

# 2-Man Track Team Rolls

By KEN WILLIAMS

How successful St. Joseph's bid will be for the Catholic League high school track championship rests primarily on the family teamwork of the Patton brothers, Sam and Jerry.

"We hope to keep the title inside the 'family circle,' too," grinned Coach Brother James, F.S.C., referring indirectly to the fact that defending champion and perennial arch rival De La Salle

also is staffed by a Christian Brother faculty.

The league's championship meet is slated for May 22-23 at the University of Detroit. In dual meet competition De La Salle and U-D both are unbeaten in five starts, while St. Joseph has a 2-2-1 won-lost-tied mark. The setbacks were inflicted by De La Salle (67½-37½) and U-D (78-27).

### MORE POTENTIAL

Despite St. Joseph's tainted record, the high-scoring performances of the Pattons rank

them as one of the finest combinations in the prep circuit.

Sam, 18, is a 5-foot-11, 150-pound senior and Jerry, 16, a 6-foot, 165-pound sophomore. Sam is formally classified as a quarter-miler and Jerry a hurdler.

While lacking the experience of his older brother, Jerry is considered to have more potential on a comparable age level.

"Jerry has the tremendous ability, agility and speed to develop into one of the state's best hurdlers, both high and low," pointed out Br. James, who is in his seventh season at St. Joseph and has been associated with track for 30 years.

### BROAD JUMPS 18

"For versatility they don't come any better than Jerry. Last year as a freshman he scored 18 points against U. of D. doing 10.5 in the 100, 24.1 in the 220, broad jumping 18 feet and high jumping 5 feet 3.

"In our dual meet opener against Notre Dame (65-29), Jerry tallied 15, winning both the high and low hurdles, tying with Sam in the 440 and finishing third in the broad jump."

The Pattons rendered another sample of their 1-2 punch in an 86½-13 5/6 lacing of Salesian. Both tied at 5 feet 4 in the high jump and Jerry trailed his brother by only one-tenth of a second in the 880 as Sam was clocked in 2:00.8.

Likewise in a 52-48 edging of Hamtramck, Sam and Jerry both ran in the clinching mile relay, finished 2-3 in the half and tied for second in the high jump.

### SPARK RELAY MEETS

In the Huron Relays, Sam uncorked a 2:07 880 leg as St. Joseph wrapped up the two-mile event, while Jerry anchored a third-place finish in the mile.

The Pattons' point efforts triggered St. Joseph's domination of the recent Marysville Relays. The East Siders took four events and scored in six, with the Pattons figuring in 48 of St. Joseph's 54 points to Marysville's 48 and Montrose's 42.

In the De La Salle setback, Jerry swept the high and low hurdles and last Wednesday he piled up 15¼ points to cushion an 83-1 lacing of Cathedral Central. He won both hurdles again, tied in the high jump with Sam and anchored the 880 relay.

Carl Wiatr, a 6-foot senior ace half-miler, is the most polished veteran on St. Joseph's squad. A year ago his 2:03.7 clocking for the half-mile run set a record in the championship meet.

### LACK DEPTH

Despite the efforts of Wiatr and the Pattons, Br. James is pessimistic about St. Joseph's chances of overtaking De La Salle and U. of D. in the title chase.

"We simply lack depth," appraised the coach. "Without a real pole vaulter and shotputter, we'll have to spot the defenders 18 points. But I'm sure the experience of the Pattons will improve our challenge."



**BROTHER COMBINATION SUPPLIES PUNCH**  
Jerome (Left) and Sam Patton Thrive on Speed

## St. Ambrose Names Perles Grid Coach

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George Perles, 28, a former All-City guard at Western High and Michigan State, has been hired as head football coach at St. Ambrose in the Catholic League's First Division.

He succeeds Tom Boisture, who guided St. Ambrose to the league and Goodfellow city championships last fall. Boisture resigned to join Houston University's grid staff.

Perles, who served as line coach at Chicago St. Rita High last year, was selected on The Detroit News' 1951 All-City team.

### In other recent coaching



changes in the Detroit area, Bob Samaras, 34, whose Eastern High basketball squads won four consecutive city titles, was hired by Assumption University on a part-time basis. His status at Eastern is undetermined.

Walt Bazylewicz is returning to the Catholic League as all-sports coach at Notre Dame High. He was given a contract of "more than 10 years duration." Bazylewicz, 40, coached the last two years at Riverside High, Dearborn Township, and previously guided Detroit St. Thomas for a 13-year span.

Mel Larsen, 25, of Mt. Clemens St. Mary, succeeded Herb Delaney as all-sports coach at Dearborn Sacred Heart after Delaney posted his first losing football season in 13 years.

In the suburban ranks, Dave Parks takes over Ev Queen's basketball post at Royal Oak Dondero and Dick Moseley assumes football duties at Clarenceville. Parks, 27, an all-state product of Highland Park, coached Farmington last season. Moseley, 28, had been a football and basketball aide at Hazel Park.

## Toth Is Elected BPA President

Mike Toth, owner of Eastown Recreation, has been elected president of the Bowling Pro-