

High Boys, Kearsley Girls Capture Class B County Track



A. J. (Wish) Egan, who can tell a ball player when he sees one, can spot a ball club, too. And that's why the venerable chief scout of the Detroit Tigers is pleased at the progress to date of the 1947 major league races, for more reasons than the fact that Detroit is out front and winning.

In the hubbub of the conversation chambers on the baseball training camp beat in Florida in March, the large man with the red face and the knowing eyes was heard to snort at some of his best friends. That was because most of the experts had the flag chases all written off and the only question, to hear them talk, was: "Who's going to finish second to the Red Sox in the American League and to the Cardinals in the National?" "Wait a minute!" Wish would protest. "What makes you think the Red Sox and Cardinals are in? Sure, they look like the best teams in their leagues. But they're not so much better that you could put them down as sure things, like the Yankees and some of those great Cardinal clubs of years gone by. What'll they do if they get some bad breaks? Do you think they've got the strength to override them?"

Then Wish would launch into a favorite and logical treatise, that the war set the development of baseball players back by years. He concurred in the Dizzy Dean theory that there are plenty of big league ball players around these days, but no big league teams—in the sense of strong clubs of years ago.

"Every team has its weaknesses," Egan insisted. "If the Cardinals were so good, how could a bunch of kids and misfits like the Dodgers force them into the playoff for the National League flag last Summer? The Red Sox slowed down to a walk from August on and still the Cardinals had to go seven games to win the World Series. Why, the Tigers were the best club in baseball the last six weeks of 1946 and everybody knows we've got our question marks."

The runaways by the Red Sox and the Cardinals that most of the boys expected have not developed. Egan, again, is being proved a prophet.

Who does Frank Stranahan think he is anyway? Henry Wallace?

Price a Factor in Baseball's Crowds

Despite miserable weather, big league baseball continues to draw amazingly well. It was no surprise that the all-time single game crowd fell when the Yankees and the Red Sox were blessed

with a good night for their Monday encounter. A total of 74,747 jammed Yankee Stadium.

Good, tight races in both majors with many unpredictable performances by both individuals and teams have spurred interest.

But there is another highly important factor—price.

Nowhere in the field of sports entertainment does the fan get so much for so little, in a financial way, as in baseball.

Even with the increases the last few years, top prices to regular season contests still run around the \$2 level, give or take a few cents. Bleacher seats in the big league parks cost no more than 60 or 75 cents.

Compare that to football's \$3, \$4 or \$6 tariffs to its choice attractions or to the \$2 and \$3 a boxing fan has to pay almost any night in a metropolitan district, let alone the \$6, \$8 on up to \$100 assessments for the major attractions.

Of course, there's a reason. Baseball's going six months of the year with 154-game schedules. No sport comes close to baseball in quantity and that's why the price can be kept down.

It isn't enough that we've had such miserable wadther this Spring. Billy Conn has to think of trying a comeback.

What Ballyhoo and Promotion Can Do

For one of the best illustrations of what ballyhoo and promotional genius can do, there is the contrast between the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes, which will be run Saturday.

The Belmont Stakes, in the public eye, amounts to little more than just another horse race. Actually, it's older (second only to the Kings Plate at Toronto in seniority among sweepstakes on the North American Continent) and matches the Derby's \$100,000 pot.

Further, it's considered a fairer indication of strength since the Derby is run early in the season when three-year olds have had little opportunity to reach their best shape. In fact, many of the best horses are withheld from the Derby because their owners figure they'd rather wait than risk injury before their animals are ready.

But the Belmont Stakes hasn't made use of Churchill Downs' publicity staff. That's the difference.

For the record, the first Belmont Stakes was run off in 1867, eight years before the Derby started. The Preakness, the third jewel in the three-year olds' triple crown, was introduced in 1873.

Summaries in the County Prep Track Meet

Class B Boys
120-yard high hurdles—Won by Reed (Clio); second, Teer (Grand Blanc); third, Peck (Fenton); fourth, Crikmore (Grand Blanc); fifth, Winn (Fenton). Time: 17.
200-yard low hurdles—Won by Cole (Fenton); second, Winn (Fenton); third, Clark (Kearsley); fourth, Griswold (Kearsley); fifth, Peck (Fenton). Time: 25.
100-yard dash—Won by J. Metivier (Bendle); second, Elleman (Mt. Morris); third, Langford (Kearsley); fourth, Johnson (Bendle); fifth, Marsh (Bendle). Time: 10.5.
220-yard dash—Won by J. Metivier (Bendle); second, Elleman (Mt. Morris); third, Langford (Kearsley); fourth, Brochu (Grand Blanc); fifth, Gale (Fenton). Time: 23.8.
440-yard dash—(First section)—Won by Snuske (Kearsley); second, Hyde (Fenton); third, Fredrickson (Bendle). Time: 54.5. (Second section)—Won by Perry (Fenton); second, Sifferman (Grand Blanc); third, Halligan (Clio). Time: 56.3. (Third section)—Won by Marx (Grand Blanc); second, McKellan (Clio); third, Evans (Mt. Morris). Time: 54.6.
880-yard run—(First section)—Won by Franks (Fenton); second, Helms (Fenton); third, Carlson (Clio). Time: 2:13.4. (Second section)—Won by Taft (Mt. Morris); second, Hagerman (Fenton); third, Dugas (Bendle). Time: 2:16.4.

