

Makes Debut on Sour Note as Boss



FIRST OF TWO TITLES—Jesse Thomas, Flint Central high hurdler, went over the last hurdle with a fine lead over Bud DeVette of Muskegon and handily won the title which he missed a year ago because he was five minutes late for trials. Later Thomas successfully defended his State broad jumping title to become the only Class A double winner. (Journal Photo).



LAURELS FOR FLINT—Stan Chalmers, Flint Central quarter-miler, lost out by a single stride (upper photo) in the State meet Saturday at East Lansing, as Bob Werner of Muskegon Heights shook him off in the last few yards, but State titles were brought home by the boys in the lower photos. Arlon Dennison, Michigan School for the Deaf, left, obliterates his opposition in the photo just as he did in the 100-yard dash, and later in the 220. George Howe, Fenton High, captured the only Class B title for the Flint area when he won the mile.

Valley Dominates Track; Central, Northern Fourth

By John Steve
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East Lansing—It was a big day for the Valley Conference Saturday on Michigan State's rain-drenched oval as Saginaw High scored 36½ points to win the Class A State track title. Saginaw Arthur Hill placed next with 28, and the two Flint schools—Central and Northern—each tallied 15 points to share fourth place behind Muskegon, with 24.

In addition, Flint came away with two double winners in Jesse Thomas of Central and Arlon Dennison of Michigan School for the Deaf, while MSD boys took the Class D championship with a 52-point total that bested Baldwin by five points. MSD, like Saginaw, retained the title won a year ago.

In Class B, Charlotte took only one first but piled up 37 points against Fremont's 22 11-12 for second, and in Class C, East Grand Rapids coasted to an eight-point victory over Ypsilanti Roosevelt by scoring 31 points.

Starting with the first morning event, when K. D. McKinnon captured the shot for Saginaw High, there was little doubt about the Trojans' ability to retain the State crown in the face of Arthur Hill's strong challenge. The Trojans finished with a fine 1:34.4 relay performance that nipped the Hills, after Marvin Chichowski had captured the low hurdles for Saginaw's only other first place.

Thomas and Dennison each captured a pair of firsts, Jesse becoming the only double winner in Class A as he took the high hurdles and broad jump titles. Dennison, however, had to share Class D individual honors with Don Plonta, Bayport's jumper. Class D produced a double winner in Ulysses Rogers of Ecorse, with 10.7 and 23.6 in the dashes, while Class C saw Ypsilanti Roosevelt's Keith Gundrum take both short races.

The Flint Central star left no doubt of his supremacy in the high hurdles, the event for which he was a few minutes late for trials a year ago. His time of 15.4 was half a second over his best effort of the season, however, due to the slow track. Thomas had qualified for the

pole vault, too, but after taking a few practice leaps he scratched and went to the broad jumping pit. There he did 21 feet 4¾ inches to win that title for the second year in a row. Coach Bill Melzow said Jesse skipped the vault because he felt his timing was off, and he wanted to preserve his energy for the broad jump.

Central's only other points came when Stan Chalmers finished a close second in the first half of the divided 440, after being boxed three times.

Northern's top point-winners were Broad Jumper Paul Chema, who gained third place with a leap of 20 feet 3 inches, and Sylvester Moore, high jumper, who landed in a three-way tie for runner-up to Bob Bradley, Battle Creek's two-time champion. Each Viking won four points, and Harry Allis added three on his fourth in the shot with a flip 45 feet 6¼.

Melvin Reed copped two points for a fifth-place finish in the 220, while the Viking relay team took fifth. Bill Fehik of the Vikings missed scoring in the mile as he came in seventh.

The Flint area accounted for a pair of individual titles, as George Howe, a junior from Fenton, won the Class B mile in 4:36.6 to shave his own school record, and Albert Dorow of Imlay City captured the pole vault at 11 feet ¼ inch.

Besides Dennison's firsts for MSD, Tony Hudecek took second in the high hurdles, and Morris Hughes won second in the broad jump. Dennison won sixth in the shot and anchored the victorious relay team to gain 14½ points.

