

Eight Area Thinclads Place in State Meet

Inkster Wins Class B Championship; Brethren Repeats in Class D Group



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East Lansing—Eight Flint area boys won places in the Class B and C State track meet here Saturday afternoon but none of the local schools could come closer to the power displayed by Inkster in Class B and Norman Dickson Brethren in Class D.

Inkster, the favored thinclad from the suburbs of Detroit, showed too much overall power in taking three first places and three seconds. It was all Brethren in the lower class meet as the defending champions scored eight first places to make a rout of the running.

Inkster accumulated 39 points to easily outdistance second-place Ludington's 34 13 22. The latter squad had to score well in the pole vault to nip St. Louis.

Brethren's great showing accounted for 58 1/2 points to far overshadow Spring Arbor's 36 1/2. Otisville ended in a fifth-place tie and MSD was in 16th place.

Four Class B lads from the Flint area won places and four from Class D schools chalked up points. Mandeville's Gordon Gotts took a fifth in the shot put, Kearsley's Dale Sherwin finished sixth in the low hurdles, Davison's Fred Brodie ended sixth in the high hurdles, and Fenton's Jesse Madden tied for sixth in the high jump.

The best individual show of a local entry was Tom McCormick, the Otisville crack athlete. He took a second in the pole vault and the same in the high jump. Brethren's Daryl Lechrone topped McCormick by three inches in the pole vault, soaring 10 feet 9 inches. Dick Beane of Brethren bested McCormick by an inch in the high jump, nabbing a first with 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.

The other Flint area lads scoring in Saturday's meet on the Ralph H. Young Field at Michigan State College were MSD's Tony Kovacs, fourth in the 440-yard run and a fifth place tie in the high jump; Otisville's Ray Beach, fifth place tie in the high jump; and Ray Piper of MSD, third in the shot put.

Piper's shot went 44 feet 10 1/2 inches. The winning toss, flipped by Lee Parker of Weidman,

went 46 feet 6 3/4 inches. Otisville's medley relay team copped a sixth place in a field of six for another point. Runners on that squad were Gary Beckwith, Wayne Averill, Charles Laing and Larry Griswold.

Five State records went by the boards here Saturday and a sixth was tied. Brethren figured in two of the outstanding performances. Dick Spoor traveled the mile in 4:39.1, to shear 4.4 seconds from the 16-year-old mark. Beane's time of :15.7 equalled his own high hurdle record set last year on the University of Michigan track.

John Palmer the star St. Louis High athlete, broke the Class B low hurdle record in the qualifying heats. He skimmed the sticks in 20.2 seconds and clipped four-tenths of a second off the mark. He won the finals in :20.6.

The other Class D record established Saturday here was in the 880-yard run. Spring Arbor's Dave Heimberger crossed the tape at 2:06.5 minutes, lowering the time by 11 seconds. The old record was jointly held by Dick Klett of MSD and John Burgess of Starr Commonwealth. Both ran in 1940.

Inkster's 880-yard relay squad put on the most flawless performance of the day. The champions picked up nearly 10 yards on every exchange of the baton and finished 40 yards ahead of their nearest rival. Their time was a terrific 1:31.4, shaving 11 seconds on a 16-year-old mark set by East Lansing. That relay team consisted of Herman Frederick, Art Frederick, Charles Collaway and Otis Lee.

Inkster's two other first places were H. Frederick in the 220-yard dash and Roy Butler in one section of the 880-yard run. Sparta's Glen Burgett nipped Otis Lee of Inkster in the 100-yard dash by bringing in a good 10-second time.

The other record was in the Class B pole vault. Ludington's

McCormick . . . Top Area Entry

Lee Snyder soared 12 feet 4 1/2 inches. The former mark was 12 feet 2 1/2 inches set by Kay Keffer of Mt. Pleasant.

The results:

- Class B Inkster 39 Ludington 24-13-22 St. Louis 13 1/2 Battle Creek Lakeview 13 Sparta 11 Grandville 10-16-55, Cheboygan 9 Mt. Pleasant 9, East Lansing 8, Ada 6 1/2, Big Rapids 6-11 11, Charle 6 1/2, Patoskey 6, Grand Rapids Galsin Heights 6, Tecumseh 6, Kalamazoo State High 6, Romulus 5 1/2, Adrian 5, Grandville 5, River Rouge 5, Troy 5, North Muskegon 5, Dearborn Lawes 5, Grand Rapids Kelloggville 4, St. Clair 4, Marshall 4, Hart 4, Dowagiac 3 1/2, Ionia 3, Bentley 3, Allegan 3, Bad Axe 3, Niles 3, Buchanan 3, Oxford 3, Milan 3, Mandeville 2, Cederline Bush 2, Trenton 2, Grand Lake 2, Ham 1 1/2, Warren 1 1/2, Grand Rapids Wooming 1, Rochester 1, Romeo 1, Walpole Lake 1, Kearsley 1, Auburn Heights Avondale 1, Davison 1, Howell 1, Fenton 1 1/2, Cass 1 1/2, Van Dyke Lansing 1 1/2, Cass City 1 1/2, Detroit Lutheran 1 1/2, Sandusky 1 1/2

- Class D Brethren 58 1/2, Spring Arbor 36 1/2, Eau Claire 23, Beal City 21-13-14, Otisville 15-7, Vermontville 11-3-7, Mt. Pleasant 10-14, 11, Beal Lake 9-13-14, Gaiten 9, Dewitt 8, Grass Lake 8, Kingston 8, Ellisworth 6 1/2, Baldon 6-3-7, Weidman 6, Michigan Inst. School 5-3-7, Mio 4 1/2, Wolverine 4 1/2, Free Soil 4, Martin 3, New Luthrop Maple Grove 2 1/2, Stearnsville 1-17 1/2, Fairview 1/2, Dimondah 1/2, Detroit University School 0, Morey 0, Monroe 0, New Baltimore 0, Onkema 0, Suttons Bay 0, Vanderbilt 0, Vestaburg 0.

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Chief Bender Dies

Philadelphia - AP Charles Albert (Chief) Bender, one of baseball's great all-time pitchers and a member of the Hall of Fame, died Saturday at the age of 71.

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