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Pontiac High Wins Title in Last Race

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ANN ARBOR—Pontiac set the pace as metropolitan Detroit enjoyed its greatest day in Michigan high school track history here Saturday.

With the perfect climax, a brilliant showing in the 880-yard relay, Pontiac edged Flint Central, 29 to 28, for its fourth straight Class A title.

Bob Manning, former City League dash king from Western, won two of Pontiac's three firsts and had a dramatic hand in the deciding relay triumph.

HE WON both the 100 and the 220 and came from behind on the final leg of the relay to edge both Flint Central's Ron Watkins and Flint Northern's Phil Gaines by less than two feet.

But the Chiefs scored in nine of 15 events to acclaim the championship.

Pontiac's sprint relay quartet stepped through its half-mile paces in a sizzling 1:30.4, only four-tenths of a second off the State record.

Although the Chiefs missed a record in the relay, three suburban Detroit juniors turned in dazzling record efforts as southeastern Michigan athletes won eight of 15 events.

GROSSE POINTE'S Ken Purdy, a scrawny junior, led all the way in running a 4:21.8 mile, the fastest ever stepped by a Michigan schoolboy.

Purdy won by 15 yards over Jerry Bastow, of Lincoln Park, who also broke the records set off the previous record.

"We were pointing to a 4:23 mile," said coach Howard MacAdam, of Grosse Pointe. "Purdy exceeded our greatest expectations."

Bill Alvord, 5-foot-6 junior from Birmingham, broke a 16-year-old record in the pole vault when he sailed over the bar at 12 feet 11 inches.

He beat out Detroit Mackenzie's Dick Cahill. Cahill went out at 12 feet 9½ inches.

WARREN CAWLEY, 11-s hurdle demon from Farmington, was awarded a chest decision over East Detroit's Gary Ramsey in the high hurdles, winning in 14.5.

The decision was protested vehemently by the East Detroit contingent.

But Cawley left no question about his superiority in the lows when he stopped the 180 yards in :19 to better the record of :19.1 set by Flint Northern's Leon Burton in 1953.

Baldwin, who was given little chance to get close to Cawley in the highs, ran dead last in the lows.

Following Pontiac and Flint Northern in the team standings were: Flint Central 31½, Muskegon Heights 22, Birmingham Seaholm 20, Grosse Pointe 19, Lansing Sexton 10 and Grand Rapids Catholic 10.

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EAST GRAND RAPIDS, in Class B; Boyne City, in Class C, and Brethern, in Class D, also won state championships.

East Grand Rapids toned out River Rouge, 39 and 3/8 to 29, at East Lansing as Willie Prewitt, of Willow Run, set a broad jump record of 23 feet 2¾ inches.

Boyne City nipped Grosse Ile at Mt. Pleasant, 23, to 21, despite a triple-winning effort by Chuck Felix, of Grosse Ile. Felix won both hurdles and the broad jump.

Don Voorhies, of Frankenmuth, won both dashes—the 100 in :10.1 flat, tying the mark, and the 220 in :21 flat. The 220 mark was disallowed because of a 19-mile-an-hour tailwind.

Brethern outdistanced runnerup Real City at Mt. Pleasant, 37½ to 20¾.

WELL WORTH the effort is the strain which goes with Ken Purdy's final lunge at the tape. The Grosse Pointe High junior turned in the fastest mile ever ran by a Michigan schoolboy Saturday at Ann Arbor in setting a state Class A record of 4:21.8.

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Big Ten faculty representatives ...rrets to Michigan State athletic ...) Munn Saturday.

...resignation; the "strengthening result" was Hannah's refusal to accept his resignation.

Other Big Ten officials saw the pronouncement as a stern warning to Munn.

"He'd better watch himself and get things under control," said one. "Some day he'll find himself out on his ear."

Another cited Munn's feud with football coach Duffy Daugherty as evidence that the athletic director has been careless in the handling of his department.

Prof. Marcus Plant, of the University of Michigan, spokesman for the faculty representatives, said that Tukey, in his report to the conference, did not go into specific instances or opinions on his troubles with the Michigan State athletic

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