

# Northern Sets Two Records On Way to State Track Title



NATIVE DANCER WINS PREAKNESS—Native Dancer (4) with Eric Guerin up, wins the Preakness at Pimlico Saturday in a close one over Jamie K. (2), ridden by Eddie Arcaro. The Dancer burst past Kentucky Derby winner Dark Star on the home-turn and then outlasted a bid of Jamie K.

## Leon Burton, Relay Unit Spectacular.

By Doug Mintline  
Journal Sports Writer

East Lansing—Favorites Flint Northern in Class A and St. Louis in Class C walked away with State titles here Saturday afternoon in one of the most phenomenal track meets in Michigan prep history.

Many veterans said that there wasn't any doubt that this was the best exhibition of high school running and jumping they ever have seen in the State Meet.

Warm weather and only a slight breeze made for ideal conditions as six records were smashed and another tied. Numerous other performances were much better than average.

Coach Bill Cave's lineup of Leon Burton, R. G. and Art Johnson, John Langhorne, Jerry Miller and Gary Crowell collected the 37 points that easily copped first place for Northern. Pontiac was second with 24 points and Kalamazoo third with 18.

The six-boy Viking lineup picked up its points in six events, winning three firsts and setting two records.

Burton erased any doubt of his exceptional ability by running the 180-yard low hurdles in 19.1 seconds. That is only two tenths of a second off the National high school record of 18.9 set in 1950. Last year only two boys in the Nation ran as fast as Burton did Saturday.

Also exceptional was Northern's other record performance of 2:29.7 minutes in the 3-mile relay. With Miller (52.6 seconds) and Crowell (51.8) running quarter-mile legs and Art Johnson (22.5) and R. G. Johnson (22.7) sprinting the 220-yard legs, the Viking unit wiped out the 2:32.4 record set by another Northern quartet in 1950.

The Johnsons combined with Burton and Langhorne to give Northern its other first. The half-mile relay time of 1:31 was only one second off the record set in 1927 by Detroit Northwest.

Burton was the third highest scorer of the meet with 14½ points. In addition to the low hurdle and relay efforts, he churned to a second place in the 100-yard dash and jumped to fifth place in the broad jump.

The 5-foot-9, 170-pound senior made good his bid to upset defending champion Alonzo Harris of Pontiac in the 100-yard dash. But while Burton and Harris battled each other, Kalamazoo's John Johnson sneaked in for first place in a nifty 9.9 seconds.

Although the broad jump didn't live up to the advance billing of being one of the most spectacular events, it still provided the 10 points as expected for Northern.

Defending champion R. G. Johnson was second at 21-foot-1, Langhorne fourth at 20-10½ and Burton fifth at 20-6. Burton leaped nearly 23 feet on his last jump but fouled.

The winning jump of 21-foot-2 went to Harris. The Pontiac ace also equaled the 30-year-old record in the 220-yard dash in 21.7 seconds. Harris ran on the fifth-place half-mile relay team to rate as the second best scorer of the day with 16½ points.

The high-point performer was a Class C freshman, John Palmer of St. Louis, who scored 17½ points. He ran the low hurdles in 20 seconds flat, won the broad jump in 20-3½, placed second in the high hurdles and ran on a fourth-place relay team.

St. Louis has a total of 30 points while second-place Berrien Springs was runnerup with 23½ points.

The only Genesee County boy to place in Class C was Dye's Ben Raver. He joined the act of outstanding performances by winning the mile in a neat 4:38.3 minutes.

Flint Central's Ulu Silk also won an individual title, with a 51.1-second effort in the first quarter-mile heat. It was Silk's best time in two years as a 440 runner. Central's only other points were won by Jim Popoff, who placed fourth in the 220-yard dash.

If any part of Northern's effort could be considered a surprise, it would be Art Johnson's third-place in the 220 dash. Northern coaches Cave and Norbert Bader had him clocked in 22.1 seconds.

