

Equals State Prep Standard

By JON HENRIKSON
Northern High high jumper Al Washington figuratively had his head in the clouds Tuesday afternoon at Dort Field when he leaped 6 feet 6 to equal the all-time state prep record.

The 6-foot-1 junior's performance was the highlight of a dual meet which saw Northern down Central, 65-44, in the first outdoor meet of the season for both schools. Northern placed first and Central tied for fourth last Saturday in the indoor Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

Washington's outstanding jump bettered the previous high for a Flint athlete by Floyd Bates, Sr. in 1938. Bates, representing Central, jumped 6-5½ in the first Central Michigan Relays at Mount Pleasant. The record still stands in the relays.

THE COVETED 6-6 mark has been reached twice in dual-meet competition. In 1939, Willis Ward did the trick for Detroit Northwestern in an indoor meet and Felton Rogers of Detroit Eastern equaled it in 1959 outdoors.

Pontiac's Hudson Ray jumped 6-5½ indoors at the Huron Relays in 1957 and the best state meet effort was by Dearborn's Al Ammerman in 1960. Ammerman cleared 6-4 9-16.

Washington's jump was a true 6-6 although the poles on which the bar rested measured 6-8. There was a two-inch sag in the middle of the bar which was taken into consideration. Judge Clem Rowe measured the bar in the middle prior to Washington's record leap and again after the jump to be sure of an exact height.

Washington didn't start to jump until the bar was at 5-8. He cleared the first three heights at two-inch intervals on his first try and made 6-2 and 6-4 on his second attempts. It took him three attempts at the 6-6 mark. After one try at 6-7, Northern field event Coach Fred Crawford told Washington to call it a day because of cold weather.

Tuesday's weather was anything but conducive to a good performance with gusty winds and the temperature in the mid 40s.

Washington's nearest competitors, Central's Mac Henry Johnson and Lester Carson and Northern's George Kirby and Leroy Scott faltered at 5-10.

TUESDAY'S performance wasn't a shot in the dark for Washington. As a sophomore he won the regional and tied for first in the state meet with jumps of 6-2 and in last week's Huron Relays went 6-3.

Northern head track Coach Norb Badar said, "It is impossible to predict what Al will do in the future. We would like to

hope he will reach his personal goal of seven feet, but to predict it would be foolish and unfair to the boy. All I want is for him to do his best and if that is seven feet I'll be overjoyed."

Bates' City Meet record of 6-1½ and regional mark of 6-2 7-8 still stand at Dort Field. These records can only be established in city and regional meets as well as official state records in the state meet.

Including Washington's victory, Northern claimed nine firsts in Tuesday's 13-event meet. The Vikings swept both relays (the 880 in 1:31 7 and the mile in 3:40). Dalton Kimble was the only double winner, copping the 100-yard dash in :10.2 and the 220 in :22.2.

BADAR SAID he was pleased and surprised by the showing of Tim Giles and Willie Buck. Giles, who transferred to Northern from St. Michael last fall, won the mile run and Buck, who moved into the Northern district at mid-semester, placed second in the 100 and 220.

Northern's 880 relay team had a chance to break the 1:30 mark but Badar had told anchorman Ed Johnson that if Johnson had a comfortable lead on the last half of the final leg to take it easy and save himself for the 440 race. Johnson jugged the last 10 yards of the relay and went on to win the 440 in :53.4.

In the closest race of the day, Central's Ernie Long beat Northern's Ed Carr by less than a foot in the 120-yard high hurdles. Long was clocked in :15.6. Carr came back to win the 180 low hurdles in :21.1.

Central captain and 1961 state Class A broad jump champion Bob Barnett continued to dominate his event with a leap of 21-1¼.

MIAMI-Sky Bid (\$13.10) ridden by Walter Blum registered a half length decision in the Gulfstream Park headliner.



Washington . . . 6-6 Effort

Vikings Triumph

- Shot put—1 Emmett Wittingham (N), 2. Fred Evans (C) 3. John Grant (C) D—15.4
Pole vault—1 Bill Lee (C) 2. Tie—Bruce Gonyea (N) and Lester Carson (C), 11—10 1/2
High jump—1 Al Washington (N), 2. Tie—Mac Henry Johnson (C) Carson (C), George Kirby (N) and Leroy Scott (N), 11—6 1/2 (Height betters all previous records by Flint athletes and equals all time state mark by Felton Rogers of Detroit Eastern in 1959 and Willis Ward of Detroit Northwestern in 1939)
Broad jump—1 Bob Barnett (C), 2. Dalton Kimble (N) 3. Willie Fleming (N), 11—2 1/4
120 high hurdles—1. Ernie Long (C), 2. Ed Carr (N) 3. Laverne Turner (C) T—15.6
880 relay—1 Northern (Cliff Finkles, Willie Buck, Kimble and Ed Johnson) T—1:31 7
Mile—1 Tim Giles (N), 2. George Baleser (C) 3. Pete Sinclair (C) T—4 49.5
100 dash—1 Kimble (N) 2. Buck (N) 3. Esrell Carter (C) T—11.1
50 run—1 Connie Connors (C) 2. Neal Patterson (N) 3. Barry Potter (C) T—2:03.9
440 run—1 Johnson (N) 2. Marlon Heyo (C), 3. John Shine (C) T—53.4
150 low hurdles—1 Carr (N) 2. Marv Mabry (C) 3. Turner (C) T—21.1
220 dash—1 Kimble (N) 2. Buck (N), 3. Carter (C) T—22.2
Mile relay—1 Northern (Ralph Avery, Giles, Frank Gause and Finkles), T—3:46.0.

Lions' Schedule

- Sept. 16 — Pittsburgh.
Sept. 23 — San Francisco.
Sept. 30 — at Baltimore.
Oct. 7 — at Green Bay.
Oct. 14 — Los Angeles.
Oct. 21 — at New York.
Oct. 28 — Chicago.
Nov. 4 — at Los Angeles.
Nov. 11 — at San Francisco.
Nov. 18 — at Minnesota.
Nov. 22 — Green Bay.
Dec. 2 — Baltimore.
Dec. 9 — Minnesota.
Dec. 16 — at Chicago.

Michigan Scoreboard

By The Associated Press
Baseball
Calvin 4-0, Union (Tenn.) 2-5
Bowling Green 3, Eastern Michigan 4



Johnson . . . First in 440

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By Doug Mintline

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Richardson, who has since been joined by Lillard. Along with Gilroy and Hazel Lillard, they have worked grips with many long living. The profit wasn't huge but proved it the support of Dr. Clark in his business.

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