

# Unionville Wins Close One

## Honesty Of Deckerville Coach Helps

By RON SMITH

UNIONVILLE—Bruce Glover's honesty cost him and his Deckerville High School track team a championship here last night—but probably gave him a good night's sleep.

Glover insisted there had been a mistake in totaling the points of the Northern Thumb C Conference meet, despite the fact that his squad had already been named champion and that half of the fans had gone home thinking Deckerville had won the meet by a skimpy 7/10 of a point over arch-rival Unionville.

### Duckett To Join Roughriders' Club

REGINA, Sask. (UPI)—Bill Duckett, an offensive end, from Michigan State, has signed a contract with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union. Frank Tripucka, WIFU all-star quarterback with the Roughriders last year, also has signed to bring to 16 the number of imports on hand.

### Northern Thumb C Results

100-yard dash—Won by Lyle Houthoofd (Unionville); 2—Bob Zill (Pigeon); 3—Walt Lehner (Un); 4—Jim Stringer and Bill Huras of Deckerville tied; 5—Hurry He; 11—10 feet.

Shot Put—Won by Dale Nixon (Un); 2—Dunn Southworth (Elkton); 3—Paul Thompson (U); 4—Orville Schutte (U); 5—Doug Nixon (Un); 6—Al Stephens (U); 7—20 feet.

High Jump—Two-way tie between Walt Lehner (Un) and Cliff Hushen (U); 3—two-way tie between Larry Booth (U) and Clark Eftman (U); 4—Doug Nixon (Un); 5—five-way tie; 6—five-way tie.

Broad Jump—Won by Fred Garza (U); 2—Larry Lindenberg (U); 3—Jerry Barber (U); 4—Don Pluto (S); 5—Joe Lathrop (U); 6—Eftman (U); 7—20 feet.

20-foot-7. New record, bettering 20-foot-6 by Dan Guenther (Un) 1951.

120-yard high hurdles—Won by Bob Kirkpatrick (U); 2—Lindenberg (U); 3—Swoffer (U); 4—Herchel (Un); 5—Lehner (U); 6—Swartz (S); 7—15.8.

New record, bettering 16.0 by Jim Ewald (Un) 1951.

220-yard dash—Won by Unionville (Houthoofd, Barber, Vandermark, Lindenberg); 2—Sebewaing; 3—Pigeon; 4—Deckerville; 5—U; 6—Elkton; 7—15.0.

100-yard dash—Won by Garza (U); 2—Lindenberg (U); 3—Eftman (U); 4—Packard (S); 5—Suz (S); 6—Eftman (U); 7—10.1.

New record, bettering 10.4 by Eusebius (S) 1951.

500-yard dash—Won by Lyle Houthoofd (U); 2—Dul'ray (U); 3—Luis (U); 4—Stouck (U); 5—Peninger (U); 6—Herchel (Un); 7—10:3.3.

100-yard dash—Two-way tie between Jackson (S) and Barker (U); 3—two-way tie between Paul (U) and Menzel (U); 4—Eftman (U); 5—Vallars (U); 6—28.8.

100-yard low hurdles—Won by Kirkpatrick (U); 2—Lindenberg (U); 3—Gordon (U); 4—Swoffer (U); 5—Swartz (S); 6—Lehner (U); 7—21.1.

New record, bettering 22.0 by Jim Ewald (Un) 1951.

220-yard dash—Won by Eusebius (S); 2—Garza (U); 3—Vandermark (U); 4—Packard (S); 5—Hleman (S); 6—Eftman (U); 7—15.0.

800-yard run—Won by Doug Nixon (Un); 2—Zimmer (U); 3—Pluto (S); 4—Swoffer (U); 5—Johnson (U); 6—Munroe (U); 7—21:3.0.

800-yard relay—Won by Deckerville (Garza, Kirkpatrick, Swartz, Lathrop, Lakatos); 2—Sebewaing; 3—Unionville; 4—Pigeon; 5—U; 6—Elkton; 7—21:5.0.

So the totals were added again and the same pesky 7/10 showed up again—this time with Unionville on the long end. A point in low hurdle results was misplaced.

