Mt. Morris' Graham Sets B Hurdles Mark

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EAST LANSING — Mt. Morris High's Nelson Graham left his mark in the state Class B track and field record book Saturday, but failed to win a state title at Michigan State University's Ralph H. Young Field.

In morning preliminary heats, to determine the afternoon's nine finalists, Willow Run's Lamar Miller cleared the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.7 seconds in the first heat. Graham in the third heat skimmed over the obstacles in 14.5.

Both runners bettered the previous state mark of 14.8 by Chelsea's Dave McLaughlin in 1962 and River Rouge's Willie Betts last year.

IN THE FINAL, Graham again ran 14.5 but finished second to Whitehall's Don Witt who clocked 14.3. Witt's time was not recognized as a meet record because the wind gauge at the time registered 5.6 miles per hour. Miller finished third in 15 seconds.

Miller set a record in the 180 low hurdles, again in the preliminaries. He turned 19.5, topping the old mark of 19.6 by Detroit Lutheran West's Jim Vogler in 1961.

In the final, Miller went 18.9 but the wind was 6.7. Graham also finished second in the lows with 19.2.

With his first and third in the hurdles and a winning 21-feet-11¾-inches broad jump Miller paced Willow Run to the team title with 38 points. River Rouge captured four firsts, including the 880 and mile relays, but fell three points short at 35.

For Willow Run it was a revenge victory after losing to River Rouge in a dual meet early in the season.

Nelson Graham . . . 14.5 Hurdles Mark

VASSAR FINISHED third with 17 points followed by Dowagiac 15½, Milan 14, Mt. Morris (on Graham's two seconds) and Whitehall 12, and Cranbrook and Tecumseh 11. No other team hit double figures.

Atherton's Cliff Kittle established a school record and finished third in the shot put with a toss of 53-feet 5½-inches. His previous best was 52-11 early this year. Kittle got Atherton's only five points.

Vassar's Rob Johnson won the shot put with a record 57-5, bettering the state mark of 55-8½ by Battle Creek Pennfield's Gary Rugg in 1962.

Bentley's Jim Moore earned his team's four points with a fourth place showing in the 440.

RIVER ROUGE established records in the relays. The team of Clarence Sabbath, Betts, John Sykes and Boice Bowman turned 1:30.3. The old record was 1:31 in 1956 by Inkster. Betts and Sykes were joined on the mile team by Ron Lane and Eric Peterson for a 3:26.3 showing. This topped the old mark of 3:28.2 by East Grand Rapids last year.

River Rouge's relay times Saturday were better than the Class A winning times at Ann Arbor.

Bowman equaled the record time of 9.9 in the 100 and fell one-tenth of a second short of the 220 mark with a 21.9.

Pole vaulters Ernest VarHage of Hudsonville Unity Christian and Dowagiac's Willie Webster gave the crowd a thrill as they sharead first and the record at 13-5¼. The old mark was 12-8 by Troy's Wendell Johnson in 1959.

BETTS, WHO WAS expected to win both hurdles midway through the season, didn't qualify in last week's regional in Detroit. Betts pulled a leg muscle in the Central Michigan Relays May 1 and after qualifying in the regional prelims couldn't run in the finals.

Mt. Morris withdrew its 880 relay team when Jim Wood pulled up lame in the 100 and 220 and Graham wanted to concentrate on the hurdles.

St. Michael's 880 and mile relay teams failed to score. The Mikes were also hurting because Mike Spurling was unavailable after being spiked in the Parochial League meet.

The summary:

Willow Run 35; River Rouge 35; Vassar 17; Dowagiac 15; Milan 14; tie between Mount Morris and Whitehall 12; tie between Tecumseh and Cranbrook 11; Stockbridge 10; Grand Rapids Forrest Hills 8; Detroit Lutheran West 7½; tie between Hart, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Parma Western and Michigan Center 7; Vicksburg 6½; tie between Sparta, Hillsdale, Grand Rapids Kelloggsville and Riverview 6; tie between Ionia, Grand Rapids Rogers, Niles Brandywine, Lansing O'Rafferty, Cheboygan, Detroit Benedictine and Flint Atherton 5; tie between Haslett, Fremont, Flint Bentley, Wyoming, Chesaning, Lowell and Saginaw Carrollton 4; tie between Bad Axe, Harper Creek, Riverside, Detroit Servite, Ypsilanti Lincoln and Pinconning 3; tie between Roseville Sacred Heart, Waterviet and Detroit St. Joseph 2½; tie between Oxford, Romeo, Caro, Royal Oak Shrine and Lnddington 2; Chelsea 1½; tie between Saginaw Buena Vista, Bay City St. James, Holland West Ottawa and Huron 1; tie between Avondale and Shapperd ½.

High Jump — 1. John Northern, Dowagiac. 2. Sheppard, Stockbridge. 3. Anthony, Niles Brandywine. 4. Palmitter, Grand Rapids Kelloggsville. 5. Wright, Ypsilanti Lincoln. 6. tie between Springer, Vicksburg, and Farley, Chelsea. 6' 1¾.

