

Pioneers And Milan Place High In River Rouge Relay Meet

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By Dave Tefft

Rearrangement of the record book was today's final job in writing of Saturday's huge River Rouge track carnival which attracted more than 1,000 Michigan high school runners to Yost Fieldhouse Saturday.

A total of eight new meet marks was established in addition to three automatic records in a meet which saw defending team champions unseated in Class A and Class B while the third defender, Dundee, in Class C-D, retained its title.

There was a considerable measure of cheer for a pair of local area coaches — Ann Arbor High's Tim Ryan and Milan's Fred Sukup. For the Pioneers made quite a showing to finish second, by a single point in the Class A division, while the Reds performed more than creditably to take runner-up honors in Class C-D.

Northern Wins Title

Class A produced by far the hottest team battle as Flint Northern emerged as champion with 39 points to Ann Arbor's 38. Defending titlist Saginaw was third a half point behind the Pioneers. The crown was decided in the final race, the 880-yard relay, with Northern's speedy foursome of Ken Rankin, Roy Bolden, Ellis Duckett and Sylvester Collins getting to the tape first with Saginaw second and Ann Arbor third. All three teams bettered the meet record of 1:36.3 established by Saginaw in 1947. Northern's time was 1:35.4.

Two other meet records went by the boards in Class A. Ann Arbor's George Jayne won the mile in 4:42.1 to improve the meet's oldest mark, the 4:42.3 clocking established by Flint Central's Otto Kresbach in the first River Rouge meet back in 1939. Bay City's gangling Milt Mead improved his own high jump standard by leaping six feet, six and 3/16 inches.

Relay Is Added

Flint Northern's medley relay (an 880, two 220s and a 440) team established a meet record of 3:44.2 automatically since the event was new this year. The same holds true for Walled Lake (3:55.8) in Class B and for Holt (3:57.6) in Class C-D.

Plymouth was the Class B team winner while Dundee took the Class C-D crown.

Charlotte's Ken Sparks supplied both new records in Class B by putting the shot 49 feet, 10 inches

and pole vaulting 11 feet, nine inches. In Class C-D, Dundee's handy Jack Goodridge set a pair of meet marks with his five-foot, 10 1/4-inch high jump and his 7.6-second time in the 65-yard low hurdles. A third record went to South Lake's Jack Kelly who pole vaulted 10 feet, nine inches.

Sparks and Goodridge were named outstanding performers in their classes and were joined by Saginaw's Glen McArn, pole vault and low hurdles winner, from Class A.

Following is a summary of performances by Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor area athletes Saturday.

CLASS A

ANN ARBOR — Sprint medley team fourth; 880-yard relay team third; Jayne won mile; Bob Fowler won dash and was third in low hurdles; Bob Randall was third in shot put, and Roger Maugh was third in pole vault.

CLASS B

YPSILANTI — Jim Seidel, fourth in mile; John Hill, sixth in dash; medley relay team fifth.

HOWELL — Doug Stringer won low hurdles, placed second in high hurdles; Bob McMacken, fourth in shot put; Bob Nelson, sixth in mile; 880 relay team fifth.

CLASS C-D

MILAN — Harlen Benjamin won low hurdles, was second in low; Larry Bausman won shot put; 880 relay team (Art Keller, Benjamin, Larry Dennison, Norm Massey) won; Keller sixth in dash; Bordine tied for fifth in high jump; Glen King tied for sixth in pole vault.

YPSILANTI ROOSEVELT — Jerry Leland won mile run.

DENTER — Marland Howard was fifth in dash; Gordon Keough was fifth in mile; Russell White tied for sixth in pole vault.

U HIGH — Barry Brand was fourth in shot put.

A total of 67 schools earned team points in the three divisions. Of the five returning individual champions who set meet records a year ago, all but River Rouge's Dick Fisher repeated but only Bay City's Mead improved his 1949 record. Milan's Benjamin twice tied his 1949 Class C-D high hurdles mark, Belleville's Dale Davis repeated as Class

B mile winner and River Rouge's Gene Johnson retained his Class B high jump crown. Fisher finished fifth in the shot put.

Following is the team point table by classes:

CLASS A

Flint Northern 39; Ann Arbor 38; Saginaw 37 1/2; Jackson 19; Kalamazoo 14 1/2; Battle Creek 13; Flint Central 10; Pontiac 9 1/2; Wyandotte and Saginaw Arthur Hill, 8 each; Mt. Clemens 7 1/5; Hamtramck 7; Bay City and Fordson, 6 1/5 each; Ferndale 5 7/10; Bay City Handy 2; Dearborn 1/5.

