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DON PHILLIPS, ROUSH BREAK LEAGUE MARKS

Niles, However, Wins Annual Meet; St. Joe Second

With two star performers and another mainstay on the sideline, the St. Joseph Bear track squad placed a strong second in the Big Seven conference track meet at Kalamazoo yesterday, losing to Kalamazoo to Niles.

The Viking thinclads broke the three-year hold the Bears maintained on the loop trophy by collecting 66 points, with St. Joseph in second place with 41½ points and Battle Creek in third with 36 points. South Haven placed fourth with 7½ points, Three Rivers fifth with 14½, Buchanan sixth with 5 and Dowagiac eleventh with a lone point.

All but one of the Bears did some work in the conference trials, scoring points. Coach Arnold Kistler had nothing not praise for his thinclads, and stated that if Dick Phillips, hurdler, not with an injured ankle, Sam Santis, sprinter, sidelined due to the serious injury of his mother, and Bill Wallis, half miler who contracted measles yesterday had been on hand, the conference trophy would have been St. Joe's.

Don Phillips, Roush Set Records

All has not gone well for the Bear cause, however, with Don Phillips breaking up a new conference record in the 120 yard high hurdles and Tom Roush breaking the league mark in the quarter mile.

Phillips, rated second best to his ailing brother Dick in the hurdle events all season, came through with a brilliant 16.1 second performance in the highs, breaking the 16.2 second record set last year by Hurdle, star of St. Joseph, in 1935. The old record had withstood the assaults of such star performers as Warmbein and Quardokus of St. Joseph, Hieg of South Haven and Habecht of Buchanan. Phillips also came in second in the low hurdles behind Oanz of Niles, tied for third in the broad jump and ran on the Bear relay team.

The other Bear entry in the hurdle events, sophomore George Chasdale, also performed well, turning in a fifth in the highs and a third in the lows, marking him as a man to contend with in future years.

Roush's Performance Brilliant

Roush, the Bear mainstay of the 1947 state Class B quarter mile champion, turned in one of the best performances of the meet yesterday, breaking Kimball's mark of 54.4 was set last year by the Niles middle distance runner.

The sensational Bear star was far in front of the pack at the finish and despite his winning margin, appeared to have plenty left when he crossed the finish line. Last year's state Class B record was posted by Jack Pletter of Birmingham who ran the 440 in 53 seconds flat, eight tenths of a second slower than Roush's time yesterday.

Vic Reisig, Bear miler, turned in his best performance of the season with a 4:34.8 time in the long distance grind, but it was still worth only third place behind Kalamazoo State High driving out in front in 4:51 and Poehlman of Niles placing second. Reisig's best previous time in competition this season was 5:06.4 at Niles.

George Kalbach also ran his best effort of the year to date, turning in a third place in the half mile with a 2:12 performance, placing third to Hurlbut of Niles who turned in a 2:10 effort.

The Niles thinclads were strong in the field events, capturing four firsts in those events with Tom Knoll winning the high and broad jump and the pole vault and Dick Mitchell capturing the shot put. None of their performances were near a record, however.

The South Haven Rams swept the sprint events with Roland nearing the record set in the century with a 10.5 performance.

The summary of the conference meet follows:

120 Yd High Hurdles—Won by Phillips (SJ); Oanz (N) second; Pack (BC) third; Wylie (S) fourth; Chasdale (SJ) fifth. Time—16.1.

100 Yd Dash—Won by Roland (SH); Vanderlinde (KZM) second; May (N) third; Hieg (SH) fourth; Beatty (TR) fifth. Time—10.5.

Mile—Won by Reisig (KZM); Poehlman (N) second; Hurlbut (N) third; Kalbach (S) fourth; Dodson (TR) fifth. Time—4:51.

440 Yd Dash—Won by Roush (SJ); Kimball (N) second; Gilbrie (SH) third; Allman (KZM) fourth; Kiesler (SJ) fifth. Time—53.

180 Yd Low Hurdles—Won by Oanz (N); Phillips (SJ) second; Chasdale (SJ) third; Pack (BC) fourth; Brown (SH) fifth. Time—21.

