



**LEFT, JACK MOSS OF GAZETTE SPORTS STAFF PRESENTS COACH SHERM OLMSTEAD OF ST. LOUIS TOP TROPHY EARNED BY JOHN PALMER (RIGHT)
Right, Above, Dave Warner, Kalamazoo Central, Home First in Medley Relay. Below, Joe Christie, Muskegon Heights, Wins 100; Local Stars Place**

—Gazette photos

2,500

John Palmer Of St. Louis Top Athlete

Big JCC Show Nets
\$627 for Olympics.

By JACK MOSS

The largest crowd ever to witness a track and field event in Kalamazoo sports history, 2,500 persons, turned out for the first annual Junior Chamber of Commerce "Champion of Champions" meet Wednesday evening at Angell Field.

And athletes from nearly 50 different Michigan high schools put on a dazzling performance in an event that realized a total of \$627 for the United States Olympic Fund.

Voted as the outstanding performer in the meet and winning for his school the large and beautiful Kalamazoo Gazette trophy was Johnny Palmer of St. Louis.

There wasn't much doubt about Palmer's selection. He won the 180 yard low hurdles in :19.6 running into a slight headwind, tied for first in the shot put with a heave of 52 feet, one-half inch, and was third in both the broad jump and 120 yard high hurdles.

Kalamazoo's entries in the big meet also came through in fine efforts, much to the delight of the home folks in the stands.

Central's Bob Lake won the 880 in 1:59.5, not up to his usual standards, but still better than any time turned in by another Michigan prep this season.

Coach Elf Pedler's Central High medley team of Enloe Collier, Larry Burrington, Bill Johnson and Dave Warner set a new school record in winning the medley relay in a fine 2:32.5.

Other Central showings included fifths in both hurdles and the broad jump by Vern White, seventh by Jay Washburn in the high hurdles, sixth in the 100 yard dash and fifth in the 220 by Larry Brownell and a second in the 880 relay behind Inkster's great 1:30.2 effort.

State High's Pete Parker made a great showing in the all-class dash field. He was second in the 220 behind Charles Kyser of Inkster and third in the 100. Nate Taylor of the Cubs and Joe Locey of St. Augustine were involved in a four-way tie for first in the high jump.

Only top athletes missing from the meet were Hayes Jones of Pontiac, broad jumper and hurdler and Pete Dant, Alpena sprinter. Dant was to have appeared here, but had to take a final examination tomorrow and felt that the travel distance of over 200 miles each way was too great.

There were top performances in every event. All eight entries in the pole vault, for instance, cleared 11 feet, six inches and Bill Deering of Dowagiac won at 12 feet, five inches.

Willie Prewitt, of Willow Run, only a sophomore, went 22 feet in the broad jump; Bill Wyatt of Inkster was timed in :50.7 in the 440 in edging Bob Booker of

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Local Stars In Limelight In Track Meet

Parker, Brownell Place in Dashes.

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Class D Baldwin by a hair at the tape; Tony Smith of Lansing, who ran in the Lansing city meet only Tuesday, turned in a 4:34.3 mile and Dick Miller of Class C Reed City outhoofed the field to win the high hurdles.

Since the classic involved athletes from all classes it might interest the figure filberts to note that Class A stars didn't dominate things. Counting ties for first there were 10 Class B individual winners, seven Class A and one Class C. And Booker came within inches of being a Class D winner.

And for the college fans there was a special "Michigan Miracle Mile" with Western's Bill Pyle, who won both the mile and two-mile at Central Michigan Tuesday, beating top runners from Michigan State, Michigan and Michigan Normal in a 4:20.4 time.

Charles E. Forsythe, head of the Michigan State High School Athletic Association, was honorary referee. He spoke briefly as did Kalamazoo mayor Glenn S. Allen and state senator Creighton R. Coleman of Battle Creek.

Forsythe, veteran local timer W. B. (Batch) Rapley and advisory committee members Roy Walters, Ernest R. Kirkman, Bob Mowerson, Ted Sowle, Lloyd E. (Dob) Grow, Elf Pedler, Bob Club, Jack Moss, Wayne Falan, George Dales and Rolla L. Anderson were presented with commendation certificates by the Jaycees.

For royalty there were four lovely high school queens from the Kalamazoo area. Gracing the stand were Sue Lennartson of State High, Linda Loomis of Central, Lorraine Quinn of St. Augustino and Joan Beck of Portage.

Adding the Olympic touch to the program was lighting of the traditional Olympic torch by Portage runner Dennis Fitzgerald. Western Michigan's ROTC color guard handled the flag raising ceremonies.

Dick Meyerson and John Milroy, JCC officers in charge of activities last night, said that meet will definitely be held here again next year. It will be hard to improve on last night's show.