However, good times were the rule rather than the exception Saturday.

George Zitney of Dearborn Fordson ran a record 4:28.8 mile, although he almost lost to Terry Block of Grand Rapids Union after holding a 20-yard lead.

In Class C, George Price of Lansing Everett vaulted a record 11-foot-9, Dick Bigelow of Stanton hit 22.3 in the 220-yard dash and Palmer 20 seconds flat in the low hurdles for records.

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STATE CHAMPION VIKINGS—These six boys combined for all of Northern High's 37 points in winning the Class A State track championship Saturday afternoon in East Lansing. The Vikings placed in six events, winning three first places and setting two records. Burton's record 19.1-second clocking in the 180-yard low hurdles was only two tenths of a second off the National record. The 3-mile medley relay team of Miller, Crowell, Art Johnson and R. G. Johnson set the other record with a 2:29.7-minute time. The other first went to the half-mile relay team of Burton, Langhorne and the Johnson brothers. (Journal Photos)

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## Flint Golfers Pay Tribute To Lawson Today at Swartz

By Doug Mintline

Flint's Mr. Golf, Fred Lawson, will be honored today at Swartz Creek Course.

Three weeks of whirlwind preparation will come to a climax at 6 P.M. when plane tickets and expense money for a trip to his native Scotland will be presented to Fred and his wife Betty.

Donations for the past three weeks plus proceeds from today's activities will provide the money necessary for the trip. Those friends who haven't yet contributed but would like to do so today at the course.

Although special activities are planned, the committee in charge of the Appreciation Day program emphasized the fact that play will be conducted on a normal basis.

The course will be open to everyone as usual with green fees being unchanged at 60 cents for 9 holes and \$1.10 for 18 holes. There will be no starting times.

The committee has rented the course and will run all of the activities and concessions. Both golfers and non-golfers have been remembered in the program.

Two nine-hole exhibitions involving top-notch Flint players will start the program at 2 P.M. Amateur Doug Blom and pro Eddie Kirk of Flint Golf Club will play against amateur Fred Turner and pro Bill Kottke of Brookwood in the first match.

Blom has won around 50 major Flint area titles, including the City Amateur championship. Turner also has won all available Flint titles and is defending State amateur champion. Both pros have established outstanding records in PGA tournaments.

In the second match, Jennie Weiss and Virginia Bruzewski will face Dave Curtis and George Lawson. Mrs. Weiss is four-time

State Amateur champ, Mrs. Bruzewski a top City title contender and the boys former Flint Junior Golf Assn. champions.

At 4 P.M. following the exhibition matches, a clinic will be held. Pros Kirk, Kottke, Dick Sincerbeau of Kearsley Lake, Bob Szilagyi and Ed LaRose of

Mott Park and City Women's public champion Genny Kilbury will conduct the clinic.

Entertainment will start at about 5 P.M. with the Canadian Legion and Flint Scottish pipe bands marching across the fairways up to the clubhouse. That colorful sight will be followed by special music and dances by the bands.

For the golfing that goes on all day, prizes will be given both to men and women for low gross scores, accurate shots on certain holes, kicker's event and other special items.

All of this will serve only as a buildup for the well-earned tribute that will be made underneath a huge picture of Lawson on the clubhouse roof starting at 6 P.M. Nothing has been overlooked in this effort to recognize Lawson's 28 years of service to Flint golf.

Lawson will retire at the end of the season. The tribute is being made at this time to that Fred and his wife can see the British Open Tournament, in Carnoustie July 6-10.

Anyone who knows of his love of golf would agree that the British Open competition would make Fred's first look at Carnoustie since 1920 even more thrilling.

It was at Carnoustie that Fred learned greenskeeping from his dad, caddied for experts and profited from the teaching of such well-known stars as Tommy Armour, MacDonald Smith, Stewart Maiden, Charles Hackney and Charles Brand.