Final scoring showed Unionville 80 6/10, Deckerville 79 9/10, Sebewaing 51 1/5, Pigeon 36 7/10, Elkton 12 2/5, Uby 12 1/5, Harbor Beach 0.

"I won't accept the trophy or the title until another check is made. I'm certain there has been a mistake," Glover told Bob Cartwright, Unionville principal and meet manager.

Cartwright obliged with another tally and the title went to Unionville, which is becoming an old hand at becoming involved in close track meets.

Two weeks ago, it was shaded by Millington for the annual Unionville Invitational Meet by a mere 6/11 of a point.

Deckerville won or tied for more first places than Unionville, seven to five, but the glory margin came in depth, as Unionville rolled up five second spots to only one for Deckerville.

Six new conference records went into the books during the afternoon-night affair, which finally wound up at 10:35 p.m., although the last race was concluded at 9:25 p.m.

Deckerville's Fred Garza, short on size but long on speed, ledged two of them with a 10.1 clocking in the 100-yard dash and a 20-foot-7 leap in the broad jump to erase marks by Orin Englehardt of Sebewaing and Don Guenther of Unionville, who made 10.4 and 20-foot-6 in 1954 and 1952 respectively.

Garza also added a leg on the winning 880-yard relay team and earned a second to the same Englehardt in the 220-yard dash to edge teammate Bob Kirkpatrick for individual honors.

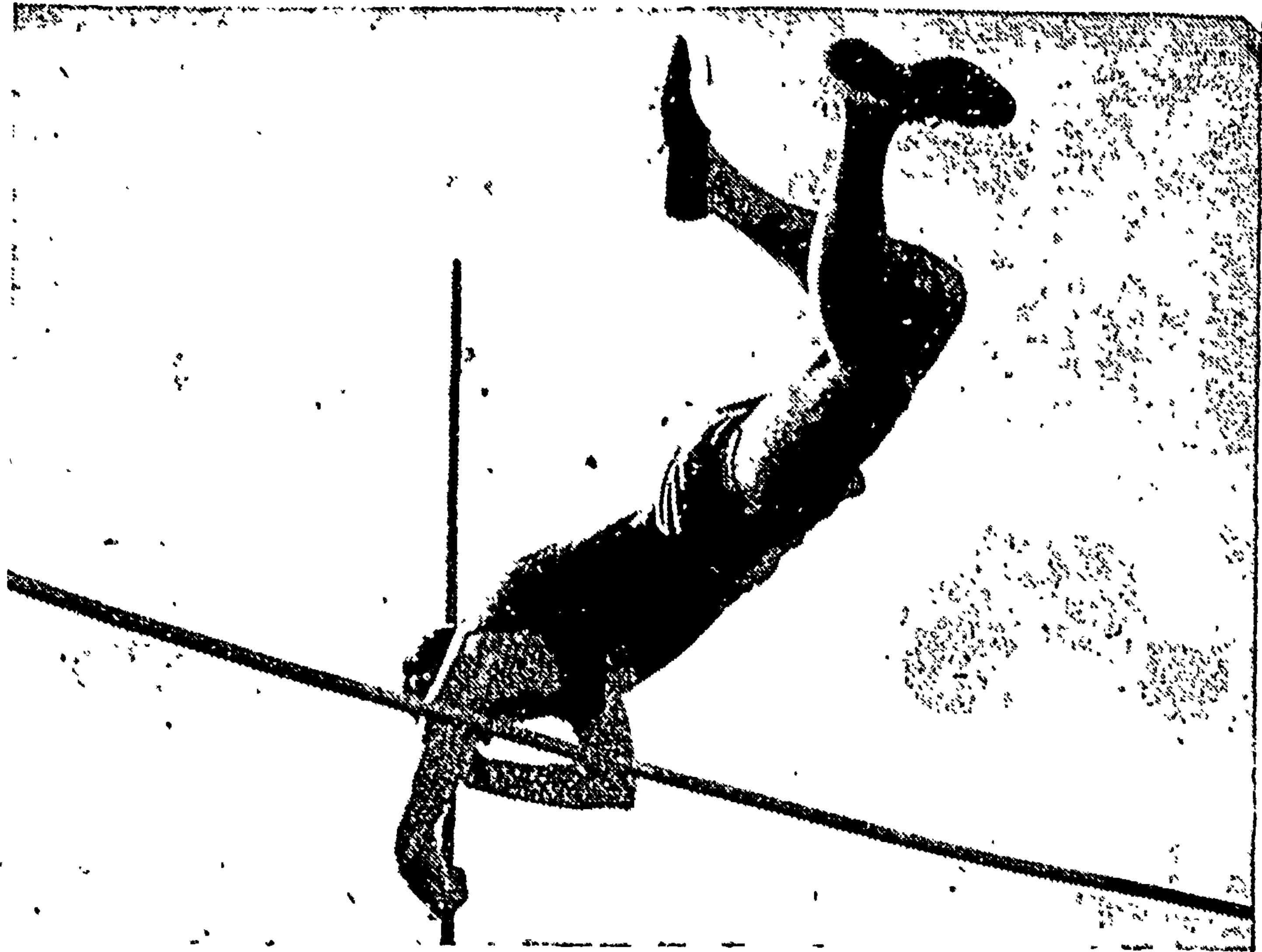
The other record-breaking performances were turned in by Kirkpatrick, who lowered the 120-yard high hurdle mark to 15.8, bettering a 16.0 effort by Unionville's Jim Ewald in 1951, and then came back later to crack the 180-yard high hurdle mark of 22.0 with a 22.1 time. Ewald also held that record.