The summary:

Shot Put—1. Tie between John Palmer, St. Louis, and Welton Bonner, Battle Creek; 3. Dick McMacklin, Howell; 4. Tom Jewell, Lincoln Park; 5. Lou Eggleston, Grand Rapids Catholic; 6. Bill Grein, Bay City Central; 7. Jim Childs, River Rouge; 8. Ted Halsinski, Muskegon Heights; 9. John Beck, Ann Arbor. Distance—52 feet, 1/2-inch.

Broad Jump—1. Willie Prewitt, Willow Run; 2. Namon Smith, Bay City; 3. John Palmer, St. Louis; 4. Bill Johnson, Kalamazoo Central; 5. Vern White, Kalamazoo Central; 6. Norm Tree, St. Louis; E. Jerry Fitzpatrick, Muskegon Catholic; 8. Roger Quinn, Lansing Everett. Distance—22 feet.

120 Yard High Hurdles—1. Dick Miller, Reed City; 2. Jerry Meyer, Berkley; 3. Roger Quinn, Lansing Everett; 4. John Palmer, St. Louis; 5. Vern White, Kalamazoo Central; 6. Dale Shelwin, Flint Kearsley; 7. Jay Washburn, Kalamazoo Central; 8. Joe Kidwell, Birmingham. Time—15 sec.

Medley Relay—1. Kalamazoo Central (Enloe Collier, Larry Burrington, Bill Johnson, Dave Warner); 2. Lansing Sexton; 3. Plainwell; 4. Battle Creek; 5. Paw Paw. Lansing Everett disqualified. Time—2:32.5. (New school record.)

100 Yard Dash—1. Joe Christie, Muskegon Heights; 2. Namon Smith, Bay City Central; 3. Pete Parker, State High; 4. Charles Kyser, Inkster; 5. Willie Prewitt, Willow Run; 6. Larry Brownell, Kalamazoo Central; 7. Jim Shirey, Pittsford. Time—10.1.

Mile Run—1. Tony Smith, Lansing Sexton; 2. Art Eversole, Monroe; 3. Wally Schaffer, Ludington; 4. Steve Rhoades, GR Ottawa; 5. Doug Wugzamer, Birmingham; 6. Les Grabac, Diamondale; 7. Jim Charneko, Capac; 8. Earl Seamans, Battle Creek. Time—4:34.3.

440 Yard Dash—1. Bill Wyatt, Inkster; 3. Bob Booker, Baldwin; 3. Larry Poehlman, Niles; 4. Ken Woodring, Muskegon; 5. Dick Fitzpatrick, Muskegon Catholic; 6. Jim Nelligan, Lansing Sexton; 7. Dick Barstow, St. Louis; 8. Jack Rose, Muskegon. Time—50.6.

High Jump—1. Tie between Walt Ector, River Rouge; Joe Locey, St. Augustine; Nate Taylor, State High; Joe Thompson, Sexton, Paul Heniker, Ann Arbor; 6. Joe Fullerton, Battle Creek; Casey Clark, Berrlen Springs; Willie Prewitt Willow Run; 9. Deland Davis, Battle Creek Lakeview. Height—5 feet, 10 inches.

180 Yard Low Hurdles—1. John Palmer, St. Louis; 2. Namon Smith, Bay City; 3. Dick Miller, Reed City; 4. Dean Look, Lansing Everett; 5. Vern White, Kalamazoo Central; 6. Jerry Evens, Three Rivers; 7. Tom Struh-saker, Lansing Sexton; 8. Gordon Blakeman, Paw Paw. Time—19.6.

220 Yard Dash—1. Charles Kyser, Inkster; 2. Pete Parker, State High; 3. Joe Christie, Muskegon Heights; 4. Willie Prewitt, Willow Run; 5. Larry Brownell, Kalamazoo Central; 6. Jim Shirey, Pittsford. Time—22.1.

College Mile—1. Bill Pyle, Western Michigan; 2. Dollwet, Michigan; 3. Wheeler, Michigan State; 4. Kennedy, Michigan State; 5. Santer, Michigan Normal. Time—4:20.4.

880 Yard Run—1. Bob Lake, Kalamazoo Central; 2. Harold Lidler, Birmingham; 3. John Bark Monroe; 4. Gordon Grice, Reed City; 5. Hal Stancle, Battle Creek; 6. Dick Artt, Armada; 7. Ernie Hudson, River Rouge; 8. Chuck Barnes, Lansing Sexton. Time—1:59.5.

Pole Vault—1. Bill Deering, Dowagiac; 2. Don Fillis, Muskegon; 3. Tie between Norm Tree St. Louis, Ron McCromb, Birmingham; Dick Cahill, Muskegon; Bill MacFarland, Birmingham; 7. Tie between Dean Look, Lansing Everett and Russ Schaeberger, Ann Arbor. Height—12 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

880 Yard Run—1. Inkster (Charles Calloway, Charlie Bond, Willie Wyatt and Charles Kyser); 2. Kalamazoo; 3. Lansing Everett; 4. Muskegon; 5. Lansing Everett; 6. Plainwell. Time—1:30.2.

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