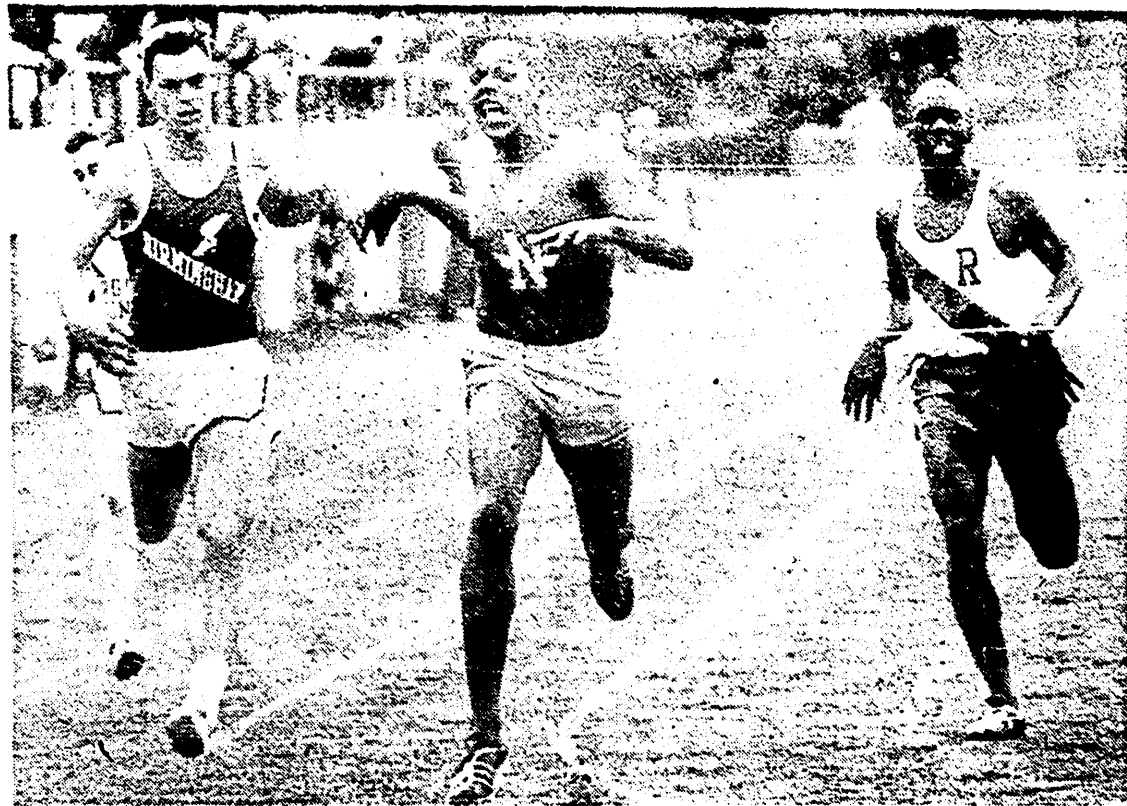




(Journal Photos)

CHAMP IN ACTION—Maurice Pea of Flint Northern captured two firsts and equaled one record in the State Class A track meet Saturday at Ann Arbor. Above, he hits the tape to win the 100-yard dash in the record equaling time of 9.8 seconds. At top right, he beats Birmingham's Steve Jacobson (left) to win the 220-yard dash in 21.3 seconds. The 220 time broke the record but was disallowed because of wind.



Northern's Maurice Pea (center) Captures State Class A 220-Yard Dash

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Wins Preakness

Bally Ache In a Romp

Baltimore — AP — Bally Ache, \$1,250,000 beauty who was sold a week ago to a Blue Grass syndicate, led all the way Saturday to capture the \$175,000 Preakness as Kentucky Derby winner Venetian Way rambled home next to last in a field of six 3-year-olds.

Two weeks ago Bally Ache, then owned by Leonard Fruchtman of Toledo, Ohio, started as a second choice to Tompon in the derby at Louisville, but was 3½ lengths behind Venetian Way at the end of the one and one-quarter mile grind.

In this 84th Preakness, Victoria Park finished second, followed by Celtic Ash, Divine Comedy, Venetian Way and T. V. Lark.

This time, Jockey Bob Ussery of Vian, Okla., sent the bay son of Bally Dam-Celestial Blue to the front at once near the gate at the head of the ancient Pimlico stretch where this famed race first was run in 1873.

The colt with the upset stomach moniker took it from there. Bally Ache, purchased by the Turfland Inc. syndicate headed by Joseph L. Arnold of Versailles, Ky., bounced home under gray skies an easy four-length winner over Victoria Park.

Victoria Park, last year's 2-year-old champion in Canada, and owned by E. P. Taylor, the Toronto industrialist, was a length and three-quarters ahead of Celtic Ash, who got third place by 2½ lengths ahead of the Llangollen Farm's Divine comedy.

Venetian Way, who had been runner-up most of the way, began to fade at the top of the home-stretch after the first mile and gradually dropped back to fifth, beaten 8½ lengths of the

Baltimore loaded the bases on an error and singles by Jim Gentile and Clint Courtney. Ron Hansen cleared the bases with a line double to right center that missed by inches of being a grand-slam homer. Pinch-hitter Bob Boyd chased Hansen home with a single before reliever Ray Semproch retired the Orioles.

The Birds picked up three more runs in the sixth. Courtney drove in two with his first homer, a shot into the upper deck in right.

The Tigers chased Oriole starter Arnold Portocarrero in four innings. Frank Bolling's triple and Red Wilson's single accounted for a run in the second. Eddie Yost's single, Neil Chrisley's double, an infield out and Norm Cash's single brought in two more tallies in the third.

