

Bearcat Track Team Ekes Out A 55 to 54 Win Over Hastings

HASTINGS—Battle Creek high school's 5-A league track champions came within a whisper of losing to Hastings high school, state class B runnerup, yesterday afternoon by scoring a 55 to 54 victory.

The meet wasn't decided until the final event, the high jump, when all Hastings needed was a clean-cut second place to chalk up an upset triumph. But the best the Saxons could do was to tie Harold Mull for second place. Owen Anderson won the event with a five foot, eight inch leap.

Hastings took seven first places out of the 13 events but Battle Creek gained valuable points by sweeping the shot put event.

The Branch brothers, Bob and Ray, were the leading scorers for the Saxons as they collected three firsts, a second and ran on the winning

880-yard relay team.

Mendell Vaughns was the top point-getter for the Bearcats when he won the broad jump, took second in the 100 and third in the 220-yard dash.

The Bearcats will compete in the Allegan relays Memorial Day instead of Saturday as originally scheduled.

The summaries:

120-yard high hurdles—Won by Bob Branch (H); 2nd Dzaich (BC); 3rd Miller (BC). Time—16.1 sec.

100-yard dash—Won by Ray Branch (H); 2nd Vaughns (BC); 3rd Watkins (BC). Time—10.4 sec.

Mile run—Won by Goretzka (BC); 2nd Cunningham (H); 3rd Heydon (BC). Time—4 min. 42.6 sec.

440-yard dash—Won by Will (H); 2nd Thompson (BC); 3rd Bush (BC). Time—54.3 sec.

200-yard low hurdles—Won by Miller (BC); 2nd Thomas (H); 3rd Brooks (H). Time—25 sec.

220-yard dash—Won by Ray Branch (H); 2nd Bob Branch (H); 3rd Vaughns (BC). Time—23.7 sec.

880-yard run—Won by Hammond (H); 2nd Brown (H); 3rd Hawk (BC). Time—2 min. 10.3 sec.

Medley relay—Won by Battle Creek (Royal, Jacobs, Mull and Selby). Time—4 min., 6 sec.

880-yard relay—Won by Hastings (Bob Branch, Thomas, Feldspausch and Ray Branch). Time—1 min. 37 sec.

Shot put—Won by Markham (BC); 2nd Amos (BC); 3rd Smith (BC). Distance—47 ft. 10 in.

Broad jump—Won by Vaughns (BC); 2nd Mull (BC) 3rd Krucko (H). Distance—20 ft. 3 3/4 in.

Pole vault—Won by Christianson (H); 2nd Allerding (H); 3rd Anderson (BC). Heights—11 ft. 3 in.

High jump—Won by Anderson (BC); Mull (BC) and Hubert (H) tied for 2nd. Height—5 ft. 8 in.

Rain Lessens Chance Of Full '500' Field

Seventeen Racers Have Qualified Thus Far.

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