

Pritchett Great Marks Mark Action Before 2,500

Shot Put Standout Wins Gazette Award

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The shot put and mile run usually aren't the glamour events of high school track and field meets, but they were show stoppers Tuesday evening in the seventh annual Champion of Champions classic witnessed by some 2,500 fans at Angell Field.

Pontiac's Bradell Pritchett started a great evening of competition by putting the shot a tremendous 61 feet, 3½ inches, an effort better than his own state record and one good enough to win for his school. The Kalamazoo Gazette award presented annually for the outstanding individual performance of the Champions' meet.

And Neil Browne of Class D Lawton provided the highlight of the running events when he won the mile run in 4:28.9, finishing ahead of Jeff Taylor of Otsego, Gordon Morey of Clio, who won their respective heats in the Class B state meet, and Class A stars Mike Kaines, of Waterford and Dave Mervin of Grand Haven.

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IT WAS A BIG EVENING of track and field with the small enrollment class school stars holding their own with the larger enrollment school standouts.

In addition to Browne's spectacular mile win, Centreville's sensational sophomore Chuck Washington provided another Class D first when he won the high jump at a record-tying 6 feet, 2½ inches.

Other great efforts in the big meet sponsored by the Kalamazoo Junior Chamber of Commerce included a :14.6 high hurdle time by Clarence Brown of Ecorse, a :19.7 clocking in the lows by Jim Voegler of Detroit Lutheran West, a 10-flat 100 by Craig LaGrone of Lutheran West, a meet record :50.4 in the 440 by Muskegon Heights' Sam McMurray and a 1:58.8 in the 880 by Mike Martin of Charlotte.

The competition was so hot in the meet that Battle Creek's Jim Burise, the Six-A League dash champion, could get only a fifth and a third last night, that St. Joseph's Big Six record holder Stan Bissey could get only a fifth in the 440 and that Central's John Worthy, the state Class A champion, could get only a share of third in the high jump.

But Pritchett and Browne stole the show last night. Pritchett, who may enter Western Michigan U. in the fall ("My mom doesn't want me to go to college outside the state and right now it's between Western and Michigan") wowed the field event crowd with his 60-foot-plus shot puts that left behind in the dust such respected performers as Niles' Bob Osborne, East Lansing's Don Ross and Schoolcraft's Randy Johnson, whose excellent 52-5 effort didn't even place.

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BROWN WAS GREAT in the mile, fighting off two great challenges to win. Morey made his bid to overtake Neil on the back stretch, but the Lawton lad fought him off. Then Taylor, who has a great kick, came on strong but just couldn't catch Browne in the run to the tape.

The brilliance of the performances by the prep stars even overshadowed the exhibi-

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 Baltimore blanked the White Sox, 6-0, in

Preps Put On Great Show in Champs' Meet

Pontiac's Pritchett Over 61 Feet in Shot

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tion 100-yard dash in which Ira Murchison, the former WMU star and Olympic gold medal winner, made his first competitive appearance here since illness almost ended his career. Ira got off to a slow start—he's usually first off the blocks—but came off fast to win in a fine :09.7 with a good edge over runner-up Brooks Johnson of Chicago Track Club.

It was a great program and the turnout will enrich the U.S. Olympic fund, recipient of all proceeds. Chairman Dick Bryck of the Jaycees and his committee of Larry DeMink, Don Soppes and Dan Wagner are largely responsible for the success of the meet, which seems to get better each year.

Summary:

Shot put—1. Pritchett, Pontiac; 2. Osborne, Niles; 3. Ross, East Lansing; 4. Rugg, Pennfield; 5. Rakow, Det. Lutheran West. Distance—61 ft., 3½ in. (New meet record, old record of 57 feet, 4 inches set by Bill Swingle, Grand Haven, in 1960.)

Broad jump—1. Roberts, Muskegon; 2. Moore, Muskegon; 3. Trotter, Pontiac; 4. Sidnam, Grandville; 5. Waters, Dowagiac. Distance—21 ft., 4 in.

High jump—1. Washington, Centreville; 2. Scott, Ypsilanti Roosevelt; 3. Tie among Worthy, Kal. Central; Strong, Muskegon; Badger, Grand Rapids South, and Bricker, Lexington-Croswell. Height—6 ft., 2½ in. (Ties meet record set by Littlejohn, Jackson, in 1959.)

Pole vault—1. Tie between Best, Battle Creek, and Schlegelmilch, Flint Bentley; 3. Pickel, Muskegon; 4. Tie among Fouts, South Haven; Willis, Warren Fitzgerald, Tesson, Centreville, and Gizzi, Wayne. Ht.—12 ft., 4½ in.

Junior high relay—1. Lincoln; 2. Portage; 3. South; 4. Comstock. Time—:47.9.

