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U. P. TRACK FINALS—The annual Upper Peninsula track and field finals meet held at the Escanaba Athletic Field yesterday produced thrilling races, new records and individual honors galore. One of the best of the performances was turned in by Rapid River's Ken Harwood, left, who shattered the Class D-S 440-yard dash record with a fi-flat clocking. In the 100-yard dash finals, Eddie Vercain of Iron River, left, was in 10.4 to equal the U. P. Class B record. Bob Visser of Northmoor, right, finished second. The other references are Tim Dudzik and Joe Pinter of Stephenson. (Daily Press Photos)

Stephenson New U.P. Class B Track Champ; 5 Records Fall

The Stephenson Eagles climaxed the most successful spring sports season in their school's history here Saturday by winning the Upper Peninsula Class B track and field championship.

The Eagles, unbeaten on their cinders this year, displayed balanced strength in racking up the U. P. crown from defending champion Sault Ste. Marie, scoring 34.9 points while winning only one first place. Lanky Dick LeRoy leaped to first place in the high jump.

Escanaba in Class C and Rapid River in Class D-S successfully defended their U. P. crowns in a meet that saw a mass assault on Upper Peninsula records.

Brilliant Mile Run

Five of the records were erased and one was equaled as the meet was run in perfect weather before a large crowd at the Escanaba Athletic Field.

Probably the most outstanding performance of the day was turned in by Gary DeLisle, brilliant miler from Manistique. DeLisle fled four times around the track in 4:32.2 to smash the Stephenson record owned by Eugene Danielson. The old mark was 4:34.6.

The Rapid River Redbirds, who finished second to Pickford in Class D-S, had a pair of record breakers. Ken Harwood ran the 440-yard dash in 54.6 and Bob Ford did it in 54.7 seconds. Ford's half-second better than the former record set by Junior Graham of Pickford in 1953.

Johnson Clocks 880

Rapid's other record setter was Dick Johnson, who ran the 880-yard run in 2:10.2, lowering the Escanaba's record by a second. Johnson's former mark set by Dean Rye of Pickford in 1953.

Escanaba's other record broken was in the relay events. Negaunee's mile quartet ran the three-quarter mile medley relay in 2:39.3 to break the 2:40.4 standard set by Sault Ste. Marie in 1950. Escanaba's mile relay team also broke its own record of 3:39.1 with a 3:38.7 clocking.

One record was tied when Iron River's Elsie Vergara equaled the 100-yard dash mark of 10.4 seconds. Vergara jacked out of the starting blocks and raced home a winner of Bob Visser of Stephenson and Kaye Vanderhoek in one of the most exciting races of the day.

Visel, LeRoy Star

In addition to his first in the high jump, Stephenson's LeRoy placed fourth in the high hurdles and fifth in the long to pick up eight points. Teammate Dick Visel, the U. P. champion from Iron River, placed second in the high hurdles and fifth in the 180-yard low hurdles to score seven points in the 220 and 120 dashes.

Gladstone Wins 1-0 To End Mound Duel

GLADSTONE—The Gladstone Indians grabbed a win in the fifth inning here yesterday to pin a 1-0 loss on Cornell in an opening game of the Bay de Noc baseball season.

Ray Menard of Gladstone and Charles Carpos of Cornell battled up in a scoreless mound duel. Menard allowed only two hits, while Carpos gave up three safeties in the three frames he pitched before being relieved by Ted Lundin.

Gladstone's lone run in the fifth was scored by Ted Lundin who walked, stole second, moved to third on a hit by Dwight Johnson and scored on an overthrow at second base after J. C.

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