

Davison Retains Big Nine Title

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Big Nine Conference track teams aspiring to Davison's 1963 throne had no problem keeping an eye on the defending champion Wednesday in the league meet at Kearsley.

Nearly everytime a runner would look up from his labors and squint into the bright sun, one of Coach Jim Dowsett's Cardinals was romping in front.

Davison had 14 points on the board and two records in the books before some fans realized the meet had started. Eleven events later the Cards had four more firsts, scored in all events and hidden from the field with 65 1/2 points.

KEARSLEY received record-breaking efforts from high

jumper Dave Wright and sprinter Dave Joseph but was blanked in three events to finish with 40 points, runnerup the fourth straight year.

The meet's only double winner was long-striding Nelson Graham, Mt. Morris' senior hurdler. Graham broke a record set last year by Ainsworth's Ron Henson with a 14.5 clocking in the high hurdles and had a bead on Henson's low hurdles standard of 19.5 when he tripped over the final barrier and stumbled across the finish line at 19.8.

Mt. Morris, expected to score well in Saturday's Class B state meet after winning the regional crown, had an outside chance for league honors until sprinter Jim Wood pulled a muscle in Monday's 100 preliminary.

Wood slipped to third midway in the opening leg of the 880 relay and his teammates were unable to catch Davison and Kearsley. He scratched from the 100 and Mt. Morris finished

with.

CLIO TALLIED only four points in the final seven events after Norb Lucius had won the 880 to close a distant third with 27 1/2. Rich Ward set a pole-vault record and Ed Clark won the shot put to help Grand Blanc to 22 1/2 and fourth place.

Four pole vaulters eclipsed the record of 11-feet-4 1/2 set a year ago by Mt. Morris' Jim Davis. Davison's Dale Kutchey vaulted 12-13, but Grand Blanc's Ward matched him and added a foot to the old record for first place. Kearsley's Sam Taylor and Bruce Nyland of Grand Blanc also broke the 1963 mark. Davison, Cass City Relays and Davison Relays champion and winner of 24 straight dual-triangular meets, was still smarting from last Saturday's Class A regional at Kearsley where it qualified only Dale Kutchey for the state meet.

Junior Ron Scheeler got the Cards winging by adding 5 1/2 inches to the broad jump mark

of 21 feet he set in 1963 and fought off Kearsley's Joseph in the fourth leg of the 880 relay for another meet record of 1:32.7.

DAVISON'S DEPTH produced at least three points in every event but the high jump (Don Kutchey tied for fifth) and the mile relay of Randy Dorris, Bob Garrow, Ray Delano and Phil Katauskas completed the running events by clipping two seconds off Beecher's 1962 record. Scheeler had a first, second and third and anchored a relay win. Steve Selesky picked up two seconds and a third, Dale Hammond won the 220, was second in the 100 and helped the 880 relay. The Cards took 1-2 in the 220 and broad jump and got three of five places in the

100. Kearsley's Joseph retained his century title by lowering the record to 10 seconds, Scheeler kept his broad jump crown and shot putter Ed Clark of Grand Blanc added another win.



Nelson Graham . . . Only Double Winner

- SOUTHERN LEAGUE**
 Chattanooga 8, Columbus 3
 Knoxville 7, Macon 7
 Birmingham 6, Charlotte 3
 Asheville 3, Lynchburg 3
- EASTERN LEAGUE**
 Reading 9, York 3
 Charleston 7, Springfield 6 1/2
 Williamsport at Elmira, postponed

Big 9 Track Summary

120 high hurdles — 1. Nelson Graham (MM), 2. Gene Boegner (K), 3. Steve Selesky (D), 4. Don Burnett (C), 5. Gary Williams (C), T—14.5. (Breaks meet record of 15.2 set by Ainsworth's Ron Henson in 1963.)

880 relay—1. Davison (Selesky, Dan Huston, Dale Hammond and Ron Scheeler), 2. Kearsley, 3. Mt. Morris, 4. Owosso, 5. Clio, T—1:32.7. (Breaks meet record of 1:31 set by Kearsley in 1963.)

Mile—1. Randy Dorris (D), 2. Bob Smith (F), 3. Rick Staley (C), 4. Dennis Murphy (C), 5. Tom Young (C), T—3:25.8.

588—1. Norb Lucius (C), 2. Randy Dunn (K), 3. Bob Garrow (D), 4. Mike Clark (C), 5. Paul Webster (K), T—2:02.6.

440—1. Phil Katauskas (D), 2. Cal Buell (GB), 3. Ron Blackburn (K), 4. Ray Delano (D), 5. Greg Janowak (K), T—52.8.

100—1. Dave Joseph (K), 2. Dale Hammond (D), 3. Ron Scheeler (D), 4. Gary Ford (GB), 5. Huston (D) and Ray Buck (GB) tie, T—10.0. (Breaks own meet record of 10.1 set in 1963.)

50 low hurdles—1. Graham (MM), 2. Selesky (D), 3. Rich Ward (GB), 4. Gene Boegner (K), 5. Darrell Burnett (F), T—13.0.

220—1. Hammond (D), 2. Scheeler (D), 3. Joseph (K), 4. Dick Corner (O), 5. Ed Sroble (MM) and Dennis Hewitt (C) tie, T—27.8.

Mile relay—1. Davison (Dorris, Garrow, Delano and Katauskas), 2. Ainsworth, 3. Clio, 4. Kearsley, 5. Grand Blanc, T—3:33.8. (Breaks record of 3:55.5 set by Beecher in 1962.)

Shot put—1. Ed Clark (GB), 2. Selesky (D), 3. Hewitt (C), 4. Fred Bishop (O), 5. Dave Langford (C), D—39.4.

Pole vault—1. Rich Ward (GB), 2. Dale Kutchey (D), 3. Sam Taylor (K), 4. Bruce Nyland (GB), 5. Grand Blanc, T—11-4 1/2 set by Mt. Morris' Jim Davis in 1962.)

High jump—1. Dave Wright (K), 2. Gary Trulinger (O), 3. Blackburn (K), 4. Jerry Todd (F), 5. Don Kutchey (D), Bob Miller (GB), Bob Campbell (C) and Greg Hoose (O) tie, H—6-0. (Breaks record of 5-11 set

Broad jump—1. Scheeler (D), 2. Rick Rubenford (D), 3. Hewitt (C), 4. Burnett (F), D—21.5 3/4. (Breaks own record of 21.0 set in 1963.)

Team scoring: Davison 65 1/2, Kearsley 49, Clio 27 1/2, Grand Blanc 22 1/2, Mt. Morris 13 1/2, Owosso 10 1/2, Flushing 9, Ainsworth 4, Beecher failed to score.

Legend — Davison (D), Kearsley (K), Beecher (B), Ainsworth (A), Mt. Morris (MM), Grand Blanc (GB), Clio (C), Owosso (O), Flushing (F).

Viking Nine 8-4 Victor Over Bucs

Harold Jones led the way with four hits Wednesday as Northern High jumped on two Beecher hurlers for 11 hits in an 8-4 victory.

Jim Novar started for the Vikings and received credit for the victory. He fanned eight and walked four (all in the first inning) during his four-inning stint. Terry Harris finished.

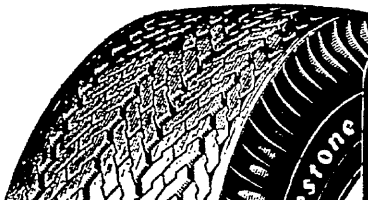
Jones' day included a double and two RBI while Dan Stamos homered in the second and doubled in the third for three

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