Lawson has passed on his vast knowledge of golf to thousands of Flint players for 17 years at Mott Park and 11 years at Swartz Creek. Today those players will tell Fred how much he has been appreciated.

## Podoley Captures Four Firsts

Special to The Journal

DeKalb, Ill.—Freshman sprinter Jim Podoley of Mt. Morris was the individual star of the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference track meet here Saturday as he won four events.

However, even Podoley's terrific performance for Central Michigan wasn't enough to keep Michigan Normal from taking its fourth straight IAC championship. The Hurons collected 63 points while Central picked up 52½, almost half on Podoley's victories.

He won the 100 and 220-yard dashes, the broad jump and the low hurdles.

Third was Illinois Normal followed by Western Illinois, Northern Illinois, Eastern and Southern Illinois.

## Western Netmen Lose Mid-American Crown

Kalamazoo—UP—Western Michigan College was dethroned as the Mid-American Conference tennis champion Saturday as Miami University rolled up 23 points to the Broncos' 17.

Cincinnati was third with 12, Toledo fourth with 8, Western Reserve University, fifth with 4, and Bowling Green, sixth with 2.

## Native Dancer Outshines Dark Star To Sweep 77th Running of Preakness

Baltimore, Md.—UP—Native Dancer, derailed by Dark Star in the Kentucky Derby, got back on the track Saturday and roared like a fast freight train through the stretch at Pimlico to win the 77th annual running of the \$100,000 Preakness Stakes.

In avenging his Derby defeat, Native Dancer overtook Dark Star going around the turn head-

ing into the stretch and defeated Jamie K. by a neck, with Royal Bay Gem third, six lengths behind Jamie K.

Dark Star, who took the lead at the start and held it until Eric Guerin made his bid with the Dancer, finished a fading fifth behind Ram O'War, who was fourth, two lengths behind Royal Bay Gem.

It was a popular victory for the galloping gray ghost of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who scored his first Preakness triumph.

It was the first Preakness triumph for Guerin, too, and he made up for his loss in the Derby, when he was criticized for giving the Dancer a bad ride. Saturday, however, he followed his familiar pattern of staying

off the pace in the early stages of the race and then going to the outside when he was ready to make his bid.

The horse going the fastest at the finish was Jamie K., with Eddie Arcaro up, Jamie K., off to a bad start, came from far back as they reached the turn into the stretch and was gaining on the Dancer with every stride. But the Dancer's margin was too much for him to overcome.

An odds-on favorite, Native Dancer, in winning his 13th race in 14 starts—the Derby was his only defeat—paid \$2.40, \$2.20 and \$2.20 across the board. His place and show return would have been less except that the Maryland state law provides that the return must be ten cents on the dollar.

Jamie K., dark choice in the field — Dark Star was third choice—paid \$4.20 and \$2.20. Royal Bay Gem returned \$2.20 to show.

Trailing Dark Star were Tahitian King and Correspondent, the California speed horse who finished a bad last in the seven horse field.

The victory netted Native Dancer \$65,200 and brought his earnings for his two years of racing up to \$440,245 — placing him 13th on the all-time money winning list of turf stars.

Native Dancer was timed 1:57.45, the sixth fastest time the Preakness ever has been run, but far off Capot's track record of 1:56 set in 1949.

A record Preakness handle of \$696,639 was bet on the second leg of the triple crown, exceeding the former high of \$494,312 bet in 1947 when Faultless won.

Native Dancer never was worse than third. He broke third out of the gate with Dark Star in front and Tahitian King second. At the quarter, Dark Star had opened a one length lead with Tahitian King second and Native Dancer third, just a head in front of Correspondent. At the half, it was Dark Star by a length and a half with Tahitian King second by another length and a half, and Native Dancer third, two lengths ahead of Correspondent. Jamie K. at that point was sixth, eight and a half lengths behind the leader.

