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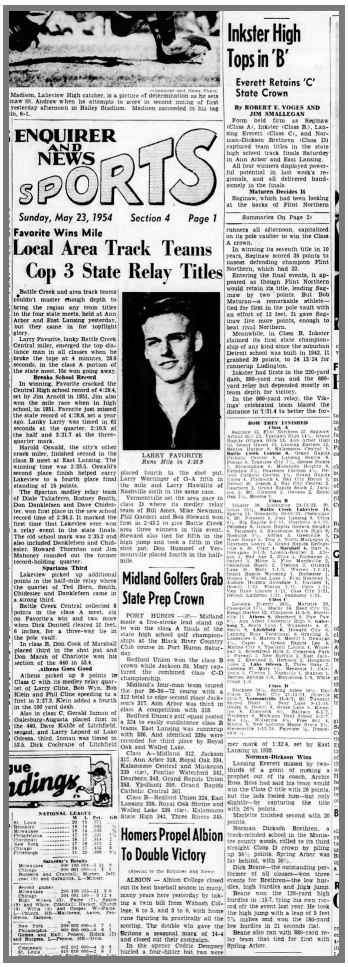

Madison, Lakeview High catcher, is a picture of determination as he sets sure St. Andrews when he attempts to score in second inning of first yesterday afternoon in Bailey Stadium. Madison succeeded in his tag 6-1.).

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Favorite Wins Mile

Local Area Track Teams Cop 3 State Relay Titles

Battle Creek and area track teams showed a master enough depth to bring the region any team titles in the four state meets, held at Ann Arbor and East Lansing yesterday, but they came in for spotlight glory.

Larry Favorite, lanky Battle Creek Central miler, emerged the top distance man in all classes when he broke the tape at 4 minutes, 20.5 seconds, in the class A portion of the state meet. He was going away.

Breaks School Record

In winning, Favorite cracked the Central High school record of 4:28.4, set by Jim Arnold in 1951. Jim also won the mile race when in high school, but his time was disallowed as the state record of 4:28.6, set a year ago, Lanky Larry was timed in 61 seconds at the quarter, 2:10.5 at the half and 3:21.7 at the three-quarter mark.

Harold Oswald, the city's other track miler, finished second in the class B meet at East Lansing. The winning time was 2:35.5. Oswald's second place finish helped carry Lakeview to a fourth place final standing of 15 points.

The Spartan medley relay team of Dale Taliaferro, Rodney Smith, Don Dankhirten and Dave Chidester, was first place in the new school record time of 2:34.2. It marked the first time that Lakeview ever won a relay event in the state finals. The old school mark was 2:39.2 and also included Dankhelen and Chidester. Ron Thompson and Jim Mohney rounded out the former record-holding quartet.

Spartans Third

Lakeview picked up additional points in the half-mile relay where the quartet of Ted Horn, Smith, Chidester and Dankhelen came in a strong third.

Battle Creek Central collected 8 points in the class A meet, six in the mile run and two more when Dick Durrell cleared 11 feet 6 inches, for a three-way tie in the pole vault.

In class B, Don Cook of Marshall placed third in the shot put and Don Marsh of Charlotte won his section of the 440 in :53.4.

Athens Goes Good

Athens picked up points in Class C when the medley relay quartet of Larry Cliffe, Bob Wyn, Bob Klein and Phil Cline speeding to a first in 2:37.3. Klein added a fourth in the 100 yard dash.

Also in class C, Gerald Inman of Galesburg-Augusta placed first in the 440. Dave Kahle of Litchfield, second, and Larry Lepard of Lake Odessa, third. Inman was timed in 53.3. Dick Cudmore of Litchfield placed fourth in the shot put.

Vermontville set the area pace in class D where its medley relay team of Bill Ames, Mike Newman, Phil Gardett and Bob Steward won first in 2:43.2 to give Battle Creek Area three winners in this event. Steward also tied for fifth in the high jump and took a fifth in the 100 yard dash. Dowagiac's Vet-montville placed fourth in the half mile.

