

Tops State Relay Mark

Heights Cracks Ottawa's Mile Mark

KALAMAZOO — Western Michigan boys—particularly those from Muskegon Heights High School—stole the show in the Champion of Champions Invitational track meet Wednesday at Angell field.

The flashing speed of the Muskegon Heights Tigers cracked the state record time for the mile relay with a sensational 3:24.7 performance and tied Detroit Northern's 1927 state record with a 1-30 half mile.

The mile record was set last year by Ottawa Hills of Grand Rapids with 3:26 in the state meet.

Joe Parham of the Heights with a 9.8 100-yard dash tied the meet record for the event. He also won the 220 in 21.6.

Another meet record fell when Jeff Taylor of Otsego turned the mile in 4:24.3.

Heights also got a first place from Leonard Martin with a broad jump of 22 feet, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Other Western Michigan winners included Mike Martens of Charlotte in the 880-yard run with a 1:57.4, Dick Gaston of South Haven with a 50.3 for the 440 and Ruddy O'Boyle of Plainwell with a 55-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ put of the shot.

Centreville's Gary Tesman with a 12-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ performance was the winner in pole vault over a pair of Grand Rapids performers—Dick Wells of Ottawa Hills and Phillip Kornoelje of Christian—who hit 11-10 for a share of second place.