

# State Meet Too Fast for Locals

Creston's Jack Rose and Relay Team Sole A Winners

(By Gerard D. LeDonne.)

East Lansing — Creston and Grandville, Grand Rapids regional class A and C champions, respectively, found the competition a bit too stiff as they made their bids for top cinder honors Saturday in the Michigan State track carnival at East Lansing. Although the local thinclads turned in their best performances of the season, they were unable to match the superior efforts of the lads from the eastern part of the state. The Furniture City tracksters turned in several creditable marks, far outdoing their previous dual and regional records.

For the third consecutive year, Saginaw High dominated Michigan prep track and field competition. Scoring 42½ points, Saginaw made off with its third straight class A cinder championship in rather handy fashion. The Creston Polar Bears, by collecting 17 markers, finished sixth in the highly competitive class A race. Of the local teams South was next in line with 7 points, while Catholic Central rang up 6, and Central 4 points. The Ottawa Hills Indians, who placed second in the regionals, failed to score a point in the state meet as did the Union Red Hawks.

## Hastings Second.

The class B race for state laurels was close all the way, with the championship being awarded to Alma only after the final half-mile relay was completed. Scoring 25½ points, Alma was able to edge out Hastings who scored 23 5/12. Ecorse was third with 23 points, while Fremont rang up 22 and Charlotte 16.

Paw Paw sped off with the championship in class C by ringing up 30½ points to place ahead of Ypsilanti Roosevelt with 22 and Ypsilanti Lincoln's 20. Grandville, Grand Valley conference champs and regional winners, ended up in fourth place with 17 markers.

Baroda, class D state basketball champ, added another crown to its collection by winning the state track title Saturday. The Baroda tracksters scored 39½ points to place ahead of Baldwin with 33 9/10.

Creston's Jack Rose was the first

Grand Rapids lad to make off with a blue ribbon against the cream of this spring's Michigan track crop. Running a beautiful quarter-mile race all the way, Rose edged out Beck of Grosse Pointe to win in the fine time of 51.4.

Comes From Behind.

Rose was forced to come from behind in the last three yards to register the lone individual first place made by a Grand Rapids youth. Boom of South finished fourth in Rose's heat, while Warden of South placed fourth in the second heat of the quarter-mile.

Al Rasikas, top Creston sprinter, garnered his share of points by finishing fourth in the 220-yard dash and fourth in the century. He also ran the last leg on the winning Creston half-mile relay team that bested the class A field in 1:34.1, by far the best relay run by a local team this year. Saginaw was leading the pack in the relay up till the exchange at the 440 mark. There, however, a dropped baton and an exchange in the wrong lane disqualified the winner's team. Other members of Creston State champion relay team included Newton, Rose, and Foley.

Catholic's Kunst and Catlin of South both finished second in their respective half-mile races. The Grand Rapids runners however, turned in their best marks of the season in placing second. Keford of Muskegon beat Kunst out in the fine time of 2:00.6, while Catlin lost a heart-breaker to Malone of Flint Central, who negotiated the distance in 2:04. Catlin, regional winner here, was leading up to three yards from the tape when Malone slowly edged past to break the string with hardly an inch to spare.

C. C. Vaulter Fourth.

Jimmy Crowley, diminutive Catholic Central pole vaulter, left fellow Furniture City vaulters Lucas of Central and Gravelyn of Creston behind Saturday as he cleared 11 feet 6 inches to place fourth with two other vaulters. All three tied for regional honors.

Catholic's Danny Pobjewski, by far the best weight man in the city, could place no higher than sixth. He threw the iron ball 45 feet 1½ inches. The winning heave of Saginaw's McKinnon was 52 feet 5½ inches, while the fifth place toss was 47 feet 4 inches.

Boland Edged Out.

Dave Boland, sensational East Grand Rapids dash and distance star, ran the best quarter-mile of his career, but had the misfortune of running behind Phister of Birmingham who tied the state record of 50.9. On the basis of the winning time, Boland must have covered the distance under 51.5, which is very good time.

Keith VanDuzen, Belding senior, turned in a sparkling 5:52.4 to win the class C 440 event.

