

PATTONS STAR ON CINDERS

Oh, Brother, Look At St. Joseph Go!

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The Patton brothers, Jerry and Sam, are doing their best to return St. Joseph High to the pinnacle it once held in Catholic League track.

Monday at Osborn High the Blue Jays, principally due to the Pattons, slapped down Austin, 60½-39½.

Jerry, a sophomore, tied Sam, a senior, in the high jump, fell down and then got up to gain a tie in the high hurdles, and won the 180-yard low hurdles in the excellent time of :29.9.

In addition to tying his brother in the high jump, Sam won the 440 in the creditable time of :33.6.

BUT BROTHER James back as track coach at St. Joseph after a seven-year absence, realizes he's probably waging a losing battle.

The larger schools in the Central Division, with greater enrollment and superior facilities, are gradually taking over the sport.

DeLaSalle, for instance, will be bidding for a fourth straight conference title next Tuesday and Wednesday, but the Pilots are reportedly in for trouble. U-D High is ready to take over.

The Cubs clinched the Central Division dual meet title Monday with an 8½-27¼ victory over Notre Dame.

Bill Bonner won both dashes for U-D and Orbie Gales both hurdle events. Mike Chaput won the high jump with a leap of six feet even.

Although it has no chance for a team title, Benedictine feels it could produce the league's shotput champion in Joe Pavelich, nephew of the former Red Wing great, Marty Pavelich.

Pavelich tossed the shot 52 feet ½ inch in helping Benedictine turn back Orchard Lake St. Mary, 68-41. Despite his 235 pounds Pavelich demonstrated his agility by placing third in the 100-yard dash.

PAUL DOWD, a sophomore at Redford St. Mary, was Monday's Catholic League star in baseball.

Dowd turned in a no-hitter and struck out 14 batters in hurling the Rustics to a 7-0 victory over Holy Redeemer. It was Dowd's third straight victory. St. Mary now owns a 7-3 record.

Jack Clancy hammered a home run and single for the winners.

Thurston took charge of the Mid-Wayne Conference baseball race with a 7-2 victory over Robichaud. It was Thurston's fifth conference victory in six starts.

Keith Spicer, a converted shortstop, turned in a six-hitter as the Thurston pitcher and drove home three runs with a double and single.

CARLOS GUERRA hammered a three-run homer to feature St. Gabriel's 10-3 victory over St. Vincent.

Jerry DeAlexander pounded out a triple and Don Quick picked up two hits to highlight Benedictine's 8-3 victory over Sacred Heart. Benedictine now has a 7-1 record.

Roger Dupont fired a one-hitter in pitching St. Rita to a 3-0 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary.



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