Mile run—Won by Howe (Fenton); second, Swartz (Grand Blanc); third, George (Flushing); fourth, Lemon (Bendle); fifth, Ackerman (Clio). Time: 4:53.8.
Pole vault—Won by Lovett (Kearsley); Crikmore (Grand Blanc); second, Flushing; and Reed (Clio), tied for first; fifth, Baker (Grand Blanc); sixth, Metivier (Bendle); seventh, Turner (Fenton). Height 9 feet 6 inches.
Broad jump—Won by St. John (Flushing); second, Weir (Grand Blanc); third, Becker (Kearsley); fourth, Reed (Clio); fifth, Turner (Fenton). Distance 19 feet 6 inches.
High jump—Won by Teer (Grand Blanc); tied for second, Baker (Kearsley); Kinder (Beecher); Klockner (Flushing); Gailther (Kearsley). Height 5 feet 4 1/2 inches.
880-yard relay—Won by Fenton (Ry-mond, Cole, Perry, and Gale); second, Bendle (Clio, Kearsley); fourth, Grand Blanc; fifth, Flushing. Time: 1:39.0.
Mile medley relay—Won by Fenton (Helms, Glasie, Kilder, and Watts); second, Grand Blanc; third, Flushing; fourth, Clio; fifth, Mt. Morris. Time: 4:04.1.
Shot put—Won by Wernet (Mt. Morris); second, Klockner (Flushing); third, Becker (Kearsley); fourth, Bradford (Flushing); fifth, Howe (Fenton). Distance 39 feet 6 1/2 inches.

220-yard dash—Won by Crawford (SW); second, McClung (SW); third, Morris (U). Time: 28.8.
440-yard dash—Won by Hayes (U); second, Hardy (U); third, O'Brien (SW). Time: 61.1.
880-yard run—Won by Dwight Dockery (U); second, Stevenson (SW); third, Pavkoyich (U). Time: 2:18.4.
Mile run—Won by Gunnels (U); second, Wallace (U); third, Granger (SW). Time: 5:09.8.
880-yard relay—Won by Utley (Vaughn, Lord, Hayes, Quackenbush); second, Swartz Creek. Time: 1:47.4.
Broad jump—Won by Stafford (U); second, Quackenbush (U); third, McGillivray (SW). Distance 18 feet 3 inches.
Pole vault—Won by Stafford (U); tied for second, McGillivray (SW), Bendle (SW), and Griffin (U). Height 9 feet.
High jump—Won by McGillivray (SW); second, Stafford (U); third, Bendle (SW). Height 5 feet.
Mile medley relay—Won by Utley (Denzel, Dockery, Carlson, Morris, and Stafford). Time: 4:08.7.
Shot put—Won by McGillivray (SW); second, Gaultney (U); third, Brurgen (SW). Distance 39 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Class B Girls
Softball Throw—Won by Vivian Clark (Kearsley); second, Jensen (Grand Blanc); third, Watt (Fenton); fourth, Brock (Bendle); fifth, Gust (Beecher). Distance 359 feet 2 1/2 inches.
Basketball throw—Won by Vivian Clark (Kearsley); second, Watt (Fenton); third, Petty (Fenton); fourth, Briggs (Flushing); fifth, Perry (Grand Blanc). Distance 75 feet 4 inches.
Broad jump—Won by Joyce Jenkins (Kearsley); second, Martin (Beecher); third, Poch (Flushing); fourth, Wood (Grand Blanc); fifth, Twiss (Grand Blanc). Distance 8 feet 3 inches.
Hoop step and jump—Won by Rose Giguere (Kearsley); second, Dunning (Flushing); third, Buchanan (Flushing); fourth, Kipp (Grand Blanc); fifth, Perry (Grand Blanc). Distance 29 feet 11 inches.
Shot put—Won by Joan Coon (Kearsley); second, Miller (Kearsley); third, Jend (Grand Blanc); fourth, Overly (Beecher); fifth, Burris (Kearsley). Distance 27 feet 10 1/2 inches.
75-yard dash—Won by Joyce Jenkins (Kearsley); second, Gleason (Kearsley); third, Dunning (Flushing); fourth, Geitz (Kearsley); fifth, Kipp (Grand Blanc). Time: 20.5.
Relay—Won by Kearsley; second, Grand Blanc; third, Beecher; fourth, Flushing; fifth, Fenton. Time: 3:2.0.

