

Ottawa Agog and Celebrating State Track Championship

It's First Furniture City Class A Crown Since Indians Won in 1934

Bob Brown Hero of Triumph; Takes Both Dash Events and Rolls Up 13 Points; Cougar Medley Squad Shines

(By Staff Correspondent.)

In the trophy case at Ottawa Hills High school Monday morning rested a new emblem which seemed all the brighter because it was unexpected, denoting the 1951 class A track championship of Michigan.

None of the so-called experts around the Michigan State college track at East Lansing Saturday had given the local city dual titlists a second thought. In fact, the west side of the state had been passed up in the forecasts which chose Saginaw Eastern and Arthur Hill and Ann Arbor as the teams most likely to succeed.

But when the cheers died away under a cloudy sky the point totals read: Ottawa Hills 27 1/2, Arthur Hill 24 1/2, Ann Arbor 21, Flint Northern, the defending champion, 21, and Saginaw Eastern 20 1/2. Grand Rapids Catholic Central wound up in sixth place with 20 points.

Breaks Dash Record.

Coach Clarence Brouwer's squad of seven participants, paced by fleet Bob Brown, the Indians' undefeated dash star, jumped into an early lead which they never relinquished. After four events were completed Ottawa had 11 points, good for a one-point lead. Then Brown romped home in the 100-yard dash in a city record-breaking 10 flat for six more points. The Indians clung to their lead until the 220, when Brown won handily in a city record-equaling time of 21.8 seconds. Then Jack Holwerda added 1/2 of a point with a fifth-place tie in the high jump and the Indians 880 relay team copped third spot for four more. Dick Brown made a valiant effort to add another point in the 880, but was just edged out.

Suspense remained until the end, however. Ann Arbor, which had come up fast in the hurdles, the 440 and the 880, still had a man in the pole vault after the running events were completed. With 22 points the university town boys could have won the meet by a quarter of a point with a first place. But they had to be content with a five-way tie for third, for two points. Arthur Hill copped that event over Catholic Central's Bill Kubilius to edge past Ann Arbor.

In the early events Ottawa's Bob Hendrickson pegged three points with a fourth in the shotput while Dick Jones added five more with a second in the broad jump. Jones was in first place until the last jump of the competition in which Flint Northern bettered the local boy's best by five-eighths of an inch. Ottawa's medley relay team of Bob Hendrickson, Jim Rhodes, Dick Jones and Hal Bennett, although winning its heat rather easily, placed only fourth on a time basis. The boys thought they would have done better had they been pushed as Catholic Central's medley quartet was in coping the first heat and the best time. Flint Central and Flint Northern, which trailed Catholic, took second and third, respectively.

The story of Ottawa's victory, however, lies in the extremely close competition over a widely scattered range of teams, with the result

that the points were broadly distributed among 26 schools. There were six schools bunched with 20 points or more. In addition there were many stars among the teams which were not in the running who nevertheless cut into the totals of the favorites.

For instance, Union's Billy LeBaron, who ran on Bob Brown's heels all season, kept up his work in East Lansing to cop two seconds and helped to push the favorites farther down the ladder. Pontiac (eighth with 16), Battle Creek (seventh with 16 1/2) and Monroe (ninth with 15), also took points from the leaders. Both Saginaw favorites were strong in the field events, but surprisingly weak in the running events. Ann Arbor, on the other hand, could take only 2 points in the field events.

If anyone had an inkling of what might happen, it was, perhaps, Coach Brouwer himself, who said simply: "We're going after all the points we can get." For Brouwer, the state championship trophy was the crowning triumph of a successful season and brought to three the trophies for Ottawa this spring. The tracksters earlier had taken the city dual championship trophy and then the Grand Rapids-Southwest conference team trophy. They lost the regional to Catholic Central by one point.

Cougar Squad Stellar. Catholic Central's bid in the state meet also was considerable. The regional champs didn't start scoring until they copped the special medley trophy with Larry Yeo, John Doran, Laverne Wolf and Terry Everhart. Then Joe Host took his heat of the 880 without being pressed seriously. Bill Kubilius got four points in a three-way tie for second in the high jump and Stuart Kalka, bowing for the first time this year, copped second in the pole vault for five more.

Billy LeBaron's 10 points were sufficient to give Union a tie for tenth place with Grosse Pointe. South got into the scoring column with Pat Fortune's second place heave in the shotput for five points, Pat also failing to win for the first time this season. Jack Conklin, placing sixth in the mile, garnered a point for Creston. Central went scoreless when Terry Barr just failed to place in the 440. None of Grand Rapids' hurdles entries succeeded in getting by the qualifying rounds in an extremely tough field.

