

Central Wins Indoor Track Title, Northern Fifth

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Flint Central tried to give away a title Friday night but managed to eke out its second championship in the 13th annual indoor track meet at Central Michigan University's Ron Finch Field House.

Two disqualifications, an injury and a judges' oversight turned the Indians from a shoe-in winner into a fight for their lives.

But Coach Carl Krjeger's club had enough balance to offset all handicaps and chalked up 35 points against runner-up Pontiac Central's 33.

Flint Northern, champion three previous years, fell to fifth place with 16 points behind Midland's 21 and Mount Pleasant's 20. It was the Vikings' lowest finish in the meet's history and only the third time they weren't first or second.

COACH NORB BADAR'S CLUB probably would have been third Friday except for an injury.

Central lost its top sprinter, George Hoey, and Northern lost its No. 1 speedster, Willie Buck. Both suffered pulled leg muscles in preliminary races and are out for indefinite periods.

The Indians were buoyed by speedy Bob Cooper and Archie Pearson whose combined 17 points were more than eight of the 12 teams. Cooper won the 60-yard dash in 6.3 seconds and broad jumped 20-6 3/4 for second place, behind Traverse City's Jim Anderson. Pearson won the 65-yard low hurdles in 7.4 and was third in 65 highs.

Behind Northern in the team race came Traverse City with 14 points, Saginaw Arthur Hill 12, Lansing Eastern 10, Muskegon 9, Bay City Handy 6 and Saginaw 4. Bay City Central failed to score.

NORTHERN'S TOP PERFORMER was Monroe Dent who scored five points in three individual events and ran a leg on the winning sprint relay team. Tom Robinson, Rozeal Graves and Gene Byrd were other members of the quartet which was timed in 2:04.3.

First places were divided among eight teams, Central, Lansing Eastern, Mount Pleasant and Midland taking two and Northern, Pontiac, Arthur Hill and Traverse City getting one.

For the first time since the meet began in 1952, every record stood up.

Central scored in nine of the 12 events, missing only the 440, medley relay and sprint relay.

HOEY'S INJURY COST certain points in the 60 and broad jump. Low hurdler E. J. Williams, whom Krjeger considers his best timber topper, was overlooked by the judges after placing no worse than second in a preliminary heat and couldn't get into the finals.

Those misfortunes were bad enough but the Indians didn't help themselves by getting disqualified in both relays. One Central runner bumped a rival on a turn to cost fourth place in the medley and a baton pass out of the exchange zone cost first place in the sprint relay. Pontiac, along with two other

teams, also was disqualified in the sprint but none of those would have placed.

After being shut out in two of the first four events, Central went ahead for keeps on Cooper's victory and a tie for second in the high jump by MacHenry Johnson and Leroy Blassingame. It had a 26-20 lead with four events remaining and a 28-24 lead with three events left.

WITH THE SHOT PUT, pole vault and sprint relay to go, the Indians were in. Ken Baker and Mel Summers picked up five points in the shot and Sam Baker two points in the pole vault to partially offset Pontiac's two-three finish in the vault.

Central's 35 points were its second highest in 12 tries in this meet. It didn't compete in 1953. The Indians won the 1959 title with 42 11-21 points and easily would have exceeded that total Friday without their misfortunes.

"I hope we got it out of our system in one night," sighed Krjeger.

Detroit Stands 3-9 Against NL Teams

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—It's a good thing that the Detroit Tigers are not playing in the National League.

It is also fortunate for the American League that the New York Mets are in the other league because they might continue the hex they have on the AL and win a few more games. The Detroit bats were almost silent for the third straight game as they bowed to the Mets 9-1 Friday.

The triumph was costly for the Mets who picked up their seventh win in nine games against AL clubs.

Righthanded pitcher Carlton Willey, their pitching ace this

four in a row, are 3-9 against the National League clubs. They are 4-4 in games with teams in their own league.

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A second-inning double by Dick McAuliffe was the only extra base hit by the Tigers. He stayed on second as the next three batters failed to get the ball out of the infield.

Despite extra hitting sessions, the Tigers have picked up only

18 hits in their last three games.

Manager Charlie Dressen continues to stress that his pitchers need more work and has arranged to have a few of the regulars pitch for Syracuse against AAA teams next week.

"They will all pitch nine innings," Dressen declared, "even if the scare gets 18-0."

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He admitted he intended to have Aguirre pitch longer but added "he just didn't have it today and neither did the other two."

The Tigers were to journey to Fort Myers, Fla., this afternoon for a game with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ed Rakow was to be the starter for Detroit.

The Tigers will return to Lakeland Sunday to meet the



Broad jump—1. Jim Anderson (TC). 2. Bob Cooper (FC). 3. Bob Vikings (P). 4. Monroe Dent (FN). 5. Leroy Scott (FN). D—21.0.
65 high hurdles—1. Al Payne (Mid.). 2. Bill Newberry (MP). 3. Archie Pearson (FC). 4. Dent (FN). 5. Jim Hopson (Musk.). T—8.2.
40—1. John Smith (MP). 2. Bill Myers (TC). 3. Dan Jones (SAL). 4. Bob Swanker (Musk.). 5. Rozeal Graves (FN). T—54.0.
Medley relay (1 1/4 miles)—1. Lansing Eastern. 2. Pontiac Central. 3. Flint Northern (Jim Humphrey, Tom Robinson, Leon Blackman, Gil Dorsey). 4. Mount Pleasant. 5. Midland. T—4:02.3.
60—1. Cooper (FC). 2. Ted Keller (P). 3. Bruce Graves (Mid.). 4. Lowell Smith (Musk.). 5. Terry Pruitt (S). T—8.3.
High jump—1. Don LeVallis (P). 2. Tie between MacHenry Johnson (FC) and Leroy Blassingame (FC). 4. Al Keel (P). 5. Scott (FN). H—6.2.
Shot put—1. Daryle Burt (LE). 2. Jim Oberling (TC). 3. Mike Toth (RCH). 4. Allan Smith (FC). 5. Jack Hobey (Mid.). T—51.6.
45 low hurdles—1. Pearson (FC). 2. Payne (Mid.). 3. Newberry (MP). 4. Keel (P). 5. Dent (FN). T—7.4.
500—1. Gale Neill (MP). 2. Walt Horton (P). 3. Jim Nesbitt (RCH). 4. Jim Horsley (FC). 5. Bill Warren (Musk.). T—2:04.2.
Shot put—1. Steve Dowling (Mid.). 2. Ken Baker (FC). 3. Jerry Patton (S). 4. Les Hanspard (P). 5. Mel Summers (FC). D—32.31.
Pole vault—1. Wayne Lambert (SAL). 2. Hanspard (P). 3. Larry McNear (P). 4. Sam Baker (FC). 5. Dick Colton (TC). H—12.8.
Six-in relay (1,056 yards)—1. Flint Northern (Robinson, Dent, Graves, Gene Byrd). 2. Saginaw Arthur Hill 3. Muskegon. 4. Midland. 5. Mount Pleasant.

Team scoring—Flint Central 35. Pontiac Central 33. Midland 21. Mount Pleasant 20. Flint Northern 16. Traverse City 14. Saginaw Arthur Hill 12. Lansing Eastern 10. Muskegon 9. Bay City Handy 6. Saginaw 4. Bay City Central failed to score.