

Manning's Spurt Gives Pontiac 4th State Track Title in Row

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ANN ARBOR, May 24.—Bob Manning, former Metropolitan League sprint star at Western, put on a frantic burst of speed on the last leg of the 880-yard relay to give Pontiac a final-event victory and its fourth straight Class A state high school track championship here today.

Manning's feats overshadowed three record-setting performances by Detroit-area youths.

Pontiac led Flint Northern, 37½-37 1-5, going into the last event on the day's program—the 880-yard relay. When Manning, winner of the 100 and 220-yard dashes, received the baton from teammate Jim Keller, he trailed Flint Northern's Phil Gaines by approximately five yards.

BREEZES HOME

With long, low strides, Manning cut into Gaines' lead on the final turn and breezed home in front as the Flint

Northern runner fell into third place behind Flint Central.

The relay victory gave Pontiac 43½ points. Flint Northern finished with 41 1-5 while Flint Central was third with 31½. Then came Muskegon Heights (22), Birmingham (19), Farm-



REM PURDY
Surprise in Mile

ington (12), Grand Rapids Catholic Central and Grosse Pointe (10).

All of Farmington's points were scored by Rex Cawley. The 145-pound junior won both the high and low hurdles. In the latter event, Cawley clipped one-tenth of a second off the old mark of :19.1.

NIPS BALLMAN

Cawley and East Detroit's Gary Ballman finished the high hurdles in a virtual dead heat. The two head judges differed on the finish but secondary judges gave the verdict to Cawley. The time of :14.5 was one-tenth of a second off the record.

The mile run, expected to be a close affair among a trio of runners, was turned into a runaway by Grosse Pointe's Rem Purdy who had a spectacular 4:21.8 timing.

The time is far faster than any previous prep mile run in

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the state and knocked seven seconds off the state record set in 1953. Jerry Bashaw, of Lincoln Park, and Larry Beamer, of Pontiac, both of whom have run under 4:30 this year, finished second and third.

VAULT MARK

The third record was by Birmingham's Bill Alcorn, who raised the pole vault mark to 12 feet, 11³/₄ inches. Dick Cahill, of Muskegon, also broke the old mark of 12-7¹/₂ (set in 1942) with a vault of 12-9¹/₂.

Although far down in team totals, the Detroit area produced several other outstanding performers. Highland Park's Gene Lawson came within a half-inch of the high jump record with a winning leap of 6-3¹/₂. He missed in three tries at 6-5.

Dearborn's John Harley won one heat of the 440-yard run with a clocking of :50.8 Flint Northern made its strongest showing in this event with victories in two of the three heats. Gaines turned in 506 and Dennis Wright a 499.

Here's how other Detroit area boys finished:

HIGH JUMP-Second, Arzo Carson Pontiac, tied for fourth Bob Stevenson, Birmingham, Fred Brooks and Charles Barge, Pontiac

HIGH HURDLES - Fourth H Trumble Mt Clemens, fifth, Melvin Porter, Inkster

100-YARD DASH-Sixth, Joe Hill, Pontiac

POLE VAULT-Third, Frank Fink Walled Lake

MILE-Fourth Ruby, Birmingham sixth, Young, Berkley.

440-YARD-Two in heat No 1 Dick Jarvos Thurston, fourth in heat No 3, Bob Prather, Hamtramck, fourth, Jim Mores, Wayne

LOW HURDLES-Second, Dan Sowell, Pontiac, fifth, Dave Mangeneau Lincoln Park

MEDLEY RELAY-Second, Birmingham, third, Grosse Pointe, fifth, Edsel Ford, sixth, Pontiac

220-YARD DASH-Third, Charlie Kyser, Inkster

SHOT PUT-Fifth, Ballman East Detroit, sixth, Chuck Gibson, Birmingham

880-YARD-Third in heat No 3 Dick Beyst, Lincoln Park, fourth in heat No 2, Mike Harris RO Kimball fifth, Jim Rellly, Birmingham, second in heat No 3, Dick Boyd Birmingham, fifth Ed Bardon Redford Union, sixth, B Fluchar Hazel Park

BROAD JUMP-Fourth Sowell fifth Silas Davis Redford Union

880-YARD MEDLEY-Fifth Inkster

Starts 'Em Young