, Blair (N) third. Time 54.3.

200 yd. low hurdles, won by Hemming (SJ), Bickwell (SJ) second, Cecil (D) third, Williams (K) fourth, Peterson (N) fifth. Time 26.4.

220 yd. dash, won by Lawrence (K), Ryan (K) second, Mosher (D) third, Evans (TR) fourth, Jacobs (TR) fifth. Time 24.4.

880 yd. run, won by Arnold (N), Preese (TR) second, Zuhl (SJ) third, Cook (K) fourth, Hoekstra (N) fifth. Time 2:04.

880 yd. relay, won by State High, Dowagiac second, South Haven third, Three Rivers fourth, Niles fifth. Time 1:36.

Shot Put, won by Gillette (K), Black (N) second, Beckman (SJ) third, Hoekstheme (D) fourth, Artar (D) fifth. Distance 41' 6".

Pole vault, won by Hemming (SJ), Bickwell (SJ) second, Cassbaugh (K) third, Lasky (TR) fourth, Anderson (K) and Mourtad (D) tied for fifth. Height 10'.

High jump, won by Lakey (TR), Hemming (SJ) second, Cassbaugh (K) third, Peterson (N) fourth, Bryant (D) fifth. Height 5' 7".

Broad jump, won by Mosier (D), Wilson (N) second, Bickwell (SJ) third, Kalke (SJ) fourth, Cecil (D) fifth. Distance 19' 3".

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