120-yard high hurdles—1. Brown, Ecorse; 2. Falls, Waterford; 3. McLaughlin, Chelsea; 4. Stigers, Waterford; 5. Tripp, Waterford. Time—:14.6.

1/2 mile relay—1. Lansing Eastern; 2. Walled Lake; 3. South Haven; 4. BC St. Phillip; 5. Kal. Central. Time—3:30.2. (New meet record, first time event has been run.)

100-yard dash—1. LaGrone, Det. Lutheran West; 2. Patterson, Ypsilanti; 3. Parham, Muskegon Heights; 4. Grasley, Warren; 5. Burise, Battle Creek. Time—:10 sec.

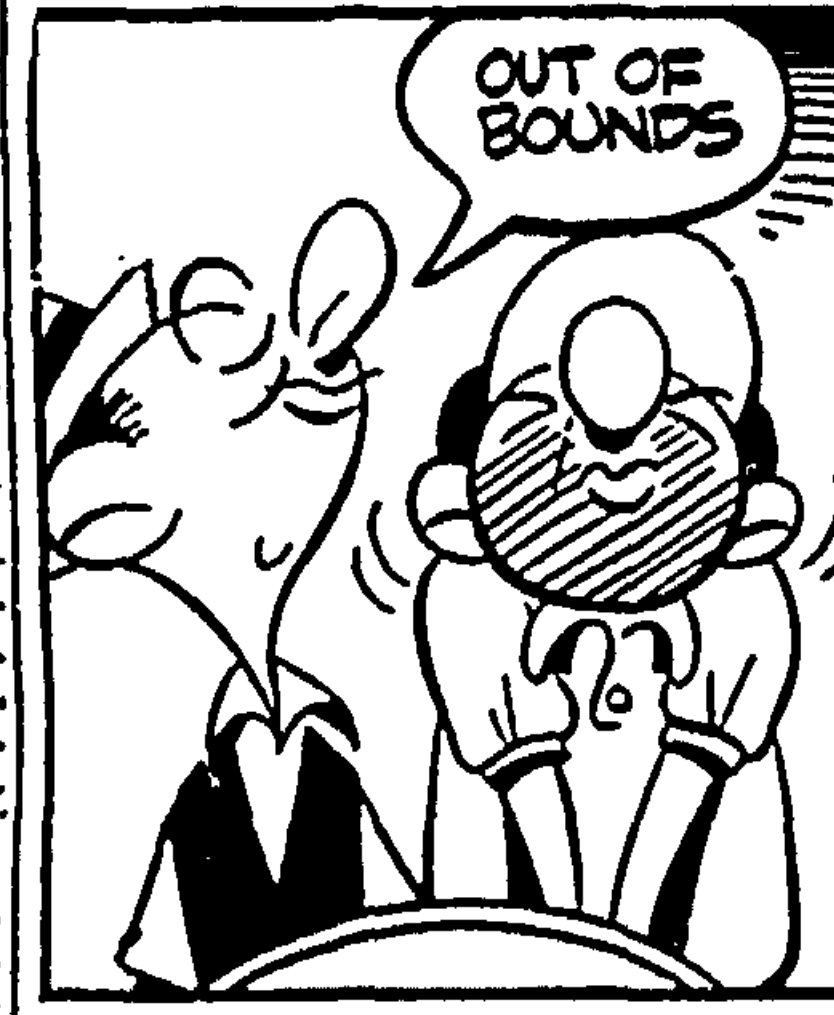
440-yard dash—1. McMurray, Muskegon Heights; 2. Johnson, Wayne; 3. Meyer, Berkley; 4. Crane, Flint Kearsley; 5. Bissey, St. Joseph. Time—:50.4.

180-yard low hurdles—1. Voegler, Det. Lutheran West; 2. Falls, Waterford; 3. McLaughlin, Chelsea; 4. Brown, Ecorse; 5. Schoonmaker, Wyoming Park. Time—:19.7.

220-yard dash—1. Grossley, Lin-

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Chandler Gains

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP) — Actor Jeff Chandler, 42, continues to improve after two emergency operations for internal bleeding, hospital attendants report.

coln Warren; 2. Eyk, Grand Ledge; 3. Burise, Battle Creek; 4. Axel, Richland; 5. Ganje, Waterford. Time—:22.4.

880-yard run—1. Martin, Charlotte; 2. McDonald, Terperance; 3. DeMott, Edsel Ford; 4. Wood, Belding; 5. Hamilton, East Jackson. Time—1:58.8.

1 mile run—1. Browne, Lawton; 2. Taylor, Otsego; 3. Morey, Clio; 4. Zemper, Howell; 5. Kaines, Waterford. Time—4:28.9.

880-yard relay—1. Detroit Lutheran West; 2. Ypsilanti; 3. BC St. Phillip; 4. Waterford. Time—1:31.7.

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