

Six Athletes From Ar

Jayne, Maugh Are Winners For Pioneers

Milan's Harlan Benjamin Outstanding Individual Of Meet's 1,000 Athletes

By Dave Tefft

Ann Arbor High, as well as other schools in the surrounding area, produced its share of stars in Saturday's high school track and field championships at Michigan State College although the coveted team titles went elsewhere.

Coach Tim Ryan's Pioneers, making their best stab at a team title in years, wound up in third place in the tight Class A race as Flint Northern unseated Saginaw for the championship the latter school had won five successive years. Northern, deep in the sprints and hurdles, counted 27 points while Kalamazoo pushed into second place with 25 1/7. Ann Arbor had 21 1/7 for the No. 3 spot.

Benjamin Stars

Meanwhile, Milan and its big Harlan Benjamin did quite a job in the Class C section, running up 32 points and finishing second to East Grand Rapids, which had 43, although the Big Reds had qualified but two individuals and two relay teams. Benjamin, himself, counted more points than most teams in the meet with 18 1/2 on two firsts, a second and a relay leg.

Ypsilanti Roosevelt proved just as efficient though considerably less deep. The Rough Riders qualified only two men for the big meet and each of them won a first place.

In Class B, the team winner was Niles with 23 points while the Class D crown went to Benton Harbor St. John's with 43 1/2. Thus each class produced a new champion before the long carnival, which began at 9:30 a.m. and ended about 6:30 p.m. was finished.

Failure of Willie Gavin to earn a point in either hurdle race and of Bob Fowler to score as heavily in the dashes as he had hoped kept the Pioneers out of the throne room. Fowler had one of those bad days that plague all track men now and then. He couldn't get going as his fourth-place finish in the 10 and his fifth-place spot in the 220 indicates. Both races were won by Dearborn Fordson's Bill Baxter who thus became one of the few in the meet's 32-year history to be a double winner in the same races on two successive seasons.

But the Ann Arborites produced two individual champions in George Jayne and Roger Maugh. Jayne ran a smart race, never veering more than two steps from his pole position to win the mile in fine



WILL COME TO MICHIGAN: Milton Mead of Bay City watches officials measure his height against the six feet, four inches he cleared in the high jump of the state meet at East Lansing Saturday. It set a new state record. Mead plans to enter the University of Michigan in the fall. (AP Wirephoto)

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Other Ann Arbor points came from the half-mile relay team of Prentz Ware, Bill Newman, Vern Nixon and Fowler, which finished fifth; Fred Adams, who placed fourth in an 880-yard run section; Carl Staubach, who tied for fourth in the broad jump, and Jack Crippen who wound up in a seven-way tie for second place in the high jump.

Benjamin, finishing a brilliant prep career for Milan, had himself quite a day. He whipped his old Dundee rival, Jack Goodridge, in both hurdle races and in the broad jump where the Big Red placed second and the Viking sixth. Benjamin set a state record in winning the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.8 seconds and his 20.2-second timing in the 180-yard lows also goes into the books since that race was new this year. The Milan star's low hurdle time was the day's fastest. Additionally, Benjamin ran on the second-place 880-yard relay team along with Stan Bordine, Larry Dennison and Art Keller. Milan's medley team of Dennison, Keller, Jack Dodson and Bordine also placed second while the other individual qualifier, Larry Bausman, was second in the shot put.

Roosevelt's Jerry Leland won the mile and Mary Staplin won his section of the 440-yard dash. Like Jayne, Leland ran a heady race but was pocketed and jostled enough midway of the route to slow his bid for a record effort. He won, going away, by 10 yards in four minutes, 36.7 seconds. Staplin's 440 time was 53.1 seconds.

Other local area Class C schools picked up a few points.

U High had three on Barry Brand's fifth-place effort in the shot put and the half-mile relay team's sixth.

Chelsea Star Places

Additionally, Chelsea's Norm Bauer was fourth in a 440 section, and Dexter's Gordon Keogh was sixth in the mile run. South Lyon and Lincoln Consolidated were represented but did not earn points.

Howell and Ypsilanti finished down in the Class B pack. The Highlanders had 12 points as Bob MacMacken placed third in the shot put and fourth in the 220 while Doug Stringer ran fifth in the high hurdles and placed sixth in the broad jump. Ypsilanti's medley relay foursome of Harold Duede, John Hill, Doug Smith and John Baker won and Hill added a second in the broad jump for a total of 11 points. Howell's 880-yard relay team placed fifth.

Among the most-discussed of the 1,000 participating athletes was Bay City's towering Milt Mead, who is expected to enroll at Michigan come fall. Mead broke the 11-year-old Class A high jump record with a leap of six feet, four inches, and then won the broad jump.

Like Father, Like Son

Chuck Craig, Flint Central shot putter who can better 51 feet, is a son of Herb Craig, 1926 state champion.