

Area Cindermen Perform At State Track Finals

There were a number of track records set for area high schools at the state track meet, but very few points were brought home to Hillsdale County as the entrenched winners of the state had things their own way.

Area placers at the state track meet included the Jonesville mile relay team which finished third with a time of 3:38.2. The team is composed of Mike Perez, Rich Hale, Paul Bartlett, and Jim Benedict.

Ken Bengo of Reading finished third in the low hurdles with a time of :20.35.

Frank Waters of the Hillsdale Hornets was second in the 40 yard dash with a time of :51.1. He was a tenth of a second behind the winner. Waters set a new school record with his effort.

Other record setters came from Pittsford, and logged two new marks for the Wildcats but failed to bring a point home. Bob Clement pushed the pole vault mark up to 11 feet four inches and Hal Evans covered the 220 yard dash in :22.8 for the Pittsford records.

Other area athletes were entered in the state finals, but failed to set school marks or place in the contests.

Battle Creek, with two champions, rates a claim to being

Michigan's high school track and field center.

The Cereal City's Central High and St. Phillip High dashed off with the Class A and Class C State High School Championships in Saturday's record-smashing exhibitions.

Equally imposing were Willow Run in dethroning River Rouge for the Class B title and Covert

in racing to the Class D championship.

More than a dozen records were broken in the various classes of competition and others were disallowed because of favoring winds.

Boice Bowman of River Rouge ran the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds, equaling a 19-year-old mark, and also won the 220 and ran on a record-breaking half mile relay team in his team's losing cause against Willow Run at East Lansing.

Willow Run was led to its 38-35 edging of River Rouge by Lamar Miller Jr., son of Willow Run's coach. Miller won the 180-yard low hurdles, in which he set a record of 19.5, took the broad jump and placed third in the high hurdles.

Arnie Williams' victories in the 100 and 220 dashes helped carry Battle Creek Central to its Class A crown at Ann Arbor by a bare two points over Flint Central 28-26. Lansing Everett had 21 for third place.

Dashmen Mike Poyer, Dave Austin and Jim Baumann accounted for 27 of Battle Creek St. Philip's 42 as their team conquered in Class C at Mount Pleasant. Runnerup Detroit St. Theresa scored only 22 points.

All-around performer Mark Patterson led Covert to its Class D title at Mount Pleasant. Patterson won the 120-yard high hurdles, pole vault and high jump and ran on the 880-yard relay team.

Covert, scoring in all but three events for its second state title in four years, totaled 53 points. Lake City got 33 as runnerup and Michigan School for the Deaf, defending champion, took third place with 32.

Boston Seeks Jump Record

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — Ralph Boston serves notice he wants the world broad jump record back from Russia's Igor Ter-Ovanesyan this Olympic year.

In the 23rd renewal of the California Relays Saturday night, Boston smashed his own American mark and came within three-quarters of an inch of taking back the world mark.

The former Tennessee A&I star now competing for the Southern California Striders leaped 27 feet 2½ inches with a six-jump average of 26 feet 8¼ inches — the average equaling the best jump ever by Jesse Owens.

The mile run lived up to expectations as a tremendous duel between America's two premier runners at the distance with Dyrol Burleson just catching Tom O'Hara to win in 4:00.2. The Oregonian trailed by five yards after the final turn but sprinted in to win his fifth triumph in as many races with the Lovola

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