Jerry Vredevelt of Grandville placed sixth in the century and returned in the 220-yard dash to speed off with a blue ribbon in 23 seconds. Keith Little finished fourth in the highs and fifth in the shot put to add some points to Grandville's total. The Bulldog 880-yard relay team composed of McKenney, Kuipers, and Vredevelt was nosed out for first place in a sensation dual that saw Grandville's Vredevelt come from behind to come within inches of breaking the tape first.

Breaks Shot Mark.

The only record broken in class A was the 200-yard low hurdles, which were run in 22.6 by Marvin Cichowski of Saginaw, writing off Garlon Campbell's 22.8 record set in 1944.

Milan's John Koczman attracted a great deal of attention by breaking the class C shot put record by heaving the iron ball 51 feet 9¼ inches. The muscular Milan athlete bettered the former state record of 49 feet 2 inches with four tosses. Glen Rowe, Ypsilanti Lincoln timber king, broke another class C record in the low hurdles by winning in 23 second flat.

The 120-yard high hurdle class D record was bested by Havan of Hemlock who won in 16 second flat. The 15.4 mark set by Shults of Alma equaled the state record in the class B hurdle event.

## Milan Coach To Bay City

Bay City — (AP) — Appointment of Ronald E. Isbell, former Milan High school athletic coach, as head football and baseball coach at Bay City Central High school was announced Monday.

Isbell, who will serve also as assistant basketball coach, succeeds Robert P. Reihlsen, who recently resigned to become a high school coach at Evanston, Ill.

A 1938 graduate of the University of Michigan, Isbell was a high school principal and athletic director at Sunfield until 1941 when he went to Milan.

His football teams won the Huron Valley league class C title in 1945-46, suffering only a single nonconference defeat to Tecumseh in the latter year.

The Milan basketball team won 18 straight games last season before it lost in the class C quarter-finals of the state tourney to Jackson St. Mary's.

## Association Park Loops Open Today

With Friday and Saturday exhibition opens out of the way, league play was scheduled to begin

## East Wins B Tennis Title

Wyoming Is Victor in C Regionals

East Grand Rapids and Wyoming Park tennis teams had things very much their own way Saturday as they won the class B and C, regional tennis titles, respectively, at Holland. East scored 14 points to finish far ahead of the runner-up Grand Haven net team that scored 3½ points. In class C Wyoming Park scored 11 points to best the Rockford Ram netters' 7½ points.

In the class B singles, Howard Groeneveld knocked off East's Bill Kopp, 6-1, 6-2, in the semi-finals, and then in the finals dusted off Dick Swain of East in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2. Swain made his way to the finals by knocking off Lowell's Ronald Jessup, 6-2, 6-2.

East's Jack Oltman and Dave Lorch won the doubles championship by beating their No. 2 duo composed of Hugo Kutsche and Frank Cornelius, 6-2, 6-3. Oltman and Lorch beat Roberts and VanDis of South Haven, 6-1, 6-1, to enter the finals, while Kutsche

## Team Scores

East Lansing — (AP) — Team scores in the fortieth annual Michigan high school track championships:

Class A—Saginaw 42½; Flint Central 31. Saginaw Arthur Hill 27½; Battle Creek 20½; Jackson 20. Muskegon 17½; Grand Rapids Creston 17. Flint Northern 14. Dearborn Fordson 11½; Pontiac 8½; Dearborn and Lansing Eastern 8 each. Grand Rapids South and Midland 7 each. Grand Rapids North and Kalamazoo 6 each. Monroe 4½; Grand Rapids Central 4. Port Huron and Grosse Pointe 3 each. Alpena, Ann Arbor, Lansing Sexton and Mt. Clemens 2 each. Wyandotte ½.

Class B—Alma 25½; Hastings 23 5/12; Ecorse 23. Fenton 22. Charlotte 16. Birmingham 15½; Ypsilanti 12½; Niles 11½; Fenton 11. Adrian and Marshall 10 each. Kalamazoo State 9. Redford Union 8½; South Haven and Eaton Rapids 8 each. Alpena 7½; Greenville and Trenton 7 each. River House 6 5/12. St. Joseph 6. Plymouth 5. Ludington 4½; Lansing Everett and Bay City Hardy 4 each. East Grand Rapids 3. East Lansing Farmington, Ionia and Yale 1 each. Stearns, Three Rivers and Traverse City ½ each.

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