

# Muskegon

## Athletes Set Three Records, Tie Pair Despite Weather

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GRAND HAVEN—It was weather more suited for skiing, as Lake Michigan Athletic Conference Athletes competed for the track and field championships, and for individual records at Green Tree Field here Friday . . . Yet a fast meet was staged that resulted in three conference records broken and two being tied.

Muskegon, taking good advantage of a terrific edge in field events, where the Big Reds piled up 26 $\frac{3}{4}$  points to 15 for Holland, the nearest competitor, and went on with unexpected strength in the running events to post an easy team victory.

Muskegon wound up with 64 $\frac{3}{4}$  points to 38 $\frac{3}{4}$  for Muskegon Heights, 35 $\frac{3}{4}$  for Traverse City, 25 for Holland, 21 11/12 for Grand Haven and 11 11/12 for Benton Harbor.

One mark was broken despite a bitter wind and temperatures in the 30's during the afternoon. Muskegon's Mickey Pickle, who almost was blown off the course by the wind from the North, climbed over the 12-foot mark in the pole vault, and when it was measured after he just failed at 12 ft. 3 in., he had posted 11 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., exactly the height Bill King of Traverse City posted last year.

Then Ken Strong of Muskegon and Larry Mannes each climbed over six feet, which was reduced to 5 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. by measurement, and now share a conference record in the high jump. The effort erased the mark of 5 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  in. set by Ruben Mitchell of Muskegon in the first meet last season.

A slight upset was created in the shot put, as George Boehm of Traverse City edged out a victory at 48 feet 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., well behind Bill Swingle's record, for Grand Haven, of 53 feet 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

In the broad jump Muskegon piled up its lead, as three jumpers, Sam Moore at 21-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ , won the event, with Gene Moore second and Willie German third, for 12 big points. Mike Pedler was second in the pole vault behind Pickle, for nine more solid points.

The record tying and break-

### Disaster Area

CHICAGO—(UPD)—The last place Chicago White Sox, pennant winners two seasons ago are in sad shape, and the Chicago city council has added its sympathies.

The council yesterday debated a proposal to declare Comiskey Park, home of the White Sox, a "disaster area."

### Palmer, Player Bow to PGA

INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—Arnold Palmer, cut off after three rounds of the first "500 Festival" open gulf tournament last year, today was in little danger of that humiliation in the renewed \$50,000 event.

He led the field with 67-70-137, 5 under par, midway in the frostbitten tourney over the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Course, half of it inside the ibg track.

The U.S. open champion stood 141 at the same point last year and shot an eliminating 73 in the third round.

Gary Player of South Africa, leading money winner on the U.S. pro circuit, wore four sweaters while shooting his second straight 1-under-par 70. He was 3 strokes off Palmer's pace.

Player and Palmer made a joint statement after they came off the course, saying they couldn't afford the 6-month probation the PGA had promised them if they played in the Canada Cup Matches in Puerto Rico June 1-4. So they wouldn't play there. But they also said they would not play on the same dates in the Memphis Open, whose sponsors could have released them from the PGA commitment.

Doug Ford trailed Palmer by a stroke today after shooting a pair of 69s.

ing started early in the track events, with Mitchell running an almost perfect high hurdles in 15.1 to tie Bob Green's record set last year. Close behind was Jeff Johnson of Muskegon Heights.

Grand Haven's mile relay team set another record in 3:32.1 as it was the first time the event was run in the conference.

Joe Parham of the Heights Tigers didn't set any records, except his personal one. He ran his fastest 100 dash in 10 flat, and then won his second event, the 220 in 22.2 seconds. Neither mark was close to those of Mack Hunter, set last year at 9.7 and 21.6 seconds.

The outstanding mark of the meet was by Sam McMurray, the undefeated Muskegon Heights 440 star, who shares a state title.