CLASS B

Plymouth 32; Walled Lake 26; Ecorse 23 1/2; River Rouge and Otsego, 20 each; Howell 19; Lansing Everett 18; Marshall 15 1/2; Charlotte 14 1/2; Romulus 10 1/2; Ypsilanti, East Lansing and Adrian, 8 each; Belleville and Grand Blanc, 6 each; Allegan 5; Lapeer 4; Mt. Morris 2 1/2; Trenton 2; Caro 1 1/2; Redford Union 1; Fenton and Croswell Lexington, 1/2 each.

CLASS C-D

Dundee 35 1/9; Milan 30 38/99; Bedford 25 3/11; Holt 16; Shepherd 14 17/22; Hemlock 14; Corunna 10 3/11; Birch Run 9; Fowlerville 8 3/11; Saginaw St. Joseph and Edison Institute, 8 each; Berrien Springs 7 1/9; Bloomfield Hills 6 1/2; South Lake 6 3/11; Ypsilanti Roosevelt 6; Marine City 4 3/11; Vestaburg, Dexter and Clarkston, 4 1/9 each; U High 3; East Jackson 2 3/11; St. Louis 2; Otisville 1 38/99; Three Oaks and Blissfield, 3/11 each; Detroit U High and Summerfield, 1/9 each.

River Rouge Relays

Attract Big Field

A A News
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By Dave Tefft

That one-day siege of prep track madness known as the River Rouge Relays will hit Ann Arbor again Saturday.

More than 1,000 schoolboy runners, hurdlers, weight men and jumpers will throng Yost Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon and night seeking individual and team championships in the 11th invitational meet which traditionally signals the commencement of the season for Michigan's high school track enthusiasts.

This year's meet will be run on usual lines with contestants grouped into three classes, A, B, and C-D. Entries have been received from 83 schools, 20 in Class A, 30 in Class B and 33 in the combined Class C-D, according to Frank 'Buck' Weeber, River Rouge High athletic director, who plans the meet. The individual entry list stands at 1,006.

Ryan Enters 15

Seven schools from Ann Arbor and surrounding territory have entrants. Coach Tim Ryan will send a 15-man squad out to challenge defending champion Saginaw, Class A winner the past three seasons. Ypsilanti has a 16-man squad entered to defend its Class B crown while Howell will send 12 men here for the meet. U High, Dexter, Milan and Ypsilanti Roosevelt are the local area schools listed for Class C-D action and a shot at the title which will be defended by Dundee. U High has a 14-man entry list, Dexter has 13, Milan 12, and Roosevelt 10. Manchester, which had entered, has decided to forego track this spring.

With the benefit of its indoor schedule, Ann Arbor High might have a chance at the Class A title and certainly can be expected to well toward the front. The squad Ryan has entered is comprised of Fred Adams, Don Boorum, Warren Chase, Bob Fowler, Willie Gavin, Don Hinz, John Jackson, George Jayne, Coleman Jewett, Roger Maugh, Vernon Nixon, Bob Randell, LeRoy Schaerer, Jack Ward and Prentz Ware.

Ypsilanti Coach Ralph Deetz' entry is made up of Harold Duede,

Ed Ellis, Don Foley, Walt Fuqua, Charles Hammond, John Hill, Bob Hollifield, Duane Howard, Bill McAfee, Steve O'Neil, Tad Reed, Jim Seidl, Doug Smith, Wayne Walker, Pat Whalls and Lee Wynn.

Listed for action from Howell are Dick Brogan, Bruce Campbell, Jim Campbell, Charles Elliott, Bruce Hardman, Bill Hilton, Gerald Mack, Bob McMacken, Bob Nelson, Ivan Render, Doug Stringer and Jim Waller.

The U High delegation will include Glenn Barnard, Barry Brand, Bob Brown, Emerson Greenman, Bob Hobbs, Charles Hollis, Dean Lorce, Ray Marchan, Dick Marsh, Gus Saurez, John Schindler, Bill Weiner, Dean Wenk and Gerald Wolf.

Dexter's squad is comprised of Jim Bennett, Jack Blanchard, Dan Dresser, Neil Frank, Mickey Gregory, Marland Howard, Gordon Keogh, Don Kramer, Lee Murray, Gordon Prichard, Gene Schnebelt, Dan Toma and Russell White.

From Milan has come an entry of Larry Bausman, Harlan Benjamin, Stan Bordine, Larry Denison, Gene Dietrick, Jim Dodson, Steve Horvath, Art Keller, Glen King, Norm Massey, Dick Randall and Floyd Richardson.

Entered as Ypsilanti Roosevelt representatives are Bruce Begole, Jim Hart, Jim Johnston, George Karis, Wilford Larson, Jerry Leland, Jack McClure, Don Osborne, Dick Signor and Marv Staplin.

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