Saginaw's chances looked as gloomy as the leaden skies for a time as Don McMillan dropped out of the 440 with a leg cramp after leading with 50 yards to go. However, Vern Revell furnished the surprise of the meet by placing second to Thomas in the broad jump, and then placed third in the 220—for which his coach, didn't even figure he'd qualify. Herb Korf, Saginaw mentor, had his team figured for only 28 points before the meet.

Badger Nine Earns Crown

Victory Over Wildcats Brings Big Ten Title

Madison—AP—The University of Wisconsin baseball team won its first Western Conference championship since 1930 Saturday when it defeated Northwestern 6 to 0 behind the steady eight-hit pitching of Jim Lawrence.

It was the Badger's ninth victory in 11 games. Wisconsin drove Bill Stretton from the mound in the first inning with a four-run assault and added two more runs in the second on a home run by Joe Boese scoring Lawrence.

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How They Scored

East Lansing — AP — Team scoring in the 1946 Lower Peninsula High School Track and Field Championships:

Class A
Saginaw 36½, Flint Arthur Hill 28, Muskegon 24, Flint Central 15, Flint Northern 15, Jackson 14½, Battle Creek 13, Grand Rapids Catholic 10 1/5, Dearborn 10, Midland 9, Monroe 9, Wyandotte 9, Lansing Eastern 9, Benton Harbor 7, Grand Rapids South 6½, Alpena 6, Holland 5 1/5, Pontiac 5, Muskegon Heights 5, Grand Rapids Union 4, Ferndale 4, Fordson 2, Grosse Pointe 2, Grand Rapids Ottawa 1/5, Owosso 1/5, Ann Arbor, East Detroit, Hazel Park, Kalamazoo Central, Lansing Sexton, Mt. Clemens, Port Huron and Royal Oak failed to score.

Class B
Charlotte 37, Fremont 22 11/12, Ecorse 18 1/6, Birmingham 17½, Niles 11 7/12, Hastings 10½, St. Joseph 10, Belleville 8½, Alma 9, Cadillac 9, Kalamazoo State High 8, Redford Union 8, River Rouge 8, East Lansing 6, Adrian 6, Fenton 6, Traverse City 6, Wayne 6, Farmington 5, Hillsdale 5, South Haven 5, Ypsilanti Central 4½, Mt. Pleasant 4, Three Rivers 3½, Trenton 3, Van Dyke 3, Lansing Everett 3, Allegan 3, Milford 3, Plymouth 2, Ludington 7/12, Flint Kearsley ¾.

Class C
East Grand Rapids 31, Ypsilanti Roosevelt 23, Romulus 21 1/3, Grand Rapids Wyoming 16½, Rockford 16, Ann Arbor University High 14 2/3, Charlevoix 14, Milan 13, Detroit University 12, Easton Rapids 9½, Paw Paw 9, Imlay City 9, Leelanau for Boys 7½, Morenci 7, Valer 5 1/3, Ewart 5, Reed City 5, Shelby 5, Ypsilanti Lincoln 5, Marine City 4 1/6, Breckenridge 3, Carleton 3, Otsego 3, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 3, Bad Axe 2, Gladwin 2, North Muskegon 2, Corunna 1, Ithaca 1, Kalamazoo St. Augustine 1/3, Algonac 1/6, Comstock Park 1/6, Fowlerville 1/6, Oxford 1/6.

The Standings

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Keltner Injured As Indians Win

St. Louis — AP — Big Jim Seery's home run into the left field bleachers in the sixth in-

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OSU Trackmen Break Old Jinx, Beating Wolverines by 67-55

Ann Arbor—AP — The Ohio State track and field team Saturday afternoon broke a 29-year jinx at Ferry Field by defeating Michigan, 67-55, and established itself as the squad to beat for second place in the Western Conference championships next week.

The Buckeyes, undefeated in outdoor season dual meets were paced by Lloyd Duff, who scored second high point man with firsts in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He also ran the first leg on the Michigan mile relay team.

The Wolverine combination of