

**SCOTT'S MILE TOPS U.S.**

# Preps Tear Up Nine State Track Records

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**EAST LANSING** — The schoolboys are still the most fantastic, unpredictable and exciting commodity on the amateur sports scene. With unbelievable efforts Saturday they rewrote the record book at the 38th annual State Class A championships at Ralph Young Field.

This just had to be the finest hour for high school track in Michigan. Records were established in nine of the 13 events. A 10th record was tied.

**TWO METROPOLITAN** Detroit youngsters, Lou Scott of Eastern and Walter Wilson of Inkster Robichaud, turned in performances which lead the nation this spring.

Scott, running his final mile as a schoolboy, was clocked in 4:13.2, one full second better than Jan Bowen's time which won the Big Ten mile last week in Minneapolis.

Scott will compete during the next two weeks in the City League finals but will run the half mile the rest of the season. Scott's time bettered the previous best schoolboy mile run this season.

That mark belonged to Hill Daughtry of Glendale, Calif., who ran 4:18.8 two weeks ago.

Scott, the 5-6 senior who scales a scant 125 pounds, had some company on this day of brilliance.

**WILSON**, a 155-pound senior, shattered the half mile mark when he came storming home in 1:53.3, nearly four seconds better than the previous record and two tenths of a second ahead of the best previous 880 ran by a schoolboy this spring.

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**MONDAY, TUESDAY OUT**

## Virus Shuts Down Hazel Park Again

Due to the effects of the virus which has plagued tracks throughout the country, Hazel Park Harness Raceway has cancelled racing for next Monday and Tuesday nights.

Racing will resume Wednesday night for the balance of the meeting, which closes Saturday, June 8.

**TRACK** President Donald D. MacFarlane said that present indications are that the virus is on the wane and that there would be no further interruptions in racing.

Other tracks which have been forced to suspend racing are Brandywine Raceway in Wilmington, Delaware; Maywood Park in Chicago; Northfield Park in Cleveland, and Lebanon Raceway in Ohio. Saratoga Raceway in New York has delayed its opening for a week.

Hazel Park was closed for

**Favorite Too Late At DRC**

**BY AL COFFMAN**

A couple of three-year-old colts with broken Kentucky Derby dreams met Saturday at the Detroit Race Course and Sol Invictus got some measure of consolation by holding off Devil It Is to win the \$5,000 Bull Dog Purse.

Sol Invictus, second choice of the 15,811 fans, got home first by a neck thanks mainly to the

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Calif., had been clocked in 1:53.5 in a west coast relay event 10 days ago.

In the 880 the first five finishers broke the previous record. Six runners who broke two minutes didn't even place.

Two records fell which had been on the books since the mid-20s when the Michigan High School Athletic Association took over sponsorship.

**BILL RAYNOR**, with a powerful response in the final 20 yards, won the 220-yard dash in the record time of :21.4. Here is a standard first set in 1926 by George Hester which had defied all the great sprinters for the past 38 years.

Bill Lee of Flint Central won the pole vault with a leap of 13 feet, 6 inches—three inches over the previous mark. Ernie Long of Flint Central clipped two tenths of a second off Warren Cawley's 120-yard high hurdle mark. Long came hustling to the wire in :14.2.

Kalamazoo Central chopped half a second off the 880-yard relay record set by Detroit Northern in 1937. The Maroon Giants toured the course in 1:39.5.

Al Washington of Flint Northern got his record in the high jump when he leaped six feet, five inches.

**SOUTHEASTERN'S** George Wesson won the 440 in the record time of :49 seconds flat and then came back to run a fine leg on the Jungaleers' half mile relay.

Mackenzie and Flint North-

ern tied for first in the mile relay with a record mark of 3:24.5. Wilbur Johnson tied the 100-yard dash mark of :09.8.

The team title went to Flint Northern for the second time in three years. The Vikings scored in seven of the 13 events to outdistance rival Flint Central, 37½-35.

Scattered behind the two Flint schools were: Kalamazoo Central 19, Pontiac Central 17, Detroit Southeastern 16, Bay City Central 16, Niles 16, Grosse Pointe 13, Detroit Mumford 12½, Birmingham Seaholm 12, Plymouth 11 and Detroit Eastern 10.

All in all, 42 of the state's 126 Class A schools got into the scoring column.

### It's Rouge in B

**ANN ARBOR**—A strong River Rouge track team, following in the footsteps of the school's all-conquering basketball team, overwhelmed its opposition Saturday to win the Class B state track championship in a breeze.

Led by basketball star Willie Betts, Rouge piled up 52 points on the University of Michigan's Ferry Field to double the 26-point output of second-place East Grand Rapids.

Defending champion Dowagiac faded to a third-place tie with Vassar at 20 points.

Betts tied a Class B record in winning the high hurdles in 14.8 seconds. He also won the 180-yard low hurdles, ran on the Panthers' winning 880-yard relay team and took a third in the high jump.

One record was established. The mile relay at three minutes 28.2 seconds, by East Grand Rapids.

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