

Renner, Green Acres City, Fla. died 10:3 a. m. Sunday. [Neuman (4); Chicago, Drobo (1).] [Dropped a coin or only 22 games.]

Pontiac Slips by Flint Northern To Capture State 'A' Track Title

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ANN ARBOR, May 24—Paced by its top-flight sprinter, Bob Manning, Pontiac high school shook off its "relay jinx" to win its fourth straight Class A high school state track championship here Saturday.

Holding a lead of only three-tenths of a point over Flint Northern entering the final 880-yard relay, anchor-man Manning picked up about five yards on Northern's Phil Gaines to give the Chiefs the state honors.

In two other large meets this spring, these same two teams entered the final event with the meet's outcome hanging on the relay. In the indoor Central Michigan meet, Pontiac dropped the baton to lose and in the Saginaw Valley league meet Pontiac was disqualified for running out of its lane.

It was Manning's third outstanding performance of the day which saw three individual records smashed. Manning, the Detroit city champion last year before moving to Pontiac, had won the 100-yard dash and the 220.

Pontiac finished with 43½ points to Flint Northern's 41 1/5. The teams entered the final relay with 37½ and 37 1/5 points.

Not expected to be in the running for the team title, Lansing's two entries, Sexton and Eastern, had 10 and 7½ points respectively. The Big Reds ended in a three-way tie for seventh place and Eastern finished 11th.

Doug Dodge, Sexton low hurdler, ran third in the finals in which Farmington's Warren Cawley set a state record in 19 seconds. Leon Kushmaul, Big Reds half-miler who has been beaten by Eastern's Art Vaillencourt consistently this spring, outran the Quaker runner in one heat of the 880. Kussmaul finished second and Vaillencourt third.

Sexton's final four points came in the meet-deciding relay. The Big Reds finished fourth. Running for Sexton were Willkie Hopkins, Bob Felter, Dodge and Greg Eaton.

Eastern's medley team of Jim Bohland, Willie Austin, Charlie West and Darryl Esch won its heat, but was placed fourth by time. Vaulteer Don Feighner cleared 12 feet to tie for fourth. Ray Auvenshine ran third in one heat of the quarter-mile.

Rem Purdy of Grosse Pointe turned in the fastest prep mile ever run in Michigan. He was clocked in 4:21.8, chopping a full seven seconds off the old mark set by Dearborn Fordson's Gerry Zitney in 1953.

Farmington's Warren Cawley, a double winner along with Manning, established a new standard in the 180-yard low hurdles. His time of :19.0 was one-tenth of a second better than the mark set by Leon Burton of Flint Northern in 1953. Cawley barely nipped Gary Ballman of East Detroit in winning the 120-yard low hurdles in :14.5. It was so close the judges discussed their decision for five minutes before ruling that Ballman was second.

Bill Alcorn of Birmingham leaped 12 feet 11¾ inches and set a new pole vault record. He tried three times to become the first Michigan high schooler to vault 13 feet, but nudged the bar each time. Alcorn's jump bettered a 12-foot 7½ inch record set by Forest Navcaux of Monroe in 1942.

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