Sam ran all alone as he steamed over the finish line in 50.2 seconds his best time ever, and new marks in the conference and Greater Muskegon. It was the fourth time this season he has bettered the former 1930 record for Stan Birleson, who went on to be a great University of Michigan quarter-miler.

Then Mitchell set a new record in the low hurdles, running the 180 yards in 20.2 seconds, two-tenths better than injured Bob Green, former teammate, could manage last year.

Grand Haven won the two distance events, Don Van Schelven taking the 880 in good time of 2:04.5, but not touching the league record of Don Werschem, Muskegon Heights, who ran the distance in 2:02.4 the first year of the meets.

Dave Merwin took it rather easy as he finished well ahead of Roger Hamel of Muskegon in the mile, but his time at 4:43, was far from the 4:35.9 he registered in 1960.

Muskegon Heights, the favorite, won the 880 relay, with Muskegon second, in a good 1:32.7, but again it was well away from last year's 1:31.5 by Muskegon Heights, anchored by the stand-out Mack Hunter.

The summary:

#### (FIELD EVENTS)

Broad jump—1. Moore M, 2. Roberts M, 3. German M, 4. Mannes H, 5. Rainey MH. Distance—21 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
High jump—1. (tie) Strong M and Mannes H, 3. (tie) Hummel TC and Buurma H, 5. (tie) Mitchell BH, Alward GH and Peters BH. Height—5 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (New record. Old set in 1960 by Ruben Mitchell of Muskegon at 5 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  in.)  
Shot—1. Boehm TC, 2. Buurma H, 3. Robinson BH, 4. Stamm H, 5. Peterman M. Distance—48 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in.  
Pole vault—1. Pickle M, 2. Pedler M, 3. (tie) Claucomb TC and King TC, 5. (tie) Musk M, Nearbonne TC, Sims BH and McLemore MH. Height—11 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (Ties record set in 1960 by Bill King TC.)

#### (TRACK EVENTS)

120-yard high hurdles—1. Mitchell M, 2. Johnson MH, 3. Hummel TC, 4. Meier GH, 5. Brewer H. Time—15.1 (Ties record set in 1960 by Bob Green, Muskegon).  
Mile relay—Won by Grand Haven (VanSchelven, Gibbs, Schember, Merwin), 2. Muskegon Heights, 3. Holland, 4. Benton Harbor, 5. Muskegon. Time—3:32.1 (Stand as record. First time run in conference.)

100-yard dash—1. Joe Parham MH, 2. Dague TC, 3. Moore M, 4. Roberts M, 5. Bennett BH. Time—10 sec. flat.

440-yard dash—1. McMurray MH, 2. Fillus M, 3. Olson GH, 4. Bowers TC, 5. Klein H. Time—50.2 sec. (Breaks conference record set in 1960 by Gabe Traverser City at 51.8 sec. and breaks Greater Muskegon mark set in this year's state meet by McMurray at 50.3 sec.)

150 low hurdles—1. Mitchell M, 2. Johnson MH, 3. Gronberg H, 4. Hummel TC, 5. Meier GH. Time—20.2 sec. (New record. Old set in 1960 by Bob Green of Muskegon at 20.4 sec.)

220-yard dash—1. J. Parham MH, 2. Moore M, 3. Dague TC, 4. Roberts M, 5. Rainey MH. Time—22.2 sec.

880-yard run—1. Van Schelven GH, 2. Cowie TC, 3. Crothers M, 4. Glover MH, 5. Overbeek H. Time—2:04.5.

Mile run—1. Merwin GH, 2. Hamel M, 3. Rothermel TC, 4. Borgeson MH, 5. Black BH. Time—4:43.

880-yard relay—Won by Muskegon Heights (Johnson, Swenor, J. Parham, McMurray), 2. Muskegon, 3. Traverse City, 4. Benton Harbor, 5. Holland. Time—1:32.7

Final points—Muskegon 64 3/4; Muskegon Heights 38 1/4; Traverse City 35 3/4; Holland 25; Grand Haven 21 11/12; Benton Harbor 11 11/12.