

Willow Run Have State Title

Flashy Sprint Duo Puts Flyers First In Class B Ranks

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ONE-TWO PUNCH! Otis Harrison of Willow Run breaks the tape to win the Class B 220-yard dash, just nosing out his teammate, Nay Poe. By dominating the dashes, Poe and Harrison led their team to its first track championship at East Lansing on Saturday.

The flying feet of Nay Poe and Otis Harrison carried Willow Run to its first state Class B track championship at East Lansing on Saturday and Willow Run fans are still shaking their heads wondering which star is the best.

Throughout the season these seniors have been winning the dashes—sometimes Poe the 100 and Harrison the 220 and sometimes Harrison the 100 and Poe the 220. Nobody was ever sure who would win what but it was a certainty that whoever won the 100, the other would take the 220.

And that was the case Saturday along with indications their splitting of the two events is more than mere coincidence.

Poe won the 100 in 10.2 in a close race with Arthur Welch of River Rouge. Welch took second and Harrison was only a breath behind for third.

Then in the 220, Poe took a lead and coming in front of the stands toward the finish took a sideways glance to find he and Harrison comfortably leading the pack.

Did Poe ease off a bit to let Harrison win?

Some say he did and to the question, Poe just grins.

The idea is raised that Poe may be a shade better on a wet track. Saturday's State Finals were run under cloudy skies following a rain at the Michigan State University field.

Be that as it may, there is little to choose between the two athletes. Both have recorded 100.8 in the 100 this season. Poe's winning 100 time Saturday was 10.2 while Harrison won the 220 in 22.6 seconds.

Just a week earlier in the regionals at Ann Arbor, Harrison won the 100 in 10.2 and Poe the 220 in 22.5.

By their efforts in the state meet which included each running a leg of the 880 relay, Poe and Harrison accounted for 24 points, more than enough for Willow Run to have won the Class B title with their efforts alone because Rumerup Cranbrook had only 21. But the Flyers also got help from Herman Brooks who won the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet 7 1/2 inches. Melvin Austin who placed third in one of the 440 sections and Charlie Jackson who tied for fifth in the high jump. Running with Poe and Harrison in the relay were Austin and Clifford Bellers.

By Brooks' winning of the broad jump, the Flyers claimed their fourth straight championship in that event in the four years that track has been a competitive sport at the school. Willie Prewitt won the event the three previous years as a sophomore, junior and senior. Incidentally, Brooks is only a sophomore so the Flyers may have that event sewed up for at least another two years.

Ample proof that the Ann Arbor regional held here on May 15 was the best in the state is in the fact that Flint Central and Flint Northern, two of the Class A participants here, finished 1-2 for the state Class A title. Although Ann Arbor High finished second in the regionals ahead of Northern, the Pioneers didn't have quite enough standouts for the finals. The Pioneers finished 10th with 8 1/2 points.

Jose Campbell of the Pioneers was in a six-way tie for first in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 1 inch. Willie Haywood picked up fifth in the shot put and the 220 and Steve Cow got a third in one of the 880 sections. Dempsey Taylor rated a good chance to win one of the 440 sections, led his section much of the way but was overtaken.

Paul Underhill, outstanding South Lyon athlete, picked up the lone five points for the Lions by winning a section of the 880 in Class B with a time of 2:01.6. Underhill also won last year.

Norm Kersey got 1 1/2 points for Milan by tying for fifth in the broad jump. Kersey had beaten Brooks in the regional with a jump of 20 feet 1 inch.

The most spectacular performer of either Class A or B was probably versatile Warren Cawley of Farmington. He won both the hurdle events and the broad jump in Class A and also ran a leg of the 880 relay. He collected 11 1/2 of Farmington's 24 points.

Two records fell to pole vaulters, whom it probably didn't matter too much that the track was wet. Bill Alcorn of Birmingham by clearing 13 feet 6 inches, and after almost every one had left the field, bettered his old mark of 12 feet 11 1/2 inches set last year. The Class B pole vault winner, Wendell Johnson of Troy, bettered the old record of 12 feet 3 1/2 inches when he vaulted 12 feet 8 inches.