In the morning preliminary rounds LeBaron won his qualifying heat in 10 flat while Bob Brown equaled the state record of 9.8, but an 11-mile south breeze directly down the track brought the ruling that the mark would not be recognized as a state record. Then LeBaron ran the 220 in 21.6, one-tenth of a second under the state record, while Brown followed with a 21.5, two tenths of a second better. The breeze still was checked at 5.6 miles, so those

FIRST SINCE '34. Ottawa Hills' state class A track championship was the first for a Furniture City club since 1934, when the Indians also romped off with honors. A special morning assembly was held at the school Monday, feeling the new champs.

marks, too, were not recognized as state records. Highest allowable wind behind the runner is 3.5 miles. While Brown's 10 flat in the 100 and 21.8 in the 220 in the finals should stand as city marks, the question remains whether the qualifying marks, too, will be recognized here. Wind velocity measurements are not taken at local tracks.

Then Came the Itana. The 10-flat mark in the 100 wipes out the 10.1 record previously held jointly by Dykhouse of Davis Tech, 1932; Bresnahan of Creston, 1933; Strehl, Ottawa, 1934; Bartnick, Catholic, 1937; Doran, South, 1938, and twice tied by Brown this year. The 21.8 equals the mark set by South's Doran in 1938.

Tom Yinger, Monroe hurdler, clipped eight-tenths of a second off the state mark in capturing the 150-yard low hurdles with a blazing 19.6 clocking. However, wind once again was blowing too hard for Yinger's record to count.

The Monroe ace also won the high hurdles to join Brown as the only class A double winners. Brown, with two firsts in the dashes and a leg on the third place 880-yard relay team, and Yinger, with two firsts in the hurdles and a sixth in the broad jump paced the class A scorers with 13 points apiece.

Except for the mild wind, morning conditions were almost ideal. But a torrential rain through the lunch hour turned the track into a quagmire. There was one break for them, however, since their qualifying times gave them the favored center lanes in the finals. And notwithstanding the mud, Brown crashed the local city marks. The mud also denied Catholic Central's hoped-for bid for a medley record. Times in all events were exceptionally good in view of conditions.

Chicks Idle On Week-end

Rain Stops Girls; Double Bills Coming Up

Jack Meyerl, business manager of the Grand Rapids Chicks, early Monday afternoon announced that the scheduled doubleheader with the Kalamazoo Lassies had been called off due to wet grounds. A doubleheader is set for Tuesday with the first game beginning at 6:30.

It rained Saturday and it rained more Sunday to make a messy morass out of the freshly laid soil and the newly scraped infield at the Division av. home of the Grand Rapids girls.

In the meanwhile Meyerl announced the Chicks are due for a doubleheader Memorial day evening, Wednesday, with the new Battle Creek club as the attraction. The first game is to begin at 6:30. The Belles, coming up from the Food City, are to be accompanied by a group of fans.

Big 10 Baseball Standings

Ohio State	W	L	Per
Penn State	4	2	.667
Indiana	4	4	.500
Wisconsin	4	4	.500
Northwestern	4	4	.500
Michigan State	3	4	.429



BROWN

LEBARON

Rebels Lead Area Track Teams in C

Lee Scores 71.6 Points; Plainwell Is Best in West State

Local and west Michigan teams didn't make much of a dent in the state class C track meet at East Lansing Saturday but a dozen schools broke into the point column. Lee High made the best showing among Kent county schools, its 71.6 points being good for twelfth place in the big field. Lee captured second in the medley. Dick Schram gained a point and a half by tying for fourth with three others in the pole vault. Don Opensky gained two-thirds of a point in a nine-way tie for fourth in the high jump. Dave Koeze of Wyoming also was in this nine-way tie to give his school its only markers.

Charlevoix Impresses.

Caledonia's only points were won by Ramon Schantz with a third in the mile run for four markers. Sparta had five points on Glenn Burgett's third in the 100 and Bill Rogers sixth in the shotput.

Coach Stu Coleman's Charlevoix regional champs made the best north Michigan showing with 10 points, good for a tie for tenth. Don Whitely was fifth in the mile; Bill Bryan was fourth in the 220 while Suomela was fourth and Charles Fairbanks fifth in the shotput.

Dick Madden paced Plainwell to fifth place with 13 1/2 points. Dick got 1 1/2 points for a fourth-place tie in the pole vault, was second in the high jump and anchored Plainwell's first-place medley relay team. This school also copped sixth in the 880 relay.

Other Area Teams Tally.

Paw Paw got five points on Bill Ross' win in the 880. Reed City got four points on Ken Nelson's third place in the broad jump. Shelby's five points came on Charles Baker's first in the 440 on an excellent time of :51.9.

George Atwood got a point and a half for Grant on a tie for fifth in the broad jump, while Tom Young marked up a point for Evert with a fourth in the 880. White Cloud counted two points on Harry Paulsen's third in the 440.