220 Yd Dash—Won by Roland (SH); May (N) second; Polesel (KZM) third; Kiesler (SJ) fourth; Beatty (TR) fifth. Time—23.5.

Half Mile—Won by Hurlbut (N); Mahoney (KZM) second; Kalbach (SJ) third; Reisig (N) fourth; Dodson (TR) fifth. Time—2:04.7.

Shot Put—Won by Mitchell (N); Carter (KZM) second; Knoll (N) third; Wylie (KZM) fourth; Fisher (SJ) fifth. Distance—47 11½".

Pole Vault—Won by Knoll (N); Nielsen (KZM) and Fuller (SJ) tied for second. Distance—9 ft. Height—10 ft. Time—0:00.

High Jump—Won by Knoll (N); Tuggle (KZM) second; Mitchell (N) third; Fisher (SH) and Jenkins (SH) tied for fourth. Height—5 ft.

Broad Jump—Won by Knoll (N); Smith (KZM) second; Merchant (N) third; Jenkins (SH) fourth; Gaspell (TR) fifth. Distance—19 ft. 8 in.

880 Yd Relay—Won by Bear Team (St. Joseph second; Niles third; Three Rivers fourth; Buchanan fifth. Time—1:36.1.

Mile Relay—Won by So. Haven Rams (SH) second; Niles third; Kzoo Hornets fourth; Three Rivers fifth. Time—3:34.

Kalamazoo (B) fourth; Sturgis (TR) fifth. Time—42.2.

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Recreation Golf Loop Delays First Match To May 19

The continued cold weather has so hampered players of the St. Joseph Recreation Golf league teams from shooting their handicap rounds that team managers, meeting at St. Joseph high school last night, decided to delay the start of league play one week, until Monday, May 19.

The opening match of the season for the league had been scheduled for Monday, May 12. The deadline for turning in scores, the deadline for turning in scores from handicap rounds is Sunday, May 18, and all players will be required to have their cards turned in by that time.

The first week's schedule for matches were drawn up at the meeting, with the Tip Top Cafe and Fuller's Hardware teams opening the first match on Monday, May 19. Other matches the frist week will be: Tuesday, Auto Specialties vs. Lions Club; Wednesday, Fuller's Hardware vs. Printers; Thursday, Fred's Soda Grill vs. Gardners.

All league matches will be held at Martin Hills golf course.

DAVIDS MAKE DEBUT SUNDAY

New Prospects For M-I Team To Get Trials

The 1947 baseball season will be ushered in at Benton Harbor's Colony park Sunday afternoon at 3:45 when Manager Taylor Edgell's nasty, adroit and hopeful Davids make their first appearance take the field in an exhibition game against the Detroit Wolverines, star studded Negro team just back from a spring training tour.

Sunday's opener, preceding by one week the Davids' opener in the high powered M-I semi-pro league, will be the first appearance of the Davids in their fine opportunity to see what the locals can do. On paper and from two weeks of practice sessions, the new galaxy of stars g0le promise to fit in with the veterans, to give Edgell the strongest club he's ever had in his many years of managing. Probably never in a better indication so far to which this summary is true.

All of the players will be given a chance to exhibit their wares against the Detroiters Sunday. Manager Edgell has indicated he'll use all six of his pitchers an inning or two and make plenty of changes in the other positions.

THIS MEANS THAT FANS will get their first look at the pitching slants of Gene Wurm, heralded southpaw from Washington, C., and Bob Saxton of Port Wayne. Others new to the club, but who played here several times last summer, will be Harry Gardner, Battle Creek catcher, and Ralph Hoover, and Carl Lipp, one of the standbys on the Port Wayne G-E's last summer. Holdovers from last year's mound staff are Field (Pine) Clupper and Max Miller, the latter also from Port Wayne. Dividing the catching chores will be two returning veterans, Jerry Elmer of Port Wayne and Denny Lenhardt of Battle Creek.

Manager Edgell plans to start a Fort Wayne trio in the outfield, too. He'll have Bob Baker in left, Jack Hornberger in center and Lawrence (Porky) Blazer in right. Chuck Berowski of last year's South Bend Hessler Beers will also be worked into this outfield picture.

Brand new candidates in the infield will include LaVerne Krasen of Fort Wayne at second base and Leo Eufemi of South Bend at short. Walt Radecki, last year's regular first baseman, will be called upon to alternate with Hank Dehrman in the infield this season last year as an outfielder.

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