

# 'Bouncing Willie' Jumps Ahead of Competition in Wayne Relays

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Willie Adkins never stopped jumping yesterday afternoon. So the 18-year-old Northeastern High senior became one of the rare double winners in Wayne Relays history.

Willie won the pole vault at 10 feet 10 inches and the broad jump at 21 feet 5½ inches. He also high jumped 5 feet 8 for third place as Class A field events were completed at Mackenzie field. All track events and Class B field events are scheduled today.

Between his various jumps Willie kept warm by jumping. He would leap up, almost clipping his chin with his knees.

## PREFERS VAULTING

"Willie's a good worker in practice," commented coach Ed Rutherford, "except that I have trouble getting him away from the vaulting pit. He never wants to do anything else."

Willie's other specialty is the hurdles—more jumping. But he wasn't entered in today's shuttle hurdle relay, because Northeastern lacked competent hurdlers to team with him.

"But put a watch on him in the mile relay," Rutherford advised. "He did a 440 in 52.5 seconds a few days ago."

Wayne coach David L. Holmes perked up his ears, but said warily, "We'd like to have a boy like that at Wayne, but how about his grades?"

## GOOD ENOUGH

Willie supplied that answer. "I have about a B average. We have a club in our study hall for anyone who makes the honor roll two straight times, and I got in that. I'm not in it any more, because I'm taking only three classes. I need only a few credits to graduate."

That was by far the longest speech of the day for shy Willie, but he added a few more facts, a word or two at a time:

His family isn't in Detroit and he lives with friends. He used to be a press operator in an auto plant, but was laid off in January. He hopes to attend college, if he can get a scholarship, and become a coach.

The high jump medal went to a swimmer. Russ Hibbard, of

Birmingham, never had cleared more than 5 feet 8 inches, but said that as a freestyle specialist he had been picked on the high school All-America swimming team four times. Yesterday he jumped 5-10 to win.

Ermin Crownley, 216-pound Miller senior, took the shot put by more than a foot at 51 feet 5¼ inches.

Richard Baker, Cooley's best high jumper and broad jumper, suffered a broken collarbone while high jumping. It was the second injury in two days for Cooley, which lost its top sprinter, Charles Knight, with a spiked heel Wednesday.

## Summaries:

POLE VAULT—1. Willie Adkins (NE), 10 feet 10 inches; tie for 2. Ron Cadotte (Mackenzie), Jim Robinson (Lin. Park), Bob Greer (Cooley), Wayne Basham (Western), 10-6.

SHOT PUT—1. Ermin Crownley (Miller), 51 feet 5¼ inches; 2. Jim Allen (Fordson), 50-4; 3. Calvin Vinson (Northern), 50-2; 4. Tom Jozwiak (Cath. Cent.), 48-10½.

HIGH JUMP—1. Russ Hibbard (Birmingham), 5-10; 2. Charles Mitchell (Cass), 5-9; 3. Adkins (NE), 5-8; tie for 4. Ray Hood (Central), Tom Adams (N), Bob Robbins (Mack), Bob Bullock (Eastern), 5-7.

BROAD JUMP—1. Adkins (NE), 21-5¾; 2. Alexander Wright (Pershing), 21-3¼; 3. William Mack (Mumford), 21-1; 4. Hood (Central), 2-11.



WILLIE ADKINS  
Just Keeping Warm

## Prep Coach Resting After Heart Attack

Mike Haddad, coach of Pershing High's Metropolitan League and city football champions, was resting comfortably today at Northwest Grace Hospital after suffering a slight heart attack. Haddad, 39, has been at Pershing for 10 years. He previously coached at River Rouge High. He played football at Penn State and Lock Haven Teachers College.