

RECORD SET IN 1925 SMASHED

Pontiac, Ecorse Track Champs

By George Maskin

Orchids to Pontiac Central and Ecorse, who respectively are the states' new Class A and B high school track champions.

And more bouquets to Haslett in Class C and Covert in Class D — two more state track kingpins.

THE PONTIAC thinclads pulled a mild upset in besting Flint Northern, 44-41, at Ann Arbor Saturday to bring the Chiefs their fifth state crown in the last six years.

Ecorse, performing at Grand Rapids, was extended all the way before conquering Cranbrook, 48 3-11 to 36 6-11, in the expected red hot duel between the two Detroit-area teams.

A mighty trio of shot-putter, coupled with an excellent hurdler in Leon Prentis, paved the way for Pontiac Central's victory.

Bredell Pritchett and Jerry Rush both eclipsing the old state record in finishing 1-2.

Teammate Charlie Brown was fourth.

Pritchett heaved the 12-pound iron ball 59 feet, 5¾ inches, while Rush hit 57 feet, seven inches. Prentis captured the 110-yard high hurdles and was second in the low hurdles to account for 11 more of Pontiac's tallies.

HIGH JUMPER Al Ammerman accounted for another record when he cleared 6 feet, 4½ inches to beat the high jump mark by a half-inch.

But it was left for dash ace Maurice Pea of Flint Northern to turn in the day's greatest individual achievement.

He won both the sprints and anchored Northern's winning 880-yard relay. In addition, he cracked the 35-year-old 220-yard dash record when he was clocked in 21.3 seconds.

The old standard of 21.7 seconds originally was set by the late George Hester of

Detroit Northern in 1925 and equalled by Alonzo Harris of Pontiac Central in 1953.

Pea also equalled the 100-yard dash state record of 9.8 seconds which has stood since Hester set this mark, also in '25.

Steve Jacobson almost single-handed brought Birmingham Seaholm to a third-place finish with 18 points. He was second in both dashes and won the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet, 7½ inches.

VICTORIES IN five events marked Ecorse's title performance.

Charles Gray led the Red Raiders, capturing both the hurdles and anchoring the

victorious relay. His mark of 14.5 seconds in the highs equalled the state mark which had been set by David Hill of Ypsilanti Lincoln in the morning's trials.

Jerry Holmes of Ecorse set a new high jump record with a leap of 6-2½, a half-inch better than the former standard.

Clarence Brown in the broad jump and Harry Seymour in the 440 accounted for the other Ecorse individual wins.

As expected, Larry DeWitt and Barney Crouse starred for Cranbrook. Crouse took the 220 with DeWitt second. They finished two-three, re-

spectively, in the 100. DeWitt was fourth in the broad jump.

The pair also ran on the half-mile relay which was second to Ecorse in the meet's deciding event.

HASLETT TOOK the Class C crown with only 19 points to East Jackson's 17 at Mt. Pleasant. Covert ran up 34½ points to take the "D" prize with Schoolcraft next with 24.

East Jackson's Dick Pickering set the only Class C record with a 4:33.4 clocking in the mile. Ken Gangler of Unionville soared 11 feet, 6½ inches for the only new "D" standard.

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State Track Results

Class A and B meet winners with Detroit-area place finishers:

CLASS A

120-Yard High Hurdles: 1—Leon Prentis, Pontiac Central; 4—Mike Brown, Redford Union; 6—Allen Howze, Pontiac Central. Time: :15.0.

Medley Relay: 1—Muskegon C. C.; 3—Ypsilanti. Time: 2:31.7.

100-Yard Dash: 1—Maurice Pea, Flint Northern; 2—Steve Jacobson, Birmingham Seaholm; 3—Bill Radcliff, Pontiac Central; 4—Dorsey Reid, Ferndale; Connie Alverson, Inkster. Time: 9.8 seconds. (Ties state record).

880-Yard: First Division: 1—Bob Fulcher, Hazel Park; 2—Bob McGunagle, Wyandotte Roosevelt. Second Division: 1—Ted Kelly, Dearborn; 2—Dennis Johnson, Ann Arbor. Third Division: Fran McDougal, Saginaw Arthur Hill; 3—Levi Hardwick, Ypsilanti Central. Best time by Fulcher, 1:59.4.

440-Yard Run—First Division: 1—Steve Meyer, Berkley; 3—Ed Buchkaze, Livonia Bentley. Second Division: 1—Bob Siera, Dearborn. Third Division: 1—Dempsey Taylor, Ann Arbor. Best time by Meyer, 51.4 seconds.

180-Yard Low Hurdles—1—Joe Mason, Saginaw A. H.; 2—Prentis, Pontiac Central; 6—Howze, Pontiac Central. Time: 19 seconds.

220-Yard: 1—Maurice Pea, Flint Northern; 2—S. Jacobson, Birmingham Central; 3—Constantine Alverson, Inkster Roosevelt. Time: 21.3 seconds (New state record).