Two records were tied. Cawley and Haywood Jones tied in the 120 yard high hurdles and Welch of River Rouge tied his old record of 20 in the Class B 180 yard hurdles.

State Track Statistics

STANDINGS (FIRST 10 TEAMS)

CLASS A
Flint Central 35, Flint Northern 29, Farmington 24, Birmingham 20, Saginaw Arthur Hill 18, Muskegon Heights 17, Pontiac Central 13, Midland 11, Mt. Pleasant 9—ANN ARBOR 8 1/2.

CLASS B
Willow Run 31 1/2, Cranbrook 21, River Rouge 20, Ferris 19 1/2, Flint Bendix 18 1/2, South Haven 13 1/2, Durand 11 1/2, Cass City 11, Kalamazoo University High 11, Three Rivers 9, South Lyon tied for 10th with 8 points and Milan was 10th with 1 1/2 points.

CLASS C
Grosse Ile 24, Flint Div 21, Frankenuith 20, East Jackson 15, Flint Bentley 14, Nashville 13, Ypsilanti Roosevelt 12, Leelanau, Brown City and Gladwin 9, Harrison 8 1/2, Clinton 7.

CLASS D
Beaumont 27, Covert 25, Brethren Norman-Dickson 20, Spring Arbor and Groves Pointe University 18, Grand Lakes 11, Baldwin 10 1/2, Lionville and Newburg 12, Parma Western 11, Dryden 10 1/2, Petoskey St. Francis and Beal City 10.

CLASS A
SHOT PUT: Nate Hayes (Midland), 55 feet 2 inches; **BROAD JUMP:** Warren Cawley (Farmington), 22 feet 7 1/2 inches; **120-YARD HIGH HURDLES:** Warren Cawley (Farmington), 14.3 (first state record set in 1956 by Hayes Jones of Pontiac); **MIDWAY RELAY:** Flint Central (Bill Foster, Paul Morrison, Ron Watkins and Jim Heenan), 2:29.5; **100-YARD DASH:** Ron Watkins (Flint Central), 10.2; **100-YARD LOW HURDLES:** Warren Cawley (Farmington), 11.2; **220-YARD DASH:** Ron Watkins (Flint Central), 21.6; **400-YARD DASH:** (First Section) Dennis Wright (Flint Northern), 1:00.0 (Second Section) Dave Curtiss (Lansing Sexton), 1:02.3; (Third Section) Jim Moore (Wayne); **MILE RUN:** Larry Bush (Wayne), 4:59.2; **880-YARD RUN:** (First Section) George Freidrichsen (East Central), 2:00.0 (Second Section) Jim Reilly (Birmingham), 2:00.7 (Third Section) Gary Crenshaw (Flint Central), 2:02.0; **HIGH JUMP:** Sixteen feet first among 100 runners; **ANN ARBOR:** Altonn Jillette (John Jackson), John Baldy (Winnet), Roy Lazera, Feldt (Grosse Pointe), Al Ammerman (Dearborn), Troy Palmer (Ferndale), A. Lee (Jack Pointe); **POLE VAULT:** Bill Alcorn (Birmingham), 13 feet 6 inches; bettered former record of 12 feet 11 1/2 inches set by Alcorn last year; **880-YARD RELAY:** Farmington (Mike Agee, Tom Grimshaw, Roy Jordan, Warren Cawley), 2:32.

