

# Trackmen Sparkle In Surprise Finish

Since the beginning of the modern era, it has sometimes been said that running provides a man a way of expressing himself.

That was the pattern set down by Central's brilliant coaching team of Karl Krieger and Varnard Gay for the track squad's unexpected second place finish in the Arthur Hill relays on May 15.

Five first places, two seconds, three fourth places, two fifth places, four new records, six trophies, 28 medals and 20 ribbons paved the way in crushing Northern's hope for a really outstanding season. In the end, Saginaw just nosed out the supposedly mediocre Indians by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points with a total of 54 points. Northern had  $51\frac{1}{2}$  and Southwestern  $49\frac{1}{2}$ .

**Bob Barnett** got the team off to a flying ( $21'9\frac{1}{2}"$ ) start as Curtis Jones and John Turner broke the broad jump record with  $61'7\frac{1}{2}"$  for a combined winning effort.

The shot put squad, led by Fred Evans ( $45'11\frac{1}{2}"$ ), Norm Alexander, John Grant and Charles Millender established a new mark of  $178'\frac{1}{4}"$  in the event.

Characteristic of the thin-clads this season, the distance medley combination of Barry Potter (880), Sherman Wallace (220), Herc Mitchell (440) and Bob Deneen (mile) ran 8:02.6 to break a former Central record as Deneen anchored the mile in 4:30, unofficially the fifth fastest time in the state.

The mile relay team of Ben Cooper, Hiram Brisker, Connie Connors and Jim Toles

turned in a winning 3:35.8 clocking.

Durable John Shaw anchored the two mile event as he sped around the oval in 1:57.6 for the second fastest time in the state so far. Malcolm Alexander, Boysie Mathis and Jordan Fehlig ran well also as they piled up the fourth record of the meet in 8:31:6.

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**John Shaw, Bob Deneen, Hiram Brisker and Ben Cooper** completed their high school track careers May 20 along with juniors Bob Barnett and Jim Toles as Central tied for sixth place in the state meet competing against 85 other schools.

For Shaw, it marked a state 880 championship in 1:57.2, a new state record. This was a tremendous effort for the undefeated senior who was beaten only once during his two years representing Central.

For Cooper, Brisker and Toles who ran in the mile relay with Shaw, it produced a respectable fourth place finish in 3:27.1, the fastest clocking for the Indians this year.

For Barnett, it opens a whole new promising future for Central in the broad jump next year as he copped the championship with a  $21'10\frac{1}{2}"$  leap.

For Deneen, who placed fifth in the fastest heat of the mile, it marks a respectable finish among the best competition in the state.

Over all, the team finished with second places in the city meet and Arthur Hill Relays, fourth in the Valley and Regional contests and a tie for sixth in the state.