LARRY FAVORITE
Runs Mile in 4:20.5

Inkster High Tops in 'B'

Everett Retains 'C' State Crown

By ROBERT E. VOGES AND JIM SMALLEGAN

Form held firm as Saginaw (Class A), Inkster (Class B), Lansing Everett (Class C), and Norman-Dickson Brethren (Class D) captured team titles in the state high school track finals Saturday in Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

All four winners displayed powerful potential in last week's regionals, and all delivered handsomely in the clutch.

Harris Decides It

Saginaw, which had been looking at the backs of Flint Northern

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runners all afternoon, capitalized on its pole vaulter to win the Class A crown.

In winning its seventh title in 10 years, Saginaw scored 39 points to loosen defending champion Flint Northern's grip to 34.

Entering the final events, it appeared as though Flint Northern would retain its title, leading Saginaw by two points. But Bob Maturan—a remarkable athlete—tied for first in the pole vault with an effort of 12 feet. It gave Saginaw five more points, enough to beat rival Northern.

Meanwhile, in Class B, Inkster claimed its first state championship of any kind since the suburban Detroit school was born in 1927. It gathered 39 points, to 34 1/2-3/4 for runnerup Ludington.

Inkster had firsts in the 220-yard dash, 880-yard run and the 880-yard relay but depended mostly on team depth for victory.

In the 880-yard relay, the Vikings' celebrated team blazed the distance in 1:31.4 to better the former mark of 1:32.4, set by East Lansing in 1938.

Norman-Dickson Wins

Lansing Everett missed by two-thirds of a point of making a prophet out of its coach, Archie Ross. Ross had said his team would win the Class C title with 26 points, but the lads fooled him—but only slightly—by capturing the title with 26⅔ points.

Ithaca finished second with 20 points.

Norman Dickson Brethren, a track-minded school in the Manistee county woods, rilled to its third straight Class D crown by piling up 36½ points. Spring Arbor was far behind, with 20½.

Dick Beane—the outstanding performer of all classes—won three events for Brethren—the low hurdles, high hurdles and high jump.

Beane won the 120-yard high hurdles in :15.7, tying his own record off the event last year. He took the high jump at 6 feet 2¾ inches and won the 180-yard low hurdles in 21 seconds flat.

Beane also ran with 880-yard relay team that tied for first with Spring Arbor.

Midland Golfers Grab State Prep Crown

PORT HURON —(AP)— Midland made a five-stroke lead stand up to win the class A finals of the state high school golf championships at the Black River Country club course in Port Huron Saturday.

Bedford Union won the class B crown while Jackson St. Mary captured the combined class C-D championship.

Midland's four-man team toured the par 36-36—72 course with a 312 total to edge second place Jackson AC. Ann Arbor was third in the nine-team competition with 321.

Bedford Union, which also posted a 324 to easily outdistance class B teams, East Lansing was runnerup with 336. And identical 339s were recorded for third place by Royal Oak and Walled Lake.

Class A—Midland 312, Jackson AC, Ann Arbor 318, Royal Oak 324, Kalamazoo Central and Muskegon 327, Lansing Eastern and Dearborn 341, Grand Rapids Union 338, Ypsilanti 339, Grand Rapids Catholic Central 361.

Class B—Bedford Union 324, East Lansing 336, Royal Oak Shrine and Walled Lake 339 (tie), Kalamazoo State High 341, Three Rivers 345.

Homers Propel Albion To Double Victory

(Special to the Enquirer and News)

ALBION — Albion College closed out its best baseball season in many, many years here yesterday by taking a twin bill from Wabash College, 6 to 3, and 3 to 0, with home runs figuring in practically all the scoring. The double win gave the Britons a seasonal mark of 14-4 and closed out their campaign.

In the opener Cedric Dempsey hurled a four-hitter but two were

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