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Here's What Area Runners Did In State Track Finals

Mark Patterson won three events Saturday as Covert romped to the state Class D track championship by a 20-point margin, and Dowagiac's John Northern gave the area individual champions in four events.

Covert had 14 state-meet qualifiers, and 10 of them placed Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Patterson won his second straight pole vault title at 11-5 and added wins in the high jump at 5-11 and the high hurdles in 15.4.

Others placing as the Bulldogs walloped Lake City, 53-33, for the crown where Robert Terrentine, second in the mile; John Flie, third in the 100, fourth in the 220 and sixth in the broad jump; Mario Evans, fourth in the shot put; Bernard Woods, third in the 440, and the 880 relay team, second.

Dowagiac was the area's next-strongest finisher in the team standings, placing fourth behind Willow Run in the Class B meet at East Lansing and coming up with a record-breaker in addition to Northern's win.

Northern won the high jump with a 6-1/4 leap and placed sixth in the 100. Teammate Willie Webster and Ernest VerHage of Hudsonville Unity Christian each smashed the pole vault record with 13-5/4 performances, but Webster's miss at 12-4 cost him first place.

Only one of the area's seven qualifiers for the Class A meet at Ann Arbor picked up a place. Johnny Rudley of Benton Harbor got off the best official broad jump of his career (22-6) but wound up in fifth place.

Behind Dowagiac in Class B were Brandywine with Jim Anthony taking third in the high jump and Watervliet with Dave Krall placing fifth in the 440. Both came up with their top performances, Anthony an even six feet and Krall 51.8.

Galien was the area pacesetter in Class C, just missing the top 10 with eight points on two fourths. Al Doehrer got a 20.3 clocking in the low hurdles and Steve Abernathy was successful on a 6-foot high jump. Both bettered their previous best efforts.

Fennville got 5 1/2 points in the C meet as Craig Van Voorhees placed third in the mile and Rich Jordan tied for seventh in the high jump.

The area placed 13 in the Class D meet with the St. Joseph Ponies adding two and Lawton one to Covert's 10.

The Ponies piled up nine points on Jack Larsen's 52.7 in the 440, which was good for second, and Dave Karecki's 21.0 low hurdles time, which earned him the fifth-place ribbon. Dick Pfister of Lawton was third in the mile.

Battle Creek schools won both of the other team championships. Central edged Flint Central, 28-26, in Class A., and St. Philip's 42 points were 20 more than runner-up Detroit St. Theresa accumulated in Class C. Willow Run's margin in B was 38-33 over River Rouge.

Pin League Meets

The mixed league of the Wednesday night Kopper Kats bowling team as Lakeshore Lanes will meet at 8 p. m., May 27. For more information call GA 9-5421 or 465-6814.

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