Class C championship University High of Ann Arbor was far ahead of the field with 30 points, while Algonac trailed in second place with 22 and Lansing Everett in third with 18.

BROWN WINS STATE DASH TITLE—Bob Brown, Ottawa Hills High school's stellar dashman, crosses the final line to take Michigan class A 100-yard championship in East Lansing Saturday. At right of Brown is Union's Bill LeBaron, who finished second. Running on a muddy track, Brown's time was a neat 10 seconds flat—good enough for a new City league record. Earlier, he had run a sensational 9.8 in his preliminary heat, but the mark was disallowed as a state record because of a 11.3 mph. tailwind, exceeding the 3.5 allowable. Brown also won the 220-yard dash event, pacing Ottawa to the state title. Others identified in photo are Leon Buron of Flint Northern, second from left; Walter Beach, Pontiac, third from left; James Reindel of Grosse Pointe, extreme right; Ronald Berry, Battle Creek, behind Brown.



(AP Photo.)

COUGARS COP STATE MEDLEY RACE—Terry Everhart of Grand Rapids Catholic Central, running anchor, guns across the finish line for the state medley title Saturday in Michigan prep track meet in East Lansing. Note thick mud on track. Terry's teammates were Larry Yeo, Jack Doran and Laverne Wolf and the winning time was 2:35.8. Coach Ted Sowie's boys were a couple of seconds off the state record and probably would have trimmed it unmercifully with a good track.

Crackup Marks Trials

Golf Gossip

By Clank Stoppels

It comes as little surprise that Samuel Jackson Snead is mixing up a golf potton he hopes will take the National Open title in June.

Just having finished the Colonial Invitational in Fort Worth, Tex., the drawing Virginian hopes to hop a plane and take a quick look-see at the Oakland Hills course, Detroit, where the United States classic will be played. Champion of all the big ones except the Open, Sam hopes to finally grasp the cup that so freakishly has eluded him on several occasions.

Snead is so desperate he may gamble with his brassie off the tee, just a couple of degrees off the loft of a driver. His strategy is to play short of dozens of new traps designed to harness the long hitters. Sam once did use the brassie, against Lew Worshaw and the field in the 1947 Open. High winds whipped his shots around and he lost, however.



SNEAD.

In 1937 young Snead (young then) finished runnerup in his first National Open on the same Detroit course. In 1939 Snead missed the title in Philadelphia when he took an horrendous 8 on the final hole. In 1940 he had a middle round of 80 and missed again. In '47 he missed a 30-inch putt for the crown worth \$30,000. In '49, in Chicago, he scuffed a chip with his putter from the fringe on the next to last hole and lost.

Grantland Rice has a good article in Sport magazine, June issue, in which he points out any of dozens of players could win. One of his solid choices seems to be Bobby Locke, the South African with a host of personal enemies in the United States. In all, more than 1,200 golfers will be shooting for berths in the Open, including a group at Kent Country club. The field is narrowed to 150 or 200.

Memorial day promises to see plenty of golf activity. Green Ridge is planning a flag event and driving contest for men and flag for women on the inside nine.

Blytheheld will have a flag event followed by a two-ball mixed foursome in the afternoon. Cascade will hold a similar program, then will swing into qualifying Saturday for the June men's best-ball tournament.

Kent's Eddie VanPopering will

suell won the nine-hole threesome tournament at Green Ridge with a 161. Mrs. Laura Bennett, Mrs. James Folkerts and Mrs. Clare Pemberton won on the 18 with a 342. On Saturday, Cliff Giles and Martin VerWys divided low putt honors, with 12 and 11.

Hitting the thirteenth green for prizes were Jay Jeltama, Jack VanEss, Jack Wyatt, Ezra Hebard, Dr. John Stryker, Herman Tornga, Robert Watts, Ralph Weigle, Don Almquist, John Ketcham, John Kiedis, Paul VandenBerg, E. C. Anderson, Cliff Giles, Dr. Russell Paalman, Pete Wessell, Fred Rudy, Arden Jones, Oliver DeGroot and Robert Whitlock.

Speedrome NEWS
by D.A.W.

MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL—Last year's Memorial day show at the Speedrome was a terrific success, as a lot of you fans will remember. Plans for this year indicate that the Speedrome show this Wednesday will top them all!

THE ORIGINAL—The Speedrome originated special stock racing and giant fireworks displays last year for the early summer vacation event. The success of the idea is now proved by the attempts at imitation by other tracks in the area.

BIGGER AND BETTER—Wednesday race fans and their families will see, first of all, and most important, a really top stock car program. Nine regular events featuring the largest field of modified cars so far this year, PLUS additional grudge races among your favorite rivals and fast cars.

There will be a fireworks display, specially planned for

TONIGHT
Kalamazoo vs. Chicks
Game Time 8:15
Bigelow Field

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