1 Mile—Mac Poll, Lansing Sexton; 2—Joe Anderson, Pontiac Central; 3—Mike Kaines, Pontiac Waterford; 5—Dan Reid, Birmingham Seaholm. Time: 4:33.7.

880-Yard Relay: 1—Flint Northern; 3—Ypsilanti; 5—Tie between Ferndale and Saginaw. Time: 1:32.8.

BROAD JUMP, Jacobson, Birmingham Seaholm; 3—Alverson, Inkster Roosevelt; 4—Reid, Ferndale. Distance—23-7/8 inches.

Pole Vault—1 Joe Baldy, Monroe; Mickey Turck, Taylor Center; Bob Davis, Redford Union, and Larry Richardson, Livonia Bentley, were among those tying for fourth. Distance: 12 feet 9 inches.

Shot Put—1 Bredell Pritchey, Pontiac Central; 2 Jerry Rush, Pontiac Central; 4 Charles Brown, Pontiac Central; 5 Bob McGraw, Dearborn Ford. Distance: 59 feet, 5 1/2 inches. New state record.

High Jump—1 Al Ammerman, Dearborn, 2 Jesse Campbell, Ann Arbor, 3 tie between Bill Lee, Pontiac Central, and John Faught, Trenton; Bill Ahlstrom, Dearborn; Charles Kimbrell, Pontiac Central. Height: 6 feet 4 1/2 inches. New state record.

CLASS B

Broad Jump—1—Clarence Brown, Ecorse; 3—Herman Brooks, Willow Run; 4—Larry DeWitt, Cranbrook; 6—

James Lee, Ecorse. Distance—21 feet, 6 inches.

High Jump—1—Jerry Holmes, Ecorse; 2—Bill Chmielewski, Detroit Holy Redeemer; 3—Charles Jackson, Willow Run. Height 6 feet, 2 1/2 inches. (New state record).

Shot Put—Jack Patton, Fenton; 4—Chmielewski, Holy Redeemer; 5—Richard DeCook (Lake Shore). Distance: 53 feet 2 inches.

Pole Vault—Mike Wells, Durand, and Paul Krause, Flint Bendle, tied for first; Doug Gawne, Lake Orion, tied for third. Height—12 feet, 1 inch.

120-Yard High Hurdles—1—Charles Gray, Ecorse; 4—Brown, Ecorse. Time: 14.5 seconds. (Ties new state record set in preliminaries).

Medley Relay—1—Flint Kearsley; 2—Ecorse; 3—Cranbrook; 6—Riverview. Time: 2:35.8.

100-Yard Dash—1—Craig LaGrone, Detroit Lutheran West; 2—Barney Crouse, Cranbrook; 3—DeWitt, Cranbrook; 4—Richard Bentley, Southgate. Time: 10.2 seconds.

Half Mile—Fred Wilburn, River Rouge, finished second in second division.

440-Yard Run—First Division, Harry Seymour, Ecorse; 2—Ruppert Mills Willow Run. Second Division, 1—Al Williams, Cranbrook; 2—Milton Perkins, Clawson. Third Division, 2—Irving Moore, Ypsilanti Lincoln.

180-Yard Low Hurdles—1—Gray, Ecorse; 3. Brown, Ecorse. Time .20.3 seconds.

220-Yard Run—1—Barney Crouse, Cranbrook; 2—DeWitt, Cranbrook. Time: 23.2 seconds.

1 Mile—1—John Ogden, Cranbrook; 3—Barrie Armstrong, Bloomfield Hills. Time: 4:34.2.

880-Yard Relay—1—Ecorse (Seymour, Ben Stevenson, San Palmore, Gray); 2—Cranbrook. Time: 1:34.4.

TEAM STANDINGS

CLASS A—Pontiac, 44; Flint Northern, 41; Birmingham, 18; Dearborn, 16; Ann Arbor, 15 1/2; Saginaw Arthur Hill, 15; Inkster Roosevelt, 10; Lansing Sexton, 9; Monroe, 9; Ypsilanti, 9.

CLASS B—Ecorse, 48 3/11; Cranbrook, 46 6/11; Fenton, 17 3/11; Durand, 15 17/22; Flint Bendle, 12 1/2; Willow Run, 12; Detroit Holy Redeemer, 7 1/2; Battle Creek Lakeview, 7; Flint Kearsley, 6 1/2; Sparta, 6; Dowagiac, 6; Detroit Lutheran West, 6.

CLASS C—Haslett, 19; East Jackson, 17; Delton Kellogg, 13; Oscoda, 12; Houghton Lake and New Troy, 10; Parma, Breckenridge and Centerville, 9; Lansing St. Mary's, 8 1/2; Leelanau and North Branch, 8, and Cassopolis, 7.

CLASS D—Covert, 34 1/2; Schoolcraft, 24; Spring Arbor, 23; Michigan School for Deaf, 21; Wolverine, 16 1/2; Grass Lake, 16; Gobles, 11 1/2; Unionville, 11; Newaygo and Baldwin, 10.