

Blue Devil Track Team Tie For Eighth in Huron Relays

By Bill Bullard

Grosse Pointe's track squad tied for eighth place out of 39 Michigan and Ohio teams entered in the 1961 class A Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House Saturday night.

Two individuals and one relay team placed in the top five of the finals to score 12 points for the Devils who tied Thurston for eighth place. This was an improvement over last year's eighth place finish with 9½ points. Other performances which failed to score points were better than last year also.

The shuttle hurdle relay team of Ross Kogel, Chuck Kulow, Charlie Clark, and Milt Secor finished second to a Waterford team that missed the Relays' record by one second. Secor sprinted to third place in the 65-yard high hurdle race to add three more points to Grosse Pointe's column.

Jim Carney contributed another point by tying for third place in the high jump with five others. Steve Schreifer made the finals in the 60-yard dash and was sixth as the winner equaled the meet record.

No relay except the shuttle hurdle relay scored points but the times were encouraging to Coach Howard MacAdam's hopes of successfully defending his Border Cities League and Regional championships.

The Devil mile relay team of Steve Schreifer, Brian Mumaw, Charlie Clark, and Milt Secor was timed at 3:36.7 but was disqualified because of the use of an ineligible runner. This time would have won the event and would have broken the record of 3:38.0 set by Flint Northern in an earlier heat.

In the 890-yard relay, Steve Schreifer, Chuck Kulow, Brian Mumaw, and Charlie Clark nipped Lansing Sexton's team by .1 of a second in their heat. This time was .3 of a second too slow to make fifth place.

Another close heat was won by East Lansing over the Devils in the sprint medley relay by a fraction of a second.

The Devil team of Bill Penz, Dick Huegli, Dave Matthews, and George Thomas was .5 of a second from finishing fifth.

In the only relay in which Grosse Pointe didn't improve its time over last year, the two mile relay, the Devils won their heat. But the time of Tom Raven, Mike Balan, George Thomas, and Bill Penz was too slow to place.

Other Border Cities League teams in the meet were Monroe (9 points) and Wyandotte (0 points). Monroe's nine points were won by Page's first place effort in the high jump and Tony Giarmo's three-way tie for first place in the pole vault. Gary Goins (hurdles) and Tom Pardon (pole vault) are other Trojans expected to give the Devils trouble when these two teams tangle in a dual meet on April 21.

Grosse Pointe will start the season at home against Highland Park on April 14. A week later the Devils will journey to Monroe for the battle that will likely determine the BCL champion.

Of the 39 teams in the Huron Relays, 26 scored points. The top ten teams and their points follow: Mansfield (Ohio), 33½; Flint Northern, 28; Ann Arbor, 27; Waterford, 25; Birmingham Seaholm, 24; Flint Southwestern, 16; Ypsilanti, 14; Grosse Pointe, 12; Thurston, 12; and Flint Central, 11.

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