

Relay Teams Score As Northern Wins State Track Title

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East Lansing—Two great relay teams powered Flint Northern to the State Class A high school track championship on the Michigan State oval Saturday as the Vehicle City earned its first Class A title in the history of the schoolboy classic.

The Vikings, who started the season with the State indoor championship, scored in eight events Saturday but the four-man races gave them their only firsts.

Northern scored 27 points in a wide-open battle to nose out

Kalamazoo, with 25 1/7. Ann Arbor scored 22 1/7 points and defending champion Saginaw High, 21 11/28.

Michigan School for the Deaf fell a few points short of making it two titles for Flint as the Tartars lost their Class D crown to Benton Harbor St. John. MSD tallied 40 points to the Johns' 43 1/2 in the two-team race. The Tartars had only two firsts, by the half-mile relay team and Dick Ewald's high jump good for a three-way tie for the title.

Four Flint area boys won State titles. In Class B, Ken

Moore of Bendle pole vaulted into first place with a ceiling of 11 feet 3 inches, and Bill Brendel headed the pack in the high hurdles to give Grand Blanc a title and 16 points for fourth place.

Bob Willingham of Otisville topped the Class D pole vault with 10 feet 9, and George Corcoran of Mt. Morris St. Mary, only a sophomore, won the Class D mile title for the second straight year with a time of 4:52.3.

New champs were crowned in all classes. Besides Northern and

MSD, they include Niles with 23 points in Class B, and East Grand Rapids with 43 in Class C.

After a disappointing start in the morning preliminaries, Northern's bid picked up steam in the second event of the afternoon finals, as Ken Rankin, John Martin, Walt McMullen and Walt Skidmore streaked to a new record for the medley relay. The old record of 2:33.7 was set by Saginaw last year.

With the 880 relay and the pole vault still to be decided, Northern was ahead of Kalama-

zoo, 21 to 20 1/7, with Saginaw holding 17 1/2 points.

The Viking's half-mile quartet of Leroy Bolden, Ellis Duckett, Sy Collins and Walt McMullen then reeled off a 1:31 clocking, only a second off the State record which Detroit Northeastern set back in 1927. Three brilliant exchanges of the baton marked Northern's feat as the Vikings held the lead all the way.

Aside from those two 6-point chores, Northern couldn't do better which he was the defending title than a third. Collins and Bolden each earned a third, Sylvester in the low hurdles, in champion, and Leroy in the 220-yard dash.

Other Viking points were earned by Duckett and Bolden, who finished fifth and sixth in the century; Bill Harper, who won in one section of the divided 880 for 2 points, Ron Schultz for sixth in the broad jump, and Collins, who placed sixth in the high hurdles.

Coach Bill Cave and his assistant, Tony Rasmovich, who closed their second year as Northern track mentors, were jubilant as the final result was obvious even before the pole vault was completed.

"The spirit of the boys on the track team this season has been wonderful, and they truly earned the title by the hard work they put in during practice," both coaches declared.

The Vikings prevailed even though they did not perform at their peak. Collins and Harper both were off their usual form, and Werner Strong, high jumper, who has been doing 6 feet in practice, went out at 5-6.

The close competition was indicated by Northern's 27-point total as compared to the last four years, when the winner had at least 35.

Northern halted a five-year win streak by Saginaw which was begun by the Trojans in a surprising victory over Flint Central in 1945. Saginaw gained nothing better than a third place in each of the relay events.

Northern had to beat its closest competitor, Kalamazoo, in the half-mile relay and that clinched the meet as Glynn McArn, Saginaw pole vaulter missed at 11-6. A first by McArn would have given Saginaw the meet by 1/7 of a point.

Flint Central, meanwhile, came off with 8 1/7 points on a second by Chuck Craig in the shot put at 49 feet 11; a 5-8 high jump by Fernandez Washington for a seven-way tie for second; and a fourth in the 440 by James Carter.

The Tribe miler, Pete Drury, was in second place with 200 yards to go but ran out of steam and went unplaced.

The only old Flint record on the Class A archives of the State meet was wiped out by lanky Milt Mead of Bay City Central, who went to 6 feet 4 in the high jump to eclipse the mark posted by Floyd Bates of Flint Central in 1938. Bates did 6 feet 2 1/2 as part of a 22-point chore in the 1938 State meet.

Mead became a double winner in the broad jump with 21 feet 5 inches, and joined Bill Baxter of Dearborn Fordson as the only individual two-medal winners. Baxter sped to firsts in both dashes.

