

Runner Overcomes a 100-Yard Deficit

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Central High placed first in only one race in the first annual University of Detroit invitational relays Saturday. That event, however, produced the day's outstanding performance by an individual.

A dropped baton on the third leg (half a mile) of the two-mile relay set the stage for a strong comeback. Bill Stephenson, Central's third runner, lost the baton 25 yards from the exchange zone and Central trailed East Detroit by 100 yards and Waterford by more than 80 when Norman Young started in pursuit.

The Central captain caught Waterford in the last 100 yards and overtook East Detroit's an-

chorman with less than 50 yards to go. He finished almost 10 yards in front.

"It was a sensational performance," said starter Charles Em-ling. "I didn't think the Central runner had a chance to overcome all that ground."

Coach Wilmont Sanford, of Central, was thrilled by his captain's running.

"It was the finest comeback I've ever seen in a track meet," he said.

Central was timed in 8:34 while Denby, leader in the second heat, had 8:34.5.

Pershing, the favorite to win the Metropolitan League track

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championship this week, won the Class A team title with 22 points. River Rouge led the Class B teams with 24½ points, edging Thurston by half a point. Redford Union was third with 22 and Inkster had 21½.

Behind Pershing in Class A were Birmingham, 18 points; Waterford, 14½; East Detroit and Detroit Central, 13 each. There were 29 schools in the meet.

CLASS A

4-MILE - Redford (Bob Frey, Tim Williams, Bill Dossall, Louis Molnar). Time - 19:00.9.

440 - Pershing (Mel Calloway, Ron Hale, Ron Bass, Don Hale). Time - 44.8.

ONE MILE - Pershing (Ed Humphrey, Theotis Lee, Mel Benson, Ron Benson). Time - 3:28.6

SHUTTLE HURDLE - Waterford (Stan Jones, Cecil Dumbrique, Leroy Vosle, Bill Cole). Time - one minute.

HALF-MILE - Pershing (Ron Benson, Ron Bass, Ron Hale, Don Hale). Time - 1:32.

2-MILE - Central (Bill Edwards, Alfonso Traylor, Bill Stephenson, Norman Young). Time - 8:34.

MEDLEY - Mackenzie (Bill Watson, Steve Allen, Charles Hunter, Jim Green). Time - 3:46.1.

POLE VAULT - Birmingham (Bill Alcorn, Tom Segal, Bill McFarlen). Height for 3 men, 36 feet.

SHOT-PUT - East Detroit (Mickey Walker, Gary Ballman, Ken McGuffie). Distance for three men, 141 feet, 1¼ inches.

BROAD JUMP - Waterford (Bill Loveland, Jim Green, Cecil Dumbrique). Distance for three men, 60 feet, ¾ inches.

HIGH JUMP - East Detroit (Ron Emerick, Toby Pranter, Larry Philippe). Distance for three men, 17 feet.

CLASS B

4-MILE - Thurston (George Podolski, Larry Burns, Larry Orrin, Francis Roarty). Time - 20:58.6.

440 - Tie between River Rouge and Inkster - Time - 44:8. - Rouge - (Roy Lyons, Bob Miller, John Broadnax, Jesse Meadows). Inkster (Warren Jenkins, Ezekiel Davis, Dick Coleman, Charles Kyser).

ONE MILE - Inkster (Ed Sluter, Herman Steele, Art Woods, Billy Wyatt). Time - 3:32.6.

SHUTTLE HURDLE - River Rouge (Ray Lyons, John Broadnax, Don Gardner, Jesse Meadows). Time - 58.8.

HALF-MILE - Inkster (Warren Jenkins, Ed Sluter, Billy Wyatt, Charley Kyser). Time - 1:32.5.

2-MILE - River Rouge (Willie Harrison, John Campbell, Congo Griffin, Calvin Butler). Time - 8:47.9

MEDLEY - Thurston (Bob Lumsden, Jack Crabtree, Bill Catchpole, Cliff McIntyre). Time - 3:49.3.

POLE VAULT - Redford Union (Ellis Davis, Fortner). Height for 3 men, 33 feet.

SHOT-PUT - Roseville (Duane Hussey, Fred Olds, Harry Gatt). Distance for three men, 140 feet, 9½ inches.

BROAD JUMP - Thurston (Tom Evanoff, Larry Walkowicz, Bob Lumsden). Distance for three men, 58 feet, 5¼ inches.

HIGH JUMP - Farmington (Warren Cawley, Ray Jordan, Tom Peckham). Distance for three men, 16 feet, 4 inches.