

Records Are Better

Saginaw, Ypsilanti And Dundee Annex Relay Meet Titles

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They were still re-writing the River Rouge Relays record books today following the 10th annual running of the big scholastic track meet in Yost Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon and night.

Only one new team champion was crowned but 11 individual meet marks were broken and many others were tied.

Saginaw continued its Class-A domination of state prep circles with a narrow victory over Jackson. Ypsilanti again was the Class-B winner but Dundee came strongly to the fore in Class-C-D to stop Ypsilanti Roosevelt, defending champion, which had to be content with second place. It was the third consecutive team title for Saginaw and for Ypsilanti. Roosevelt had been the C-D champion the past two seasons.

Pioneers Are Sixth

Disappointing to local fans was the showing of Ann Arbor High's Pioneers who finished in sixth place. A dropped baton cost the Pioneers plenty, however, as they were leading their section of the Class-A relay in the third leg when the mishap which kept them from even placing occurred. Those lost relay points would have put Ann Arbor higher on the list of final finishers. Ann Arbor's Mark Ford supplied the Pioneers' only first-place points as he won the 65-yard low hurdles in 7.7 seconds to tie a Class-A mark set by Jackson's Horace Smith in 1941 and equalled on several other occasions.

Final meet results hint a warning for Ann Arbor's Coach Tim Ryan and for Roosevelt's Coach Art Walker so far as their own league, championship meets are concerned, Jackson's second-place finish in Class-A Saturday means Ryan must worry a bit about repeating as Five-A titlist. In Class-C-D, Dundee's victory might be the fore-runner of final alignment over Roosevelt in the Huron League meet next month.

Of course, entries in the Rouge meet were held down to one man per school for each event so that team depth can't be calculated.

Local area schools made their presence felt Saturday as Howell ran up 12 points for sixth place in Class-B and Milan knocked off 26½ points for fourth place in the crowded Class-C-D field. Ann Arbor U High failed to gain a point in Class-C-D.

Special awards as most valuable men in their class went to Bay City Central's Milton Mead in Class-A; Ypsilanti's Dave Hill in Class-B, and Dundee's Jack Goodridge in Class-C-D. Mead earned only six points but broke the Class-A record in the high jump with a leap of six feet, two and three-eighths inches. The versatile Hill, who will enroll at Michigan next fall,

the Dundee relay team of Goodridge, Hubert Mead, Morris Newman and Bob Berndt which negotiated the half-mile distance in 1:38.1.

Eighteen teams earned points in Class-A. In order they were Saginaw, 32; Jackson, 30½; Fordson and Saginaw Arthur Hill, 26½ each; Flint Northern, 25½; Ann Arbor, 14½; Wyandotte, 13; Pontiac, 11; Flint Central, 10½; Ferris and Battle Creek, 8½ each; Lincoln Park, 8; Bay City Central, 6; Port Huron, 4½; Hazel Park, 4; Dearborn, 3; Owosso, 1, and Hamtramck, one-eighth.

In Class B, points were counted by 24 teams with Ypsilanti getting 36½; Plymouth, 34; Birmingham Baldwin, 22; Trenton, 19½; Allegan, 18½; Howell, 12; Marshall and Trenton, 10 each; Walled Lake, 7½; Melvindale, 7; Alma, River Rouge and Belleville, 6 each; Farmington, 5½; Flint Bendle, 5; Wayne and Yale, 4 each; Flint Kearsley, 3½; Mt. Clemens St. Mary's, 3; Redford Union, 2½; Caro, 2½; Ecorse, 1½, and Mt. Morris, three-quarters.

Twenty-one Class-C-D teams had points. They are Dundee, 48; Ypsilanti Roosevelt, 40; South Lake, 28½; Milan, 26½; Algonac, 16; Vestaburg, 14; Bloomfield Hills, 9½; Ithaca, 7½; St. Louis, 6½; East Jackson, 6; Morenci and Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, 5 each; Lake Odessa, 4; Berrien Springs, 3½; Dearborn Edison Institute, Fowlerville and Detroit St. Charles, 2½ each; Clinton, 2; Shepherd and Goddard 1 each, and Vassar, one-half.

Following is the summary of achievements by local area schools in the three classes.

CLASS A

(Ann Arbor High)

Mark Ford won 65-yard low hurdles in 7.7 seconds to tie meet record; Bob Fowler ran fourth in 60-yard dash; Don Douglas ran fifth in 880; Jack Baylis placed fifth in shot put; George Jayne ran sixth in the mile; Virgil Clevidence tied for sixth in high jump.

CLASS B

(Ypsilanti High)

Dave Hill won 65-yard high and 65-yard low hurdles with times of :08.6 and :07.7 respectively; Lee Wynn ran second in the mile; Lowell Perry tied for second in high jump; Howard Neely tied for third in pole vault; Jim Jacobs tied for third in 440; relay team of Hill, Neely, Dale Dolph and John Hill ran third.

(Howell High School)

Doug Stringer ran second in high hurdles and fifth in low hurdles; George Hashbrouck ran second in 880.

CLASS C-D

(Ypsilanti Roosevelt)

Dan Hickman set meet record of 53.7 seconds in winning 440; Jerry Lehand ran second in mile; Emil Bair ran third in 60-yard dash; Jack Arnet placed third in shot put and tied for second in pole vault; Paul Benson tied for third in high jump; Dave Steimle ran fourth in 880; relay team of Bair, Hickman, Harold Batalucco and Benson, ran second.

(Milan)

Harlan Benjamin set new meet record of :08.5 in winning 65-yard high hurdles; Wayne Tooman placed third in low hurdles; John Romero ran fourth in the mile; Larry Bausman placed fourth in shot put; Charles Collins tied for fourth in the pole vault; relay team of George Russell, Tooman, Carl Schirhart and Benjamin ran third.

(Clinton High School)

Duane Bellmore placed fifth in 880-yard run.