

### Wins Only in Both Relays

**Niles Is Champion in Class B Group**

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EAST LANSING — A fast-breaking Flint Northern High school track team used its depth in the sprint, hurdle and middle distance to win its first state Class B championship Saturday.

The Vikings ended Saginaw High's five-year reign by scoring 27 points in a wide-open scramble.

**NILES DETROINED** Birmingham's East Grand Rapids was back on the Class C throne after an absence of one year. Benton Harbor St. Johns upset Grand for the third time in Class B play.

Victories in both relays were the only triumphs Northern could muster in Saturday's relay and individual events.

**Relay victory** was the highlight of the day as Niles, with the team captain, Larry Boyd, covered the half-mile in a record 1:31.4.

Saginaw finished in second place with 27 points. East Grand Rapids scored 22 1/2 and Newport placed a close fourth with 21 1/2 points.

Northern edged Colling in the 400-yard relay and took the 800-yard relay by a margin of 10 seconds.

Niles' victory in the half-mile plus two fifties and a pair of sprints.

Saginaw might have carried home a sixth championship despite Northern's speed in the relays and sprints.

When McKay failed with the bat 11 feet six inches and the Viking 880-yard relay breezed home in front, it was all over. Northern didn't have an entry in the pole vault.

When Northern anchored by the relay, Birmingham lost its hopes of scoring a second straight Class B crown in the same event.

**NILES WON** with a margin of 27 points in Birmingham's 11, done in 1:31.4.

When the relay, where Niles failed to qualify, the Vikings would have won by a slim one-third point.

**East Grand Rapids** went to its fourth state championship.

East Grand Rapids outpaced the Class C crown with 45 points, adding a third title to its headliner. Brown won two months ago. McKay won scores with 22 points. Grand Rapids, the defending champion, trailed in four times with 27 1/2 points.

Benton Harbor St. Johns edged Newport for the third in Class B.

**LANSK MILE** Mead, Bay City's two-foot tall senior, and Hatcher Sanderson, McKay's prize, alone the highlight of all individual events.

Mead established one of five records when he high-jumped six feet four inches for Mead. Fred Bates' 27-year-old Class A record of 4 feet 7 1/2 inches was surpassed by Fred Crawford.

Mead also won the broad jump with a surprising 21 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Sanderson and Dunbar's Jack Goodridge drove to see the top hurdle jumper who had been battling for three seasons against a spotted hurdle and with Bricker for winning both arguments.

He was clocked in a record 1:24.4 in the high strike and skipped over the bars in the day's best time of 1:18.1.

In addition to his double in the hurdle, Sanderson placed second in East Grand Rapids' Fred Newman in the broad jump when a Goodridge washed out with a sixth.

### Milers Thrive



**Bob Hall (left), of Lowell, and of Adrian, battled neck and neck in the Class B mile event.**

### State Track Winners

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