Class C Boys
120-yard high hurdles—Won by Quackenbush (U); second, Burgess (SW); third, Ward (U). Time: 20.4.
200-yard low hurdles—Won by Vaughn (U); second, Lord (U); third, Quackenbush (U). Time: 27.2.
100-yard dash—Won by Crawford (SW); second, McClung (SW); third, Morris (U). Time: 11.4.

Both Champs Win Handily

Utley Outdistances Swartz Creek in 'C'

Fenton High rolled up six of 16 firsts and a total of 51 1/2 points to retain its Class B Genesee County track and field title at at Dort Field Thursday afternoon with Grand Blanc the nearest rival with 39 points. Kearsley counted 33 1/2 for third.

Utley swarmed over its only rival for Class C honors, Swartz Creek for a 69 1/2 to 39 1/2 victory while Kearsley won the Class B Girls' trophy easily by winning all of the seven available first places for 40 points while Grand Blanc finished second with 19.

Chuck Franks and George Howe of Fenton demonstrated the form and drive that won half-mile and mile State Class B titles for them by outdistancing their opponents easily for victories in the County meet.

Bendle's John Metivier repeated his performance of the regional meet with victories in the 100 and 200-yard sprints for the only double win in Class B. Bill Teer of Grand Blanc won the high jump and finished second in the high hurdles to pace the second place team in the field. Teer also figured in a four-way tie for fifth place in the pole vault.

Ken Reed of Clio won the high hurdles and tied with three other contestants for first in the pole vault, almost equalling Metivier's point total.

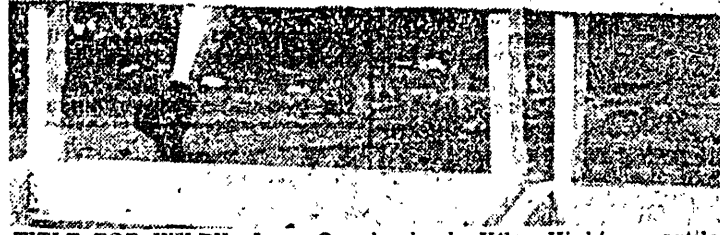
Leading the victorious Kearsley girls in their team victory was Vivian Clark with first places in the basketball and softball throws and Joyce Jenkins who topped the field in 75-yard dash and the broad jump.

Bill Stafford of Utley was another double winner with Class C firsts in the broad jump and pole vault besides running the anchor leg on the winning mile medley relay team. Jerry Quackenbush won first in the high hurdles, a second in the broad jump, a third in the low hurdles, and ran with the 880-yard relay quartet for a well rounded performance for Utley.

Class B teams and their point scores in order were: Fenton 51 1/2, Grand Blanc 39, Kearsley 33 1/2, Flushing 24, Bendle 21 1/2, Mt. Morris 21, Clio 17 1/2, and Beecher 2 1/2. The Class B girl team scores were: Kearsley 40, Grand Blanc 19, Flushing 17, Fenton and Beecher 11, and Bendle 2.

Western Nips Badgers

Kalamazoo—AP—Two errors in the second inning helped Western Michigan count two unearned runs Thursday to beat Wisconsin, 2 to 1, in a baseball game called after seven innings because of cold weather.



TITLE FOR UTLEY—Jerry Quackenbush, Utley High's versatile athlete, hurdled the high sticks for a victory for his school in its title conquest in the Class C division of the County track meet Thursday at Dort Field. (Journal Photo).

No Lip Service

Columbus, Ohio — AP — To strengthen a rule banning the "spit" ball, President Frank C. Lane of the American Assn. has prohibited the league's pitchers "from putting their fingers to lips or mouth at any time during the progress of game."

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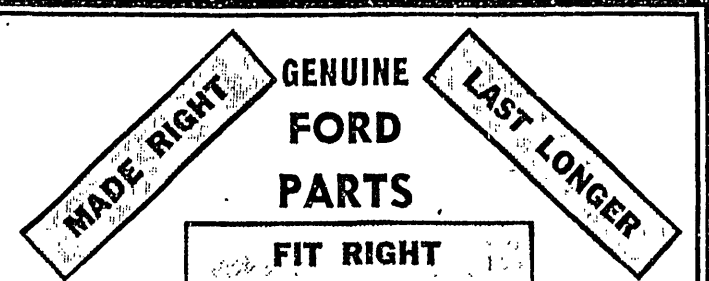
SCOTT SPREADERS

Campbell Shows New Speed Boat

Portsmouth, England—UP—Sir Malcolm Campbell unveiled his Blue Bird, first jet-propelled speed boat in history, before a group of friends today and said he would try to race her to a new world record in mid-June on Lake Coniston, England.

Sir Malcolm, now 61, holds the present record of 141.7 miles an hour, and he set a record of 301 miles an hour in an automobile in 1935. He has been speeding for more than 45 years, when a judge lectured him for going too fast on a bicycle.

Blue Bird is a modification of Campbell's record-setting motorboat of 1939. It has a De Havilland Goblin jet engine producing so much power that aviation engineers were consulted because of the possibility that the aerodynamic lift under the boat might



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