At the three quarters, it was still Dark Star, but only by a head as Native Dancer moved up to second and Tahitian King dropped back to third. Then came the opening Guerin was waiting for. He went through on the inside, with Arcaro following him on Jamie K. Hedley Woodhouse, on Tahitian King, tried to move over closer to the rail to close the hole, but was too late.

So going into the head of the stretch, Native Dancer was leading by a head with Jamie K., moving into second place, three lengths ahead of Dark Star, who was a head in front of Royal Bay Gem.

From that point on, Native Dancer started going away, and all except Jamie K. and Royal Bay Gem gave up the chase.

Despite his triumph, Guerin said Native Dancer didn't run, "his best race."

"I'll bet I had you plenty worried," Arcaro said to Guerin as



Raver... State Champion

## Late White Sox Rally Defeats Tigers, 4-2

Detroit—UP—The Chicago White Sox exploded for three runs with two out in the ninth inning Saturday and snapped a four-game losing streak as they turned back the Detroit Tigers, 4-2, before 8,922 fans at Briggs Stadium.

Tom Wright started the winning rally with a single to center. Minnie Minoso singled to left and Sherm Lollar scratched a single off Harvey Kuenn's glove to load the bases.

Vern Stephens then grounded a single to left to send home two runs and Nellie Fox chased in another runner with a single to the same spot.

Joe Dobson, who was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the ninth, received credit for his fourth victory against as many losses. Three of those triumphs have been at the expense of the Tigers.

The Tigers had rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth to give Ned Garver a slender lead and it looked as if the Detroit righthander was on his way to his fourth victory when he disposed of the first two batters in the ninth. Instead, he was charged with his fifth defeat.

The White Sox scored first in the second inning. Minoso walked, stole second and moved to third when Joe Ginsberg threw the ball into center field. Stephens pushed a single to right to send Minoso home.

Detroit's runs came on singles by Garver and Johnny Pesky, a fielder's choice, another single by Pat Mullin and Walt Dropo's long fly.

Harry Dorish pitched the bottom of the ninth for Chicago and gave up one hit, a pinch single to Bob Nieman with two out.

The box score:

Chicago	AB	R	H	ER	IP	BB	SO
Carrasquel	4	0	1	0	2	0	1
Rivera	4	0	1	0	2	0	1
Fain	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wright	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mullin	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dropo	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
McKee	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Minoso	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lollar	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Stephens	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wilson	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Garver	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
St. Louis	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dobson	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Clark	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## The Standings

American League				
GB	W	L	Pct.	
---	New York	22	10	.688
---	3½ Boston	19	14	.576
---	3½ Chicago	20	15	.571
---	4 Cleveland	16	12	.571
---	6 Washington	17	17	.500
---	8 Philadelphia	16	20	.444
---	9½ St. Louis	12	19	.387
---	13½ Detroit	10	25	.286

National League				
GB	W	L	Pct.	
---	Milwaukee	17	10	.630
---	½ Philadelphia	17	11	.607
---	1 St. Louis	17	12	.586
---	1½ Brooklyn	18	14	.563
---	3 New York	17	16	.515
---	7 Pittsburgh	12	19	.387
---	7½ Chicago	9	17	.346
---	7½ Cincinnati	9	17	.346

## Turner Rates Low Handicap

Detroit—AP—Fred Turner of Flint is one of the four golfers heading the Michigan Public Golf Association handicap list this season.

The 1952 State Amateur champion has a two-stroke rating along with Tony Novitsky, Tommy Bean and Roy Iceberg.

The 1953 handicaps were announced by George Greenhalgh, Jr., MPGA handicap chairman.

Novitsky was captain of the University of Detroit golf team last season. Iceberg is a veteran MGA player while Bean is a newcomer to the Detroit district.

## Missed Putt Drops Hogan Into Tie for Leadership

Fort Worth, Tex.—AP—Grim little Ben Hogan did the unexpected Saturday — he missed a three-foot putt on the 18th green to fall into a tie for first place with Clayton Heafner and Jerry Barber at the three-quarters mark of the \$25,000 Colonial National golf tournament. Each had 215 for 54 holes.

