

Pioneers And Milan Place High In River Rouge Relay Meet

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 Duckert 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 Randell 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 high hurdles, was second in lows; 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 1/4; 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.

Leaders Unchanged In State Bowling

LANSING (AP) — For the first time in ten week-ends of bowling, the men's state bowling tournament failed to show a change on the boards today.

Owosso Insurance Co. of Owosso held firmly to the lead in the team division, rolling up a 3,155 handicap score.

In the doubles column, two Grand Rapids boys continued to lead the parade. Ray Carlberg and Sherman Massingham sent their total to 1,358.

Keeping Grand Rapids in the fore, John Basinski with 736 kept command of the singles division.

The all-event division was dominated by Jerry Guerrieri of Flint with 2,037.

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