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REGIONAL TRACK CHAMPS

KALAMAZOO — Only a few miles of highway separate South Haven and Covert, but the two schools are even closer than that in their pattern of athletic success this year.

The two Van Buren county neighbors both added regional track titles their bulging cases of basketball trophies here Saturday with a clean sweep of honors in the Class B and D cinder eliminations at Western Michigan University.

South Haven, powered by triple winner Ron Gordon, survived a grueling Class B battle to succeed Dowagiac as regional champ while defending state champion Covert scored in all but one event to retain its Class D regional crown by an impressive 21-point margin.

Gordon swept both dash events in 10.3 and 22.8 and took the long jump at 22-3/4 while Jim Cunningham won the pole vault at 11-2 and placed third in the high jump to account for 23 of the Rams' points.

Henry Clay was second in the 880 and Dave Mail third in the vault to join the Rams' list of qualifiers, while Bill Ploc-

hocki picked up the final point with a fifth in the 440.

KVA champion Bangor finished a distant 10th in the team standings with only 16 points, but had one of the meet's outstanding individuals in quarter-miler Earl Winblad, who won his specialty in record time and anchored the Vikings' mile relay team of Jeff Steffel, Ed Winblad and Al Barnes home in a smashing 3:35.8 to account for all the school's scoring.

Winblad's winning 440 time of 50.6 erased the oldest record in the books — a 51.1 clocking by Ed Canlife of Wyandotte established 38 years ago in 1927.

Gordon was the meet's only multiple winner, although Jack Nolden of Buchanan came close in winning the low hurdles in 20.6 and finishing second in the highs behind Alton Davis of Cassopolis, who clocked 15.1.

Included in the list of records were a 6-3/4 high jump by Jim Miller of Sturges and a 4:26.1 mile by Steve Bishop of Vicksburg, which finished second in the team

race.

Bob Crocker of Paw Paw won the 880 in 2:01.1 and Dale Clark of Brandywine took the shot put with a loss of 51-3/4 to round out the list of individual winners.

Dowagiac qualified both its relay teams with a second in the mile and a third in the 880, and also will send Chris Macon who was second in the pole vault.

Others who earned a berth in the state meet are Marty Hooker of Paw Paw in the long jump and 100, Brandywine's Jim Anthony in the high jump and John Tolliver in the shot and Cassopolis' Roosevelt Bennett in the long jump and low hurdles and Davis in the 100.

Covert won only two events with Mario Evans' record-setting 48-10 shot put and Greg Thomas' 20-foot broad jump, but qualified both relay teams and individuals in six other events.

Placing second for Ron Clark's Bulldogs were Wilbert Baber in the 100, Bernard Woods in the 440, Clarence Baber in the low hurdles and Greg Thomas in the 220,

while Tony Taft was third in the high jump and Ron Levay in the high hurdles.

St. Joseph Catholic placed only fourth in the team standings but was the only school to win three events, getting all its points on first-place finishes.

Two of these were record-setting performances involving speedster Skip Larsen, who won the 440 in a blistering 50.9 and ran anchor behind Mike Luckner, Jim Bender and Dick Kibler as the 880 relay team clipped off a record 1:35 flat. Kibler also ran on the winning mile relay team with Darryl Jochem, Bob Patzer and Tony Pastrick, hitting 3:41.

The Al'Van Conference got two firsts in addition to Covert's, with Jim Pegg of Martin shattering the 880 record with a sensational 2:00.3 and Dave Kelly of Saugatuck winning the mile in 4:48.9.

Terry Wolownik of Lawton was a double qualifier with a second in the high hurdles and a third in the lows. Lawrence's Mike Spencer was third in the mile and Barron Page of Bloomingdale was second in the shot.

Gallen will have state meet entrants in three events. Kent Ingles won the pole vault at 11-2, Al Ender was third in the quarter mile and the Gael's 880 relay squad also placed third.