Sebewaing displayed tremendous depth in the dashes, placing three in the 100-yard event and three in the 220-yard event. However, Sebewaing was nipped by Deckerville in the 880-yard relay by a fraction of a second as the two ran in different heats.

The finest race of the night session, which followed field event finals of the afternoon, came in the 880-yard run, where Unionville was expected to place high but not expected to win.

Doug Nixon and Ed Zimmer, after trailing until the final 100 yards, "kicked out" to overtake Don Pluto of Sebewaing and Dale Swoffer of Deckerville and race for the finish line, stride for stride, with Nixon finally edging to the front.

When the meet was at last tallied for the final and official time, several Unionville track team members located Glover to shake hands with him for his fine act of sportsmanship in announcing an error which, of course, might easily have gone undetected forever.



A Winning Pole Vault Leap

... by Unionville's Lyle Houthoofd, who won the event in the Northern Thumb C Conference meet at Unionville yesterday with a 10-foot effort. Unionville won the meet by a close 7/10 of a point over second place Deckerville. (Saginaw News Photo.)

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### Ferris Nine Nips Alma

### Oiler Nine Edges Clare

CLARE—Mt. Pleasant High School's baseball team, playing without four regulars who are on a senior trip, won its 11th game in 13 starts this season by defeating Clare, 5-3, here Wednesday afternoon.

The Oilers won the game in the third with four runs, produced by a wild pitch, three stolen bases, an error, a single by Jim Adams, a double by Mark Epple and a triple by Ray Kullman.

A walk, a fielder's choice and a double by Kullman, who was the leading Oiler slugger, produced the other Mt. Pleasant run in the seventh.

Joe Castello, Oiler hurler, gave up four hits. Three errors and singles by Fred Haggert and Jack Bay produced two close runs in the fourth. Bill Stiel was the losing hurler.

The Oilers will play their final game of the season next Wednesday at Big Rapids. The Cardinals handed the Oilers one of their two defeats this season.

### Zilwaukee Nine Nips Bridgeport

Zilwaukee scored its second win of the baseball season yesterday when it defeated Bridgeport, 16-7, in a junior high game at Bridgeport.

Frank Sika and Lanny Bauer shared Zilwaukee's pitching duties. Bauer, Johnny Davenport and Allen Lewless each slammed three hits for Zilwaukee.

Tom VanConnet and George Perry blasted home runs for Bridgeport. Perry, pitching in relief, struck out 10.

### Almost Ready

BOSTON (AP)—Ted Williams, slowly rounding into playing form, will play a few innings in the Boston Red Sox-New York Giants exhibition game here Monday night. Williams also will compete in a home run hitting contest preceding the game.