Bay City, incidentally, finished with 16 points although represented by only three men. Bob Schmerhorn took third in the high hurdles to go with Mead's two firsts.



CLOSE ONE FOR VIKINGS—Walt Skidmore, anchor man, comes in for a close triumph for Flint Northern in the State Class A medley relay, beating Bob Murriner of Jackson by half a step. However, Jackson's team was disqualified when one of the boys was detected pushing, and Grand Rapids Catholic advanced to second, Saginaw (runner at left) to third and Arthur Hill to fourth. Below are Flint area champions in Class B. Ken Moore of Bendle (left above) captured the pole vault with 11 feet 3 and Bill Brendel of Grand Blanc sped to first in the high hurdles. (Journal Photos)

Arrows Edge Saginaw, 2-1

Tom Keenan Tosses 3-Hitter for 5th Win

Special to The Journal

Saginaw—Southpaw Tom Keenan strengthened the Flint Arrows Central League lead here Saturday night by twirling a neat three-hitter as Flint defeated Saginaw, 2-1. The same two teams meet tonight at 8:15.

The win kept the Arrows in first place by four games over second place Grand Rapids which defeated Muskegon, 9-6. The loss dropped Saginaw into a third-place tie with Charleston as the Senators edged Dayton, 3-2.

Keenan's victory was his fifth straight, equaling his 1949 output of wins. His keen hurling halted a Saginaw winning streak of five games and extended the Flint winning string to four, three of the wins coming under Larry Ciesielski who is managing the club while Gene Desautels is home attending his son's graduation.

The Arrows had to rally for two runs in the ninth off Lefty Jim Wallace to give Keenan his win. Wallace was working on a two-hitter before Flint capitalized on some loose playing by the Bears to push over two runs in the ninth.

In that ninth, Carl Linhart led off with a booming drive off the 380-foot mark in right center. He fell while rounding second and had to scramble back to that bag, getting only a double. Linhart moved to third as Keith Little filed deep to right and the Arrow outfielder moved home when Red Cronin dumped a Texas League single to right.

This seemed to unnerve Wallace and he issued a pass to Howard Henkel. When Dave Jaska bounced a double play chance to Wallace it appeared the inning was over, but Johnny Berdella was slow in covering second and missed getting Jaska at first.

While the play was being made, Cronin raced to third and while Charley Wolf momentarily held the ball at first the Red-headed outfielder legged it all the way to the plate with the winning run.



THEY CLINCHED STATE TITLE—Brilliant 1:31 clocking for this half-mile relay team sewed up the State Class A track title for Flint Northern Saturday at East Lansing. The time was only 1 second off the State record. Members of the team (left to right) are Leroy Bolden, Ellis Duckett, Sylvester Collins and Walt McMullen. (Journal Photo)

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When Andy Prieboy pitched the opening game of Friday night's double-header against Dayton, it was his first starting assignment for the Flint Arrows at home. However, it wasn't his initial start at Atwood Stadium.

Andy was on the same mound in 1946 when he pitched for the East Chicago, Ind., American Legion Post 266 in the Legion Regional Tournament here. His club was champion of Indiana, and in the opening round here he hurled a 2-1 victory over Oak Park, Ill., in 11 innings.

He always has considered Atwood Stadium a start here, but it was in that game that Bruce Connerster, Detroit Tigers' scout, first saw Andy pitch. He was so impressed that he looked up the 16-year-old pitcher after the game. Andy was only a sophomore in high school, however, so Connerster said he'd see him in two years.

During those two years, Connerster didn't miss a single East Chicago High School game when Prieboy was

I'm afraid I got a little homesick before the three days were over."

Andy's chief weakness to date has been lack of control. Oddly enough, he reports that he had no trouble getting the ball over the plate in high school and Legion baseball. He has his own explanation.

"I think I've been pressing too much trying to make good. You see, Detroit gave me a good contract when I signed and I've been somewhat of a disappointment up until now. I want to restore the Tigers' confidence in me, and I guess I've been too tense."

"This is the first year I've started out with a couple of victories, though, and maybe I'll be able to relax a little more from now on."

In 1948, he went right out of high school to Jamestown, N. Y., of the Class D Pony League. He pitched one nine-inning game and lost it in the ninth inning on a double by Joe Macko, Dayton first baseman who was with Batavia, N. Y., that year. Andy suffered a back injury in that game and was through for the season.