BATTLE CREEK — Talented Kalamazoo schools staged a record-setting exhibition and almost stole the show completely in the Class A and C regional track meets here Saturday.

Powerful Kalamazoo Central ran away with the Class A

competition by a margin of 20 points to take the regional crown away from defending state champion Battle Creek Central.

Kalamazoo University High made a strong bid for a city sweep of honors in the Class C meet, smashing two records in the process, but defending state champion Battle Creek St. Phillip won the final three events on the card to retain the title they won last year.

Four new regional records were established in Class A and coach Ed Pedler's Kalamazoo Central squad accounted for all of them, with Ron Thompson heaving the shot 59-4/4 and Fred Carver high jumping 6-2/4 on a slippery runway while Ron Nehring added a mile record of 4:25.2 to the half mile record of 1:57.4 he set last year and also anchored the Maroons' mile relay squad to a record clocking of 3:24.5.

Carver also won the long jump at 22-10/4 to finish as one of three double winners. Battle Creek's Arnie Williams swept the two sprints and Charlie Davis of Lansing Sexton scored a sweep of the hurdle races.

Against this kind of competition, Berrien county was able to qualify only four individuals for the state meet next Saturday. Benton Harbor's John Ruddle earned the trip with his best broad jump of the season, finishing second to Carver at 22-2, while John Barnes staggered in third in the 440 with a clocking of 51.7.

St. Joseph's Barry Vance was placed in one of the slower 440 heats but ran a fine race despite the lack of competition to finish second in the

overall standings with a 51.2 that stands as the best of his career. The only other Berrien athlete to qualify was Dorie Blair of Niles, who finished second to Williams in both the dash events.

University High posted two of the four new Class C records, with Jim Giachino erasing his own mile mark by 3.5 seconds with a 4:25.2 clocking that exactly equaled Nehring's Class A performance while Mark Mrozek established a new shot put standard of 52-8, erasing a record of 51-5 that had stood since 1935.

The only other records were a 12.7 pole vault by Tom Sterling of Jonesville and a 20.8 clocking in the low hurdles by Ralph Skinner of St. Phillip.

Watervliet's Rick Sprague won the 100-yard dash, placed third in the 220 and anchored the 880-yard relay team to a second-place finish to lead coach Jerry Barchett's Panthers to third place in the best showing by an area school.

Dave Krall was the only other Panther to qualify with a second in the quarter mile, but Dan Rodewald placed in both dashes and Dave Jenkins in the half mile to add to the team total.

Dick Obrig of Hartford earned one of the most decisive victories in the entire meet when he ran away from half mile field win in the near-record time of 2:03 flat, while Eau Claire's Vic Savich cracked 21 feet in the long jump for the first time to place first with a 21-2/4 effort.

Three Oaks' Greg Grosse and Jon Kloosterhouse also qualified with a second in the mile and third in the 440, while Hartford's Ron Vliek made it with a third in the pole vault.

Final Team Standings

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CLASS A	
Kalamazoo Central	46
Lansing Everett	36
Battle Creek Central	23 1/2
Kalamazoo Low North	20
Lansing Sexton IV	Jackson 13 1/2
Lansing Eastern II	Niles 8 1/2
Bent Harbor	7
St. Joseph	7
Jackson Parkside	2
Battle Creek Lakeside	2
Fortage I	1
CLASS C	
Battle Creek St. Phillip	38
Kalamazoo	35

Two Preakness Horses Put On Indefinite Hospital List

BALTIMORE (AP) — Injuries, which have plagued thoroughbred racing's 3-year-old division all year, struck again in the Preakness as Tom Rolfe won the \$180,600 race Saturday with a neck decision over Dapper Dan.

Lucky Debonair, a fading seventh in the 1 1/16-mile race after winning the Kentucky Derby, and Native Charger, fourth in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, went on the hospital list

ther back than fourth as Flag Raiser led the field of nine through a swift six furlongs and a 2:37 mile, suffered bucked

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