

Otisville Trackman Places First, Second in State Meet

McCormick Leads Genesee County Thinclads; Area Teams Finish Far Behind in Class B-D

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Ann Arbor — Except for a standout performance by Otisville's Tom McCormick, Genesee County prep trackmen were lost in the shuffle in the Class B-D section of the State meet here Saturday.

With McCormick winning the pole vault and gaining a second-place tie in the high jump, Otisville led eight Flint area teams by placing fourth in Class D, well behind champion Brethren which successfully defended its title against 28 other schools with a terrific 67½-point total.

Only Fenton, with five points, and Flushing, with 1½, were able to score among the six teams from Genesee County which were represented among 91 Class B schools.

The Class B crown went to Battle Creek Lakeview which edged champion Roseville, 20-18.

McCormick picked up 10½ of Otisville's 19½ points with a 10-foot, 3-inch effort in the pole vault and cleared 5-8 to share second place in the high jump.

The Spartans picked up four points in the 120-yard high hurdles with Ken Barden fourth

and Dave Smallidge sixth. Smallidge also placed sixth in the shot put. Another Otisville entry, Carl Terwilliger, scored in two events with a sixth in the pole vault and 880. The medley relay team of Gary Beckwith, Wayne Averill, Smallidge and Darwin Warner finished fifth to complete the scoring.

Michigan School for the Deaf, for years a power in Class D, was blanked Saturday. Athletic director Wayne Sheathelm claimed that it was the first time in his 16-year tenure that the Tartars had been shut out in the State meet.

Fenton's points came on a third by Dick Cooley in his section of the 880 and Don Alchin's fourth in the 220. Flushing's Jack Johnson tied for fifth in the high jump to put the Raiders in the scoring column.

Davison, Kearsley, Bendle and Beecher failed to score.

Balmy Spring weather, a novelty in the State meet, enabled the two classes to set six new records and tie a seventh.

Brethren claimed three of the four Class B new records with speedy Dick Beane cracking both hurdle marks and helping the 880-yard relay team set the third. He zipped over the lows in :20.8 and did the highs in :15.7. However, his high hurdle time was set in the preliminaries and he placed second in the finals. The new 880-relay record was timed in 1:35.4.

The other Class D record was set by Eau Claire's one-man team. Jerry Mitchell, who won the 220 in :22.9. Mitchell was the outstanding athlete of the meet with two firsts, the 100-yard dash and the broad jump in addition to a tie with McCormick in the high jump.

Eau Claire, with Mitchell scoring all its 22½ points, placed third behind Detroit University School which totaled 27½.

In Class B Earl Glenn of Belleville tossed the shot 54 feet 8½ inches for a new record and the Adrian medley relay team pegged another standard at 2:33.0. Gene Fox of champion Battle Creek Lakeview won the 180-yard low hurdles in :20.6 to tie the record.

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Detroit Buys Chisox Veteran

Detroit — AP — The Detroit Tigers, who are in dire need of pitching, Saturday purchased Earl Harrist, a 32-year-old right-hander, from the Chicago White Sox for the \$10,000 waiver price.

To make room for the veteran moundsman, the Tigers optioned outfielder Russ Sullivan to their Little Rock farm club in the Southern Association on a 24-hour recall basis.

Harrist, who broke into organized ball in 1938 with Eldorado of the Cotton States League, has made big league stops at St. Louis, with the Browns, Washington and Cincinnati, in addition to Chicago.

Working in only eight innings this season, he had a 1-0 record with the Sox. Harrist hurled two no-hitters when he pitched for Syracuse of the International

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