

### Saginaw Runs in Bad Luck

#### 2 Disqualifications Cost It Relays Title

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MT. PLEASANT — Disqualification in two late events cost Saginaw High a championship in the Class A division of the 12th annual Central Michigan Relays here Saturday.

As a result, Saginaw Arthur Hill piled up 63.5.6 points to win its second straight title.

Saginaw finished second with 52.5, followed by Bay City Handy 54.5; Bay City Central, 47.5, and Flint Northern and Central with 37 points each.

REED CITY raced off with its first Class C championship. The Coyotes from Osceola County tracked up 50.5 points. St. Louis finished second with 34.5.6.

Mary Pierce, a Saginaw sophomore, was the victim of the strange turn of events which hurt the favored Trojans.

Trouble caught up with Pierce in the middle-distance relay, a 1.5-mile test which includes two 880s and two 440s.

Pierce, a 440 entry, stepped back out of his zone to grab the baton from a teammate. The infraction disqualified his team.

Officials disqualified Pierce immediately after he had taken only a few steps. Coach Herb Korf decided to enter the sophomore in the mile relay.

Saginaw won the event handily, but two opponents immediately lodged protests. State rules forbid a runner from engaging in more than one 440.

PIERCE actually had not run a race, but officials ruled his entry constituted his participation.

This climaxed a run of bad luck which followed Saginaw throughout the day.

Art Liles, who hadn't been beaten all year, fell at the first barrier in the 120-yard high hurdles and went unplaced. Korf was without the services of Keith Gonia, a fine 440 man, and Pole Vaulter Jack Alish.

BOTH HAD been sidelined with injuries. Bob Mayer and Marv Willinski competed, but were slowed by recent injuries.

Arthur Hill won only one first place, Bob Schlerke's victory in the high hurdles. But the Lumberjacks picked up points in 14 of 16 events.

Saginaw managed to win two firsts, the shuttle-hurdle relay and Lee King's triumph in the high jump.

Mt. Clemens gained 36 points. The Bulldogs fielded a speedy relay quartet of Melvin Beckus, Joe Folsom, Bill Thomas, John Samuels, which won both the 680 and 440 relays.

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