Last year, he lost his first three games at Jamestown. Then just as he started to win, he stepped on a piece of glass and was forced out of action with a sore foot. He came back to post an 8-5 record.

Out to "restore Detroit's confidence," Andy has started two games and won them both this year. He's allowed only 6 hits in 14 innings since he was given a starting role.

Player	AB	R	H	HR	BI	O	A	E
Kosharek, ss	4	0	1	0	3	4	0	0
Throck, cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Phillips, lf	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Little, 1b	4	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Cronin, rf	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Henkle, 2b	3	0	0	0	2	4	0	0
Jaska, 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Biddle, c	4	0	0	0	0	7	1	0
Keenan, p	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	2	4	1	27	13	1	0



Prieboy . . . First Visit 1946

Father Labels Game 'Foolish'

Andy, who works in a steel mill and plays basketball during the Winter, isn't the only ball player in the family.



Moore . . . Pole Vault Champ



Brendel . . . Wins High Hurdles

Red Sox, Braves Take Night Games in Majors

Dodgers Dropped Into First-Place Tie By 7-1 Loss; Nats Lose, 4-3 and 6-2

By The Associated Press

It was all Boston in major league baseball Saturday night. The Braves won a 7-1 decision from Brooklyn to drop the Dodgers into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the National League. The Red Sox dropped the Washington Senators twice, 4-3 and 6-2, in a two-night affair.

A chilled crowd of 24,903 in Boston watched Don Newcombe leave the game at his own request in the second inning, which netted the Braves four runs. Newcombe complained of a pain in his right shoulder.

Brooklyn catcher Roy Campanella was ejected by plate umpire Frank Dascoli in the seventh inning for his too strenuous objection on a called ball.

Vern Bickford, Boston right-hander, limited the Dodgers to seven hits. He hurled the only other victory Boston has registered over the Dodgers this season.

The initial Red Sox win was set up by an error by Senator third baseman Eddie Yost. After handling pitcher Joe Dobson's infield hopper, Yost threw over first baseman Eddie Robinson's head in the ninth inning.

Dobson went to second, and then on to third on a single by Dom DiMaggio. Dobson scored when Johnny Pesky lined a single to center.

Dobson was the winning hurler, his fifth win of the year against three losses.

Chuck Stobbs checked the Senators with three hits in the night-cap before the overflow crowd of 29,069 at Griffith Stadium. The 21-year-old Virginian struck out 10 and walked only six en route to his third win.

The Red Sox battered their former nemesis, Ray Scarborough in the finale. The blitz took place in the first inning when they tapped him for four hits. Two

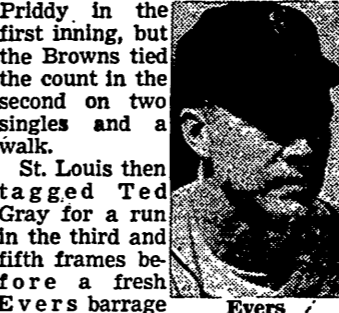
Evers Paces Tigers To Win Over Browns; Brissie Stops Yanks

St. Louis—AP—Hoot Evers set the pace with five runs batted in as the Detroit Tigers defeated the St. Louis Browns 8 to 6 Saturday.

The Tigers drew blood early as Evers singled home Gerald Priddy in the first inning, but the Browns tied the count in the second on two singles and a walk.

St. Louis then tagged Ted Gray for a run in the third and fifth frames before a fresh Evers barrage began.

George Kell opened the sixth with a single. He took third on Vic Wertz's double and both men crossed the plate on another single by Evers. In the seventh singles by Kell and Wertz and a long fly by Evers added another run.



Evers

run. Brissie walked Billy Johnson with one out in the second and the Yank third baseman scored one out later when Joe Collins tripled to center.

Meanwhile the A's cracked Alie Reynolds and Bob Porterfield for 11 hits, Eddie Joost leading the attack with a pair of home runs.

The A's were handed a run in the first inning when Reynolds walked four batters. Reynolds also struck out the side in the first.

Joost hit his first homer of the game with two down in the fourth. The A's clinched matters with two runs in the fifth on Ferris Fair's double, a walk, and singles by Pete Suder and Brissie. Joost completed the scoring with his sixth homer of the season in the eighth inning off Porterfield.

The victory was the first for the A's under the field leadership of Jimmy Dykes who was named acting manager Friday night.