Middle-Inning Baltimore Spurts Trip Tigers, 7-4

Detroit — AP — Baltimore run and three hits the rest of jammed all its runs into two middle innings Saturday and overcame the Detroit Tigers, 7-4, behind the sparkling relief pitching of Gordon Jones.

Jones took over in the fifth inning after a four-run Oriole rally erased an early 3-0 Detroit lead. The right-hander, cast off by two National League clubs, allowed the Tigers one

run and three hits the rest of the way in posting his first American League victory. Jones retired the last 10 Tigers in a row.

The Orioles were held hitless over the first four innings by Frank Lary, first of four Tiger pitchers, before bursting out in a four-run fifth inning.



THOMAS AGAIN—John Thomas clears the bar at 7-1½ Saturday at Cambridge, Mass., to boost his world high jump record. It marked the 21st time in 16 months Thomas cleared the once "impossible" seven feet. (AP Wirephoto)

Thomas Soars To Jump Mark

Cambridge, Mass. — AP — John Thomas surprised himself with a world-record shattering high jump of seven feet, one and three-quarter inches Saturday against a stiff breeze.

On his first try, a relaxed, joking Thomas soared over the bar which he had asked to be placed at 7-1½. Multiple measurements after the leap revealed the additional quarter inch as the eyes of the 19-year-old Boston University sophomore opened wide with delight.

Pontiac Nips Vikings

Pea Grabs Two Sprints

By Len Hoyes
Journal Sports Writer

Ann Arbor — Maurice Pea's brilliant performance helped overcome another Flint Northern High disappointment in the State Class A track meet Saturday at University of Michigan.

Pea won both dashes and anchored the winning 880-yard relay team, equaling the meet record in the 100-yard dash and being deprived of a 220-yard dash record by wind.

For Northern, it was another runner-up finish as Pontiac Central literally "shot" to its fifth title in the last six years. The Chiefs totaled 41 points to Northern's 41 in a two-team title duel for the championship which has been Saginaw Valley Conference property 16 times in the last 17 years.

Northern has finished second seven straight years — five times to Pontiac, once to Saginaw High and last year to Flint Central. Saturday the Indians totaled six points for 13th place along with Flint Southwestern.

While Coach Norbert Badar's Vikings might feel frustrated by another runner-up finish, they shouldn't be. They placed in nine of 13 events and three firsts were more than any other team.

Moreover, their 41 points were only one-fifth of a point less than the best total by a runner-up in the last decade. That total would have won six of the last 10 championships.

They had some disappointments Saturday, notably a second in the medley relay where they expected to win and a fifth and sixth in the broad jump where they figured to do better. But perhaps the toughest luck of all was a pulled muscle which kept Ernie Carr from going all out and a foot injury which forced halfmiler Larry Ervin to hobble.

But there were some plus items, too. Jerry Wright went higher (12-6½) than any other Northern vaulter to claim third place. And J. B. Elzy moved from third to second in his 440 heat on a disqualification.

Perhaps the pluses and minuses balanced out. The difference between first and second places was Pontiac's shot putting trio, Bill Pritchett, Jerry Rush and Charlie Brown finished 1-2-3 to claim 14 points. It was reminiscent of 1957 when champion Pontiac earned 15 points with a 1-2-3 in the high jump.

Ironically, Pontiac scored only three points in the shot put in capturing four straight titles in 1955-58. But Saturday both Pritchett (59.5) and Rush (57.7) broke the record of 57 feet.

But Pea was the afternoon's outstanding individual. He twice ran the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds to equal a meet record set in 1925, and equalled twice since. He was deprived of another record in the 220 by a six-mile wind although his 21.3 time was four-tenths of a second below the record.

The Northern ace climaxed his afternoon with a great exhibition in the 880 relay. He took the baton three yards behind on the anchor leg and won by seven yards. His mates were Jim Hodo, Hue Edwards and Elzy.

Southwestern's quartet of Paul Neely, Ken Franklin, Roger Elford and J. W. Guy took second place, two-tenths of a second off Northern's 1:32.8 time.

In the medley, Hodo, Ed Johnson, Vern Walls and Dennis McGee ran second to Muskegon Catholic. Edwards joined Elzy in getting seconds in 440 heats.

Carr was fourth in the low hurdles and fifth in the highs broad jump. Hodo was sixth in the broad jump.

John Shaw of Central got boxed in at the start of his 880 heat and had to go all out to get the lead. Consequently he didn't have his usual fine finish and was nipped by Arthur Hill's Frank McDougall in the last 20 yards. It was the first outdoor defeat for Shaw this season.

Central's other three points came in the medley relay with a fourth from Fred Nickerson, Gerald Vaughn, Curtis Jones and Herc Mitchell.

Southwestern's only individual to place was Floyd Bates, sixth in the low hurdles. It lost a possible first place in the medley relay when a baton dropped out of the exchange zone with the Colts running first in a heat which included winner Muskegon Catholic and runner-up Northern.

Other Saginaw Valley winners were Pontiac high hurdler Leon Prentiss (15.0) and Arthur Hill low hurdler Joe Mason (19.0). Mason equaled the meet record but it was disqualified because of wind.

A record which stood was the 6-4 9/16 high jump of Dearborn's Al Ammerman who wiped out ex-Bay City Central star Mill Mead's 6-4 effort in 1950.

Birmingham was third in the team battle with 18 points. Then came Dearborn 16½, Ann Arbor 16, Muskegon 15 1/5, Arthur Hill 15, Inkster Roosevelt 10 and Monroe 9½.

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