The little Texan, who struggled along even par coming into the final hole while others among the leaders faltered—Heafner by five over par 75—had a perfect setting for a dramatic finish for the home folks. But after carefully lining up the putt as a

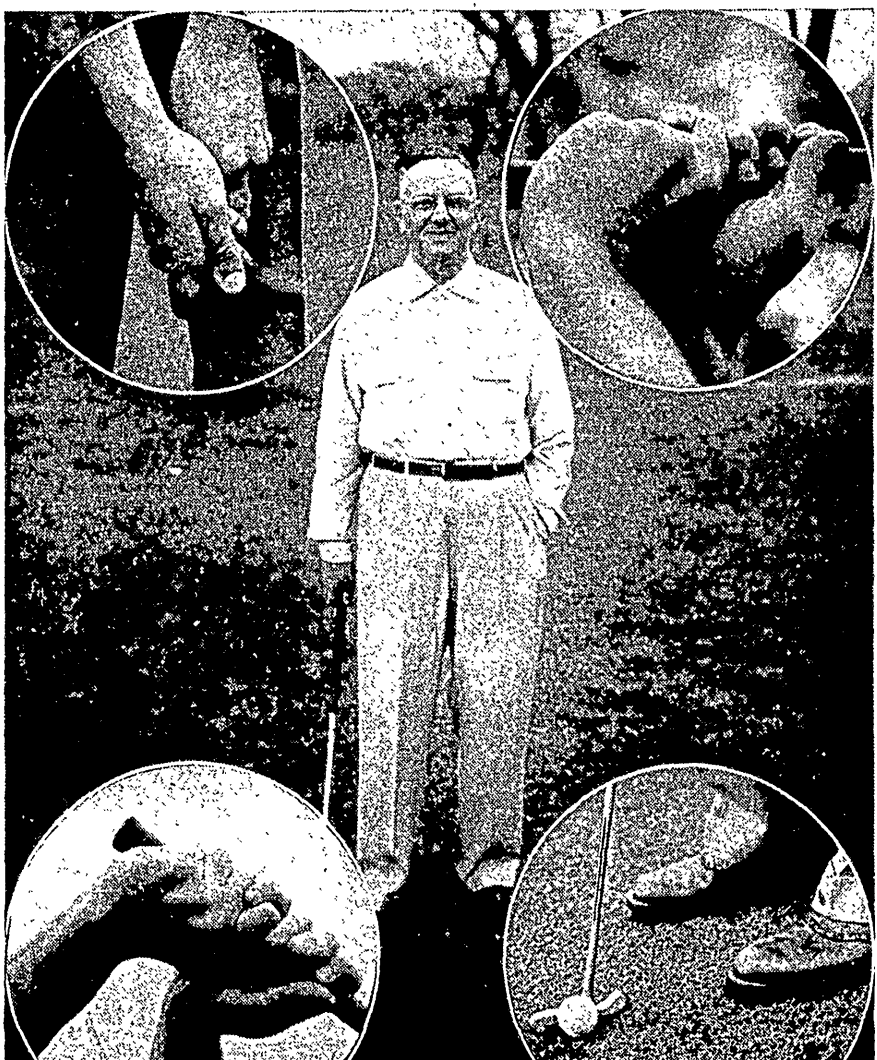
Heafner, the massive blonde from Charlotte, N. C., who led at the half-way point with 140 for 36 holes, could do little right Saturday.

The 7,035-yard Colonial Country Club course was tough for all except a half-dozen players and only 3 bettered par.

Hogan had fought back from a bad No. 14 hole where he went 1 over. He got a birdie on 15 to come into 18 even.

Hogan had a 30-foot putt for a birdie on 18 but his ball ran past the cup. Then came his dramatic miss.

While there was a jam for



British Ace Wins