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Nine Records Fall

Flint's Northern Captures Crown In Class A Track

By MAL BATEMAN (Journal Sports Writer)

Michigan's high school track athletes took advantage of perfect weather conditions Saturday at Michigan State's Ralph Young Field to set nine records and tie another at the class A championships.

Only three records survived in the greatest high school track meet ever held in the state. Two national high school records were posted as well when Walt Wilson of Inkster-Rochester won the 800-yard run in 1:53.3 and Lou Scott of Detroit Eastern captured the mile in 4:12.2.

The fight for the team title was just as exciting as Flint Northern's victory over the crown in the Saginaw Valley with 37 1/2 points followed by second-place Flint Central in second with 29 points. Kalamazoo Central was third at 19 points and Pontiac Central was fourth with 17 points.

Locally, Everett was the team with nine points while Stetson and East Lansing each scored two points.

The record breaking started early when Flint Northern's Al Washington broke the high jump mark with a leap of 6 feet, 5 inches. A little earlier teammate Wilbur Johnson tied the 100-yard dash mark of 16.8 in his heat.

Johnson also ran the same time in the final to win easily.

Another record was tied in the morning when Bill Rayner of Inkster was clocked in 21.7 for the 200-yard dash. The tie didn't last long as Rayner won the afternoon final in 21.4.

Wilson started the crowd talking early in the afternoon when he set a fast early pace and went on to clock his 1:53.3 in the 800, the fastest ever run by a state high school boy and the fastest in the race so far this season. The race was so fast that the first five finishers broke the old state record of 1:57.2.

Jim Valtrius of East Lansing was sixth and he barely missed the old state record with his 1:57.6.

Scott, who won the state title last year with a record 4:16.6, set the pace for the first quarter, which was covered in 51.5. Scott took over just before the 800, posting the half mile in 2:06.6 and the three quarters in 3:19.9.

He then turned on his sprint to post a 4:12.2, equal his best ever and also the fastest high school time run in the nation this spring. Link hung on to second with his 4:20.0 and Scott's Gordon Dwyer set 9 RECORDS—Pg. E-5, Col. 1

Prep Track Summaries

Class A

Flint Northern, 37 1/2; Flint Central, 29; Kalamazoo Central, 19; Pontiac Central, 17; Saginaw Valley, 16; East Lansing, 15; Stetson, 14; Everett, 9; East Lansing, 2; Stetson, 2.

Flint Northern, 27.7; Flint Central, 21.1; Kalamazoo Central, 15.5; Pontiac Central, 12.9; Saginaw Valley, 12.3; East Lansing, 11.7; Stetson, 11.1; Everett, 5.5; East Lansing, 4.9; Stetson, 4.3.

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All City, 6-A Meets

High school track action winds up this week with two major meets. Locally the top meet will be the All-City Championships at Everett Monday night. Field events will start at 6:30 and the track events at 7:30.

The final meet of the season will be the Six-City Championships at Battle Creek Central Wednesday night. Action will be going after its fourth straight title with Eastern the only other local team in the meet.

Hazel Park Harness Racing

DETROIT (AP)—Hazel Park Harness Raceway announced Saturday night it will shutdown for the second time Monday and Tuesday because of the virus epidemic that affected horses at several tracks around the country.

The Detroit suburban track resumed racing Friday night after a three-day suspension of racing earlier in the week.

Don MacFarlane, Hazel Park's President, said racing will resume Wednesday and that present indications are that the virus that causes coughing for horses is waning.

Naturday's Results

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accounted for the Big Reds only points when he placed sixth in a fast 4:24.7, six seconds under his previous personal best.

Lamar Hawthorne of Ecorse broke a state record in the morning when he was clocked in a very fast :14.1 for the 120-yard high hurdles. However, a wind slightly over the limit nullified the record. Everett's Henry Patino was second in that heat with a :14.5.

The record officially went in the afternoon but not to Hawthorne. Ernie Long of Flint Central won in :14.2 to shave two-tenths off the record. Patino was third in :14.5

Another Flint Central athlete set a record when Bill Lee pole vaulted 13 feet, 6 inches to top the old state mark by three inches.

George Wesson of Detroit South-

eastern accounted for another record when he ran the 440 yards in :49.0, seven-tenths of a second under the old record.

The record breaking continued to the end as the one-mile and 880-yard relay standards also fell. In fact, four teams broke the old mile relay mark of 3:26.1 as Flint Northern and Detroit Mackenzie tied for first in 3:24.5.

Kalamazoo Central's highly re-

Titan Owners Fined

NEW YORK (UPI)—State Supreme Court Judge Manuel A. Gomez Friday levied a fine of \$2,500 on the corporation which operated the now-defunct New York Titans of the American Football League for failing to file tax returns with the City of New York. The Titans have since been purchased by a new corporation and renamed the New York Jets.

garded 880 relay team lived up to expectations by running 1:29.5 to break the old record by a half second. Everett was fourth in 1:31.5.

One of the places where a record wasn't set was in the 180-yard low hurdles although there were many fast times. Patino qualified for the final with a good :19.5 in his heat. However, he was disqualified because of two false starts in the final with John Smith of Bay City Central winning in :19.2.

Besides the low hurdles, other records not broken or tied were the broad jump and shot put.

Scions of Sunny

MIAMI (UPI) James (Sunny Jim) Fitzsimmons, 88-year-old trainer now getting his horses ready for the Hialeah Meeting, has 59 living descendants — four sons, one daughter, 17 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

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