

# But Ottawa's Mile Relay Team Big Hit of Finals

## Indians Run Hot 3:26.1; Southwestern Of Flint Runnerup in East Lansing Action

By Joe Vanderhoff

EAST LANSING—Flint Northern High discarded its bridesmaid's gown for the coveted Class A state track championship robe here Saturday.

After finishing second in the state meet seven straight years, the Flint school broke into the magic circle with 32½ points for the No. 1 spot. Flint Southwestern, a school in its second year of operation, grabbed second with 24. Ferndale had 19½ and Pontiac Waterford took fourth with 16.

Ottawa Hills, unbeaten Grand Rapids City League dual king, gained a tie for 10th place with Grosse Pointe with 9. Grand Rapids South finished 15th with 6½ tallies, Grand Rapids Central 18th with 5¾ points, Muskegon was 19th with 5½ Grand Haven 25th with 3. Traverse City had 2 and Grand Rapids Catholic ended with 1¾.

Grand Rapids Creston and Christian failed to land a point.

Ottawa's sensational mile relay team took a sparkling first place on a 3:26.1 performance that had the crowd of 2,400 on its feet throughout the grueling event. This is a new event and goes into the record book automatically.

### Two Marks Set

Two other new state marks were put in the record books Saturday. Bredell Pritchett, husky 230-pound Pontiac Central shotputter, bettered his own mark with a 60-4¾ heave in his second try. He set the old mark to 59-5¾ in last year's state meet at Ann Arbor.

Flint Central's John Shaw, unbeaten in the 880 this year, ran the half-mile in 1:57.2. The old time, 1:58.9, was set by Kalamazoo Central's Bob Lake in 1956. Shaw, a senior, has been beaten only once in two years, that coming in the 1960 state finals.

Ottawa's mile relay was by far the best performance of the Grand Rapids delegation of 22 contestants and three relay units.

The team had to come from behind to snare victory from a determined Grosse Pointe squad. Bob Carpenter turned the tide for the Furniture City unit. He

came from third place on the final exchange and chalked up a 50-second 440 to nose out Grosse Pointe's Charles Clark by three steps.

Grosse Pointe's time was 3:26.8 and Flint Northern was third on 3:26.9.

### Makes Up Ground

Dick Fenske, first runner on Ottawa's winning unit, ran his 440 in 51.6 and the Indians were third on the first exchange. Allan Johnson kept step with Grosse Pointe and Flint Northern and Ottawa moved into second after the second exchange.

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Dick Schulz lost a little ground on his 440 leg and when he passed off to Carpenter, Ottawa was third.

Carpenter, a junior, stayed with the field until the final curve. He then moved from third on the heels of Clark. The two speedsters battled for 30 yards before Carpenter pulled ahead slightly to stay.

The Ottawa foursome averaged 51.5 for each of the 440 runs in the event.

South's Larry Bolden, No. 1 hurdler in Grand Rapids, placed in both the high and low hurdles. He finished fourth in the 120-yard high timbers and took fifth in the 180-yard lows for a total of five points for the Trojans.

High-jumper Dave Badger added 1½ points on a six-way tie for third.

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Murray, lanky quarter-miler, won a blue ribbon in his 440 heat with a 50.3 performance. It was his best effort of the season.

Grand Rapids Central's Dale Weekly, chalked up five points for the City League second-place Rams with second place in the broad jump. He leaped 21-1 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Ottawa's Dick Wells took fifth in the broad jump with a 20-6 leap.

Grand Haven's Dave Merwin, outstanding miler in Western Michigan, ended in second place in his heat race for Grand Haven's three points.

## Depth Pays Off

The only double winner of the meet was Dorie Reid, ace sprinter for Ferndale. He won the 100-yard dash in 9.9, one-tenth off the state record. He came back in the 880 with a 22.1 performance. Reid is a junior.

Flint Northern's depth in the sprints started to tell.

The Vikings gained six points in the century on Dennis McGee's third and Dalton Kimble's fifth.

Huey Edwards, Flint Northern's lone contestant in the 440, streaked to the best time in the quarter-mile with a 50.2 in winning his heat.

The top mile performance of the day was made by Pontiac Waterford's Mike Kames with a 4:30.8.

Flint Northern put the frosting on the championship cake by winning the 880 relay, last event, in 1:30.3. Both McGee and Kimble were members of the winning unit.

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