CLASS B
SHOT PUT: Dave Behrmann (Downs), 51 feet 8 1/2 inches; **BROAD JUMP:** Herman Brooks (Willow Run), 21 feet 7 1/2 inches; **120-YARD HIGH HURDLES:** Bob Sherman (Durand), 14.3; **MIDWAY RELAY:** Justin Hancock (St. Albans), Ron Pickett, Mike Richardson, Howard Hilliard, 2:30.8

CLASS C
100-YARD DASH: Nay Poe (Willow Run), 10.2; **100-YARD LOW HURDLES:** Art Walsh (River Rouge), 12.0 (first meet record made by John Palmer of St. Louis in 1957); **220-YARD DASH:** Otis Harrison (Willow Run), 22.6 (1957); **400-YARD DASH:** (First Section) Martin Hammerstein (Temperance), 1:58.3; (Second Section) Paul Underhill (South Lyon), 2:01.6; (Third Section) Bill Baldwin (Flint Kearsley), 2:04; **HIGH JUMP:** Three-way tie among Paul Krauss (Flint Bendix), Bill Chermielewski (Detroit), Tedmonty (Detroit) and Hooper Hyde (Rivers City), 6 feet 11 1/2 inches; **POLE VAULT:** Wendell Johnson (Troy), 12 feet 8 inches (bettered old record of 12 feet 3 1/2 inches set by Larry Hogan of Big Rapids in 1958); **880-YARD RELAY:** Willow Run (Nay Poe, Melvin Austin, Cliff Bellers, Otis Harrison), 4:33.2.

CLASS D
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Chuck Feltz (Grosse Ile), 15.4; **MIDWAY RELAY:** Nashville (Dennis Lammie, Bill Lynch, Dick Madge, Ray Henschel), 2:25.2; **SHOT PUT:** Paul Emrick (Flint City), 51 feet 3 1/2 inches; **BROAD JUMP:** Jim Roe (East Jackson), 21 feet 4 1/2 inches; **100-YARD DASH:** Tony Vanphelt (Frankenuith), 10.2; **880-YARD RUN:** (First Section) Gary Gray (Ypsilanti), 2:06.2; (Second Section) Dick Fraser (Leelanau), 2:06.2; (Third Section) Gary Gelpman (Quincy), 2:06.7; **410-YARD DASH:** (First Section) Owen Mills (Flint), 1:01.1; (Second Section) Dick Ekins (Lionville), 54.2; (Third Section) Pete Reno (Wayland), 1:04.0; **100-YARD LOW HURDLES:** Charles Telle (Grosse Ile), 12.6; **220-YARD DASH:** John Hynes (Frankenuith), 21.6; **MILE RUN:** Dick Dickerson (East Jackson), 4:42.2; **880-YARD RELAY:** Nashville (Dennis Lammie, Bill Lynch, Vic Mauer, Roy Tausch), 4:32.2; **POLE VAULT:** George Shull (Harrison), Dick Hall (Flint Anthony), Dick Schlegelmich (Flint Bentley), all tie at 11 feet 6 inches.

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120-YARD HURDLES: Norm Robins (Newaygo), 15.9; **MIDWAY RELAY:** Grass Lake (Dick Beal, Dick Corey, Al Raiser, Dave Dakin), 2:04.6; **HIGH JUMP:** John Hynes (Baldwin), John Engert (Dryden), Sidney Woods (Covert), Phillip Hill (Benton Harbor), John, all tie at 6 feet 7 inches; **POLE VAULT:** John Jacknowler (Petoskey), 10 feet 8 inches; **180-YARD LOW HURDLES:** Norman Robins (Newaygo), 21.4; **220-YARD DASH:** Al Kober (Grass Lake), 23.6; **MILE RUN:** Dave Jacobs (Beal City), 4:46.5; **880-YARD RELAY:** Parma Western (Larry Peterson, Steve Clark, Harold Dunker, Neil Cornshtable), 4:39.1; **100-YARD DASH:** BARRY AL KOBBER (Brother), 10.8; **880-YARD RUN:** (First Section) Dick Tomkin, 2:07.5; (Second Section) Joe Hildebaugh (Schoolcraft), 2:11.5; **410-YARD DASH:** (First Section) Mike Snyder (Woodland), 1:05.5; (Second Section) Dale Sylvester (Yairgrove), 1:06.2; **SHOT PUT:** Marvin Burns (Brethren), 46 feet 1 1/2 inches; **BROAD JUMP:** Dick Johnson (Grosse Pointe University), 20.

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