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**LE BARON SECOND IN STATE 100-YARD DASH**—Billy LeBaron, left, of Grand Rapids Union finished second Saturday in the state class A 100-yard dash at Ann Arbor. Alonzo Harris, right, of Pontiac, was the winner. John Johnson, second from right, Kalamazoo Central, was third. Saginaw High won the state class A crown.

## Union Charges Officials Erred in Track Meet

**Coach Files Protest With State Chief; Says Local Team Deprived of Title Chance**

Formal protest charging that officials handling the Michigan High school track championships in Ann Arbor erred in the running of the half-mile relay event and thus deprived competitors in the first section of the race a fair chance to gain point making positions, was made Monday to Charles E. Forsythe, state athletic director, by Lowell Palmer, track coach at Union High school.

"Probably nothing will come of it," Palmer said, "but it at least will call attention to a most distressing situation that marred Saturday's competition at Ann Arbor. Union might have won or tied for the championship had the race been properly run and the boys not forced to run extra yards in a race that was confused because of the officials in charge."

### In Three Sections.

The 880-relay was run Saturday in three sections. The best time of the three sections were the point-makers. Union ran in the first section, the one that was confused, while the high-point winners ran in the second and third sections, which were properly conducted.

Palmer pointed out to Forsythe that before the race was run the referee, J. Elmer Swanson, called the coaches together and it was agreed that the relay should start with the first leg coming out of the chute but that after the first leg the teams would alternate lanes.

Swanson, says Palmer, said he

would so instruct judges at the various takeoff points. John Fruch, the Union leadoff man, came down in lane 6 to hand the baton to Don Takas, Takas, as instructed, hit for the pole to make the next change in lane 1. Jerry Minier, the No. 3 Union man, tried to get in lane 1 for the change but was prevented by an official who told him to stay where he was. Takas barreled down the proper lane looking for Jerry Minier, Union's No. 3 runner. Takas spotted Minier and then had to run across the track to get to him. The same happened when Minier tried to find LeBaron. He had to swerve out of his lane, eating up several valuable yards, to effect the final change.

### Highland Park Joins.

Palmer says he immediately protested to Swanson, but was given no satisfaction. The Unionite asked that the race be run over. Highland Park, another strong contender, joined in the protest, but nothing was done.

"This race was highly important," Palmer said Monday, "because up to that Union was in position to take the team lead if we could finish second or third. As it was, Saginaw tied us for fifth place in the relay and won the meet with 21 points. A second place with five points would have made Union the state champions and a third place with four points would have tied for the title."



**SLOPS TO WIN**—Don Whitbrodt, Bay City Central High, slops across finish line to win mile event in state 'A' action in Ann Arbor Saturday. Time was a good 4:38.3. Jim Seidl, right, of Ypsilanti Central, was a close second.

## The Leaders

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Batting—Ennis, Philadelphia, .344; Robinson, Brooklyn, .341; Adcock, Cincinnati, .333; Musial, St. Louis, .331; Baumholtz, Chicago, .330.

Runs—Lockman, New York, 27; Williams, New York, Robinson, Brooklyn, and Adams, Cincinnati, 23; Thomson, New York, 22.

Runs Batted In—Sauer, Chicago, 38; Thomson, New York, 29; Campanella, Brooklyn, 27; Snider, Brooklyn, and Kluszewski, Cincinnati, 26.

Hits—Ennis, Philadelphia, 44; Sauer,