

City Stars Sparkle In Track

BY HAL SCHRAM

EAST LANSING — Displaying its finest form since returning to state competition four years ago Detroit's public schools won five of 13 events here Saturday in the 48th annual state Class A track and field championships at Ralph Young Field.

Great power in the field events, however, carried Kalamazoo Central to its first state title since 1942. Coach Ed Pedler's Maroons had finished second on four occasions in his 17 years at the school.

In Big 10

Michigan State won the Big 10 track title Saturday and finished third in baseball and tennis while Michigan was tennis champion and runner-up in track, baseball and golf. Stories on the Big 10 action are on page 3C.

Jockey In Three Dead Heats

Eye-Popping Day At Hazel Park

BY AL COFFMAN

Hazel Park made horse racing history Saturday and there were 18,717 witnesses who will swear that it actually happened: Three dead heats in one day.

In an ordinary season there are one or two dead heats, sometimes may be three at a race track. Roughly the odds are 6,000-1 against even a single dead heat.

This time it happened three times within a span of five races and, even more amazingly, one jockey figured in all of them.

ROBERT "LEA" BAIRD, 44-year-old veteran of the racing world, was involved in two dead heats for first and finally a "beater" for third place.

Although the placing judges couldn't separate the horses in one of the dead heats, the stewards did. They disqualified No. 6 claims for interference in the sixth race and gave the victory to Chuck Finado and Baird alone.

Then, in the eighth race, after Peter Girty and Gen. Logan finished on even terms for show, Baird claimed a foul against Peter Girty. It was not allowed.

Earlier Baird, riding Finado, matched noses on the wire with

City League entrants swept both events with Northwestern's mile quartet of John Saddler, Ralph Thomas, Chris Farrell and Larry Stanfield accounting for the day's only record. With Stanfield turning in a 49.4 anchor leg Northwestern's team was clocked in 2:22.8, bettering the previous mark of 4:24.9 set by MacKenzie, here two years ago.

NORTHWESTERN, which came up with a surprisingly strong third place finish, won the 800-yard relay and got a first in the 220-yard dash and a second in the 100-yard dash from Thelbert Jeffries.

Brian Moore of Claw Tech upset favored Tom Kearney, of Hensfield Hills, in the mile. Moore, who trains with the Redford High squad, turned in a scolding 4:14.4 effort, only two tenths of a second off Lou Scott's state mark.

Jeffries chased defending state sprint champion Arnie Williams to a record tie in the 100. Williams was clocked in .288 in both the morning preliminary and the afternoon final.

Then Jeffries went out and turned in a decisive triumph over Williams in the 200. In addition he anchored the Colts' winning half mile relay.

ROSEVELLS Pat Wilson didn't get his record in the half mile but stepped a fancy 1:54.2 to win his specialty.

The meet's only double winner was Len Hatcher, of Flint Central, who won both the high and low hurdles.

Kalamazoo unleashed its power in the field events retaining the old adage that you must have sprinters and hurdlers to win a state crown.

Twenty-four of its 45 points came in the four field events.

After finishing second to Stan Allen, of Eastern, in the high jump Fred Carver, the Kalamazoo runner, came back to win the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Ron Thompson won the shot put for Kalamazoo with a toss of 57 feet 9 1/2 inches.

PEDLER GOT an unexpected second from Bill Roden in the 440. Roden ran second behind Wally Chaney, of Bedford, Bedford.

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STATE TRACK SURPRISE

City League Has 5 Titles

Continued from First Sports... Following Kazoo in the team standings were Flint Central, 34, Northwestern 31, Ypsilanti 24, Riverdale 21, Battle Creek 17, Detroit Eastern 17, Mt. Clemens 17 and Pontiac Central 15.

Prep Track Winners

- 100-YARD RELAY: CLASS A: Dan Hutchinson (Richard Campbell, John Harrison, James Kimball, Charles Williams, Steve Liska)...

Outlast Outlaws

The Detroit Devils beat the Texas Outlaws 50-50 in the final roller derby game of the season at the Fair Grounds Saturday.

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