

Bendle's Krause Stars But Willow Run Wins

East Lansing — AP — A pair of lightning-fast dash men, Naosba Poe and Otis Harrison, vaulted Willow Run High to its first State Class B track title Saturday.

The two accounted for 21 points, as many as Cranbrook's runner-up team could muster — then both ran with the winning sprint relay team that was just two and 2/10 seconds off the State record.

River Rouge was third with 20 points, Ecorse fourth and Flint Bendle fifth. Defending champion East Grand Rapids tied for 29th place.

Bendle's 18½ points led Flint-area teams, followed by Durand 11½ for seventh place, Fenton 8 for 11th and Kearsley 5 for an 18th-place tie.

Bendle's Paul Krause was the meet's individual star. The All-Genesee County football, basketball and baseball star scored 14 points on a first, second and fourth.

Krause cleared six feet to win the high jump, pole vaulted 12-4 for second and broad jumped 20-7½ for fourth. He was shut out in the high hurdles, his fourth event.

Teammate Jim Barnett added four points with a third place in the mile, barely missing second. Don Early's tie for fifth place in the pole vault earned ½ of a point.

The only other Flint-area firsts were recorded by Bill Baldwin of Kearsley with a 2:01 half mile and Durand's Bob Sherman with a 15.2 high hurdles race. Sherman's second in the lows and a share of fifth place in the pole vault for Mike Wells accounted for Durand's other points.

Fenton scored on Bob Taylor's third in the 440, Jack Patton's 49-11 heave for fourth in the shot put, a fourth in the medley relay and Bruce McLenna's

sixth in the low hurdles.

Charles Shaw of Davison shared fifth place in the pole vault for the only other Genesee County scoring.

Willow Run, high-ranked in Class B circles in recent years and always strong in the dashes, made an early runaway of the 1959 honors.

Poe won the 100-yard dash in 10.2 while Harrison finished a close third. Then Harrison, a junior, captured the 220-yard dash in 22.6 as Poe finished second. That accounted for 21 points.

Herman Brooks added another six points for a first in the broad jump. Poe and Harrison sparked the 880-yard relay team to victory over Cranbrook and the new champions picked up 1½ points in one section of the 440 and the high jump.

A total of 108 teams competed in the 52nd annual Lower Peninsula meet at Ralph Young Field. Conditions were soggy and only one record was set.

Wendell Johnson of Birmingham - Troy, turned in a 12-8 pole vault, wiping out the old record of 12-5½ set by Larry Hogan of Big Rapids, last year.

Art Welch of River Rouge, tied the record in the 180-yard low hurdles. His time was 20 seconds, equalling the mark set by Johnny Palmer of St. Louis, in 1956.

While Willow Run dominated the dashes, Cranbrook or River Rouge might have made up much of the difference in the field events. But River Rouge, the 1958 runner-up to East Grand Rapids, could not pick up a single point in any of the four field events. And Cranbrook could get only a third-place finish in the broad jump.

Willow Run was the only school able to win more than first, getting four of them.