880 Relay — 1. River Rouge (Clarence Sabbath, Willie Betts, John Sykes, Boyce Bowman). 2. Willow Run. 3. Cranbrook. 4. Parma Western. 5. tie between Roseville Sacred Heart and Detroit Lutheran West. 7. Saginaw Buena Vista. 1:30.3 (New State Class B record, breaking old record of 1:31.0 set by Inkster in 1956).

Mile Run —1. Dean Rosenburg, North Muskegon. 2. Schrader, Riverview. 3. Bishop, Vicksburg. 4. Coates, Wyoming. 5. LeMay, Detroit Servite. 6. Head, Milan. 7. Risser, Holland West Ottawa. 4:27.9

120 High Hurdles —1. Don Witt, Whitehall. 2. Graham, Mount Morris. 3. Miller, Willow Run. 4. Derby, Tecumseh. 5. Moss, Western. 6. Sheppard, Stockbridge. 7. Beimers, Lowell 14.3.

180-Yard Low Hurdles — 1. Lamar Miller, Willow Run. 2. Graham, Mount Morris. 3. Witt, White Hall. 4. Derby, Tecumseh. 5. Beimers, Lowell. 6. Sevmour, Royal Oak Shrine. 7. Wallace, Detroit Lutheran West. :18.9.

Broad Jump—1. Lamar Miller, Willow Run. 2. G. Miller, Vassar. 3. Chrise, Milan. 4. Donald, Carrollton. 5. Wallace, Detroit Lutheran West. 6. Hewett, Romeo. 7. Tomlin, Huron. 21 feet, 11¾ inches.

Mile Relay—1. River Rouge (Willie Betts, Ron Lane, John Sykes, Eric Peterson). 2. Cranbrook. 3. Lansing O'Rafferty. 4. Haslett. 5. Tecumseh. 6. Caro. 7. Vassar. 3:26.3 (New State Class B record, breaking old record 3:28.2 set by East Grand Rapids in 1963.)

220-Yard Dash—1. Boice Bowman, River Rouge. 2. Sabbath, River Rouge. 3. Flaherty, Detroit Benedictine. 4. Knapp, Grand Rapids Forrest Hills. 5. Fick, Pinconning. 6. Showerman, Michigan Center. 7. Hicks, Willow Run. :21.9.

Pole Vault—1. Ernest Ver Hage, Hudsonville Unity Christian. 2. Webster, Dowagiac. 3. Banhagel, Iona. 4. Stewart, Lakeview. 5. May, Vassar. 6. Nelson, Grand Rapids Kelloggsville. 7. Wilder, North Muskegon. 13 feet, 5¼ inches. (New State Class B record, breaking old record of 12 feet, 8 inches set in 1959 by Wendell Johnson of Troy.

880-Yard Run—1, Jim Burger, Milan. 2. Hicks, Willow Run. 3. Rosenberg, Wyoming Rogers. 4. Bondrasik, Chesaning. 5. Stevens, Riverside. 6. Engle, Ludington. 7. tie between Cruz, Shepard, and Stanley, Avondale. 2:01.4.

Shot Put—1. Bob Johnson, Vassar. 2. Erickson, Sparta. 3. Kittle, Atherton. 4. Gibson, Fremont. 5. Long, Harper Creek. 6. Lantry, Oxford. 7. Campbell, River Rouge. 57-5.

440-Yard Dash—1. Rich Tompkins, Hart. 2. Water, Hillsdale. 3. Buchanan, Cheboyran. 4. Moore, Bentley. 5. tie between Krall, Waterviit, and Patton, Detroit St. Joseph. 7. Skscki, Bay City St. James. :51.0.

100-Yard Dash—1, Boice Bowman, River Rouge. 2. Showerman, Michigan Center. 3. Knapp, Grand Rapids Forrest Hills. 4. DeChane, Bad Axe. 5. Northern, Dowagiac. 6. Hicks, Willow Run. 7. Walker, Detroit Lutheran West. :9.9.

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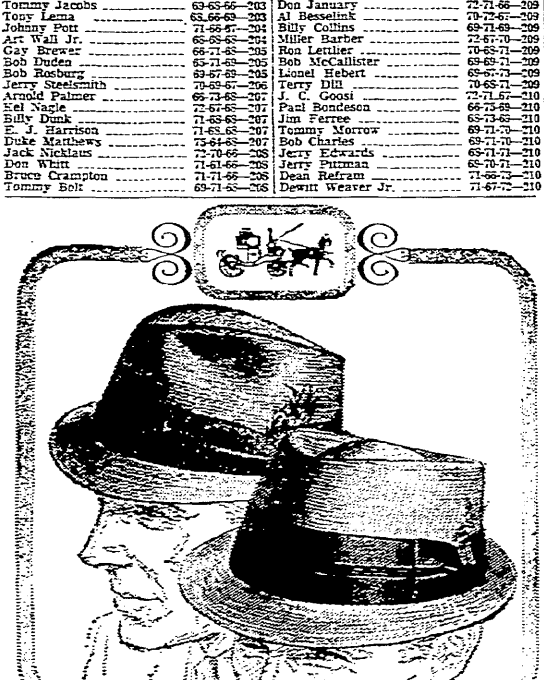

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