

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1953

Jerry Mitchell, 1

Eau Claire Flash Wins Three Firsts

Berrien Springs 2nd in Class C

Eau Claire's Jerry Mitchell and Don Arndt of Benton Harbor, both sophomores, won high honors in the Michigan high school track championships Saturday.

Running at Ann Arbor in the Class D meet, Mitchell single-handedly put Eau Claire into third place by winning three first places and tying for a second to total 22½ points.

Arndt, carrying Benton Harbor's colors in the Class A carnival at East Lansing, ran second in the high hurdles and third in the low.

Strongest team showing among the southwestern Michigan schools entered was made by Berrien Springs which placed second in the Class C meet at East Lansing with 27½ points to 30 for champion St. Louis. Charles Harding and Chester Warsco captured first places for the Shaurocks as Harding won the high hurdles in 15.6 and Warsco tied for first in the high jump at 5 feet 10½ inches.

Other schools winning state championships were: Class A—First Northern, Class B Battle Creek Lakeside, Class D—Berrien.

PHENOMENAL PERFORMANCE

Mitchell's performance was the most phenomenal of any individual in the state meets. He set a new Class D record in the 220 yard dash, running it in 23.8 to break the old mark of 23 set by Arden Demmons of Michigan School for the Deaf in 1945.

The Eau Claire flash wasn't pressed as he won the 100 yard in 10.6 and lined jumped 29 feet 3½ inches. His high jump of 5 feet 8 inches tied for second place.

Arndt was just tossed out in the high hurdles by Glenn Smith of Dearborn who won the event in 15.2. The race was so close that judges conferred for several minutes before proclaiming Smith the winner.

In the 180 yard low hurdles, Flint Northern's Leon Burton posted a sensational time of 19.1 to break the state record and come within two-tenths of a second of the national high school record.

PIGGOTT PLACES

Tom Piggott was the only other Benton Harbor entry to place as he tied for 27th in the pole vault to add three-fourths of a point to Benton Harbor's total of 9½, nine of which were tallied by Arndt.

Other area schools scoring points in the meets were St. Joseph (3) 4 & 1/4, Niles (B) 1, Paw Paw (C) 2, New Buffalo (C) 3½, Galien (D) 2, Three Oaks (D) and Stevensville (D) 2.

State Meet Team Standings

Here's the way the teams finished in the four classes of the high school track championships.

CLASS A

First Northern 27, Pontiac 24, Kalamazoo Central 18, Saginaw 16, Lansing East 15, Grand Rapids 12½, Grand Rapids Central, Dearborn Perdon and Battle Creek 10, Saginaw Arthur Hill 11, Easton 10.

CLASS B

Grand Rapids Union and Dearborn 8, Flint Central and Ypsilanti 8, Plymouth 6, Grand Rapids Catholic 7, Jackson, East Park, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hill and Birmingham 4, Grand Haven and Muskegon 3, Holland Park 2, Monroe 1½, and Chicago 1.

CLASS C

Battle Creek Lakeside 23, Berrien 18, Milan 16½, Ann Arbor 15, Jackson 14, Adrian 12, Grandville 10½, Howell and Warren 10, Walpole 9 1/2, Kalamazoo State 8½, St. Joseph 8, Three Rivers 8, Big Rapids 6, Farmington 5, Berrien Sparks, Cass City, Grandville, Mt. Carmel, Cheboygan, Paines, Caledonia, Niles, Berne, Ene each; St. Joseph & 7/14, Coopers, East Lansing, Chicago, four each; Presbury, Red Ann, Melvindale and Marquette, three each; East Grand Rapids, Three Rivers & 1/2, Detroit Service and Cadillac 2 each; Findlay 1½, Alton, Hastings, Ironsidge, Romulus one each; Kalamazoo 1, Alton Park, Charlotte, Marshall and Vicks 1/2 each.

CLASS D

St. Louis 30, Berrien Springs 27½, champion 17, Lansing Eastern 17½, Cadillac 11½, Stanton 11, Marquette 10, Cadillac 9, Paw Paw 8, Dearborn 8, Rapids Lee and Paw Paw 7, Algoma and Redsett 6½, Flint Dux, Roselle, Redford and Scottville 6, Ann Arbor University 5½ and Grand Lake 5, Hart 5½, Oneida 5, Jackson, Brighton Lake, Shady, White Cloud, Whitehall, Pigeon and Galien 4, Marlin, and University 4, New Buffalo 3½, Soudan, Horse City, Sheper, Springport and Vassar 3, Gaylord, Cassopolis, Comstock Park, Massena, and East 2, Cass 1½, Ferrisville, Merrill and Joseph 1.

CLASS D*

Lawson-Okemos 27½, Detroit University School 27½, Eau Claire 23½, Grandville 18½, Spring Arbor 17, East 17, Elkhart 11, Fairview 11, Free Soil 10, Grand Lake 9, Jackson 8, Bloomfield Hill 7, Mio 7, Westman and Kent 6 each, Soudan 5½ and Three Oaks 5 each, Kalamazoo 4, New Lake and Soudanville 2½ each; Kingston and Maple Grove 2 each.

Bob Herceg Wins Sportsmanship Award At Coloma

COLOMA, May 25 — The senior class day program Friday evening in the school auditorium, featured the usual contributions by members of the class, and also the naming of the winner of this year's sportsmanship award, which went to Robert Herceg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Herceg of Lake Michigan Beach area.

S. L. McDaniel awarded the Certificates of Merit in scholastic achievement and extra-curricular phases of school life.

Daniel Cantrell, representative of the American Legion, presented the Sportsmanship award on behalf of the Legion.

CAPTAINED GRID TEAM

A large audience attended the program which had for its setting an imaginary TV studio.

Young Herceg has been an outstanding football and baseball player for Coloma high during the past two seasons. Last fall, he placed two extra points after his place-kicked the two extra points after Herceg touchdowns which brought a 14 to 0

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