

AAU Track

Freshman Speedster Hot in 440

Detroit Track Club Wins Team Title Through Entries

Michigan State Freshman speedster John Parker stole the show at a Michigan State A. A. U. open track and field meet Saturday afternoon at the Spartans' Ralph H. Young field.

Parker tied the 1961 Big 10 first-place time in the 440-yard dash and finished a fraction behind the conference winning time in the 200. He ran the shorter race in 21.5, beating Michigan's John Gregg, a leading Big 10 sprinter. Parker's quarter-mile time was 2:07.8.

Wilmer Johnson, Spartan freshman from Bristol, Pa., tied the field record in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

Through sheer numbers, the Detroit Track club piled up the most points as a team, scoring 32. University of Michigan had 41, Michigan State 18, Western Michigan 10, and Pontiac Track club five.

There were some top performances by high school track standouts.

Bredell Pritchett, of Pontiac high state class A sprint champion, won his specialty with a toss of 59 feet, 1 1/4 inches. George Harris of Detroit Eastern finished on the heels of Michigan's Big Ten champion, Fergis Leys, in the half-mile. Leys ran the distance in 1:52.2, and Harris was timed in 1:54.8.

Two youngsters pushed Michigan State's Morgan Ward to a hard 14:55.6 effort in the three-mile run, first time the event has been held on the Spartan track.

Dick Shankley, Bedford high senior, gave Ward a battle right up to the finish line. And Detroit Eastern sophomore Louis Scott, who is only 15 years old, finished third. Both ran under the Detroit Track club banner.

The meet served as a final competitive tune-up for several Michigan and Michigan State trackmen entered in the N. C. A. A. championships next Friday and Saturday at Philadelphia.

Fast Five Winners

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| 100 | John Parker (M. S.) | 21.5 |
| 200 | John Parker (M. S.) | 21.5 |
| 440 | John Parker (M. S.) | 21.5 |
| 880 | John Parker (M. S.) | 21.5 |
| 1760 | John Parker (M. S.) | 21.5 |

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