

Kalamazoo Schools 1-2 In Optimist Relays

PORTAGE—The fair city of Kalamazoo has become the track and field capital of Michigan.

That fact was clearly evident Wednesday night as Kalamazoo Central and Loy Norris led a colossal assault on the records book in the 11th annual Portage Optimist Relays at McCamley Field.

Twelve records were toppled and another one tied during the 10-hour competition.

Team Standings

- CLASS A**
- Kalamazoo Central 82, Loy Norris 73, Lansing Everett 51, Battle Creek Lakeside 48, Benton Harbor 46, Joseph 29, Niles 19, Portage 16, Highland Park 4, Holland 2.
- CLASS B**
- Albion 22, Vicksburg 20, West Ottawa 20, Dowagiac 18, Hillsdale 18, Buchanan 16, Sturgis 14, Gedwin Heights 14, Kalamazoo University High 13, Cassopolis 12, Paw Paw 12, East Grand Rapids 10, Bangor 6, South Haven 6, Farmington 4, Kalamazoo Rockets 4, Niles Brandywine 4, Plainwell 4.

In the hours of competition, and when it was all over Kalamazoo Central was the new champion in Class A after routing out Norris 82-73, with division champion Lansing Everett third place with 61 points.

Albion came from behind on the final relay to tie Vicksburg for Class B honors with 38 points apiece in an exciting three-team battle with Albion, but the night performance stamped both teams with greatness and established Central as a solid favorite for the Class A state crown.

Most records were obliterated in eight of the 11 Class A events with Central and Norris each smashing three while Everett tied the other two. The three teams also combined to win every event with Central placing first five times and Norris and Everett three times each.

Although all events were won as relay there was no shortage of brilliant individual effort, including two that were as the best in Michigan this year.

Central's Fred Carver, who already shares the state's best broad jump of 231 with Doug Stoler of Norris, treated the big crowd to one of the greatest high jumps in Michigan prep history as he cleared the 6-foot-3 barrier to set a meet record.

with stragglers from other teams.

Bangor quarter-mile star Earl Washburn led chase Kutschinski home while leading the Vikings to a third-place finish.

Central was pushed all the way to a second place finish by St. Joseph, which headed by Barry Vance and Jeff Shantz.

Class A Summary

100-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 17.1; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 17.4; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 17.8.

Class B Summary

100-Yard Dash—1. West Ottawa, Steve Schaefer, 17.1; 2. Vicksburg, Jeff Shantz, 17.4; 3. Albion, Mike Miller, 17.8.

200-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 34.2; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 34.8; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 35.4.

400-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 1:08.5; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 1:09.2; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 1:10.1.

800-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 2:18.2; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 2:19.1; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 2:20.0.

squad of Bill Callahan, Ed McElroy, Art Kelly and John Barnes also set a school record of 3:38.2 with Barnes running a 58.8 anchor leg.

Although neither team could meet their 100-yard time goal, the team standing and runner's Jim Hester was only three-quarters of an inch from posting an individual first in the broad jump, which Carver won at 219 1/2.

Defeating Class B champion Dowagiac finished sixth and placed in an event, although the high jump team of Henry Harrison, Henry Harrison and John Higgins tied for first but was dropped closer to lower.

Albion won only two events in sharing the Class B title and both were the work of Terry Lott, Jeff Schaefer, Steve Barzogni and Dave Heger, who captured the 400 and 800 relays.

The 800 was won in the record time of 2:23.4 and decided the outcome of the meet as Albion trailed Vicksburg by 10 points going into the race and needed first place to gain the tie.

1600-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 5:38.2; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 5:39.1; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 5:40.0.

3200-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 11:18.5; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 11:19.2; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 11:20.1.

6400-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 22:38.2; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 22:39.1; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 22:40.0.

12800-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 45:18.5; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 45:19.2; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 45:20.1.

25600-Yard Dash—1. Kalamazoo Central, Fred Carver, 90:38.2; 2. Lansing Everett, Larry Everett, 90:39.1; 3. Niles Brandywine, Mike Miller, 90:40.0.

M' Topples Titans

ANN ARBOR (AP)—Michigan's 11 baseball team in the Big Ten, snapped Detroit's ten-game winning streak Wednesday, defeating the Titans 6-1.

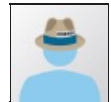
Bill Ward started on the mound for the Wolverines, but the four innings of hitless ball until relieved by winning pitcher Marlin Pemberton in the fifth.

Pemberton allowed the only two Detroit hits — singles by Cliff Rodrock in the sixth and eighth innings.

Michigan's entire lineup batted in the five-run second inning, scoring on an error, three walks and two singles.

Wolverine shortstop Bob Goldberg was the big man at the plate in the pitcher's contest, getting two hits, a stolen base, scoring twice and batting in one run.

George March took the loss for Detroit. The Titans are 11-4 for the season and Michigan is 16-9.



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