

St. Michael Ties For 8th Place

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ANN ARBOR — Jim Wood became a man of distinction Saturday as Flint area's only winner in the state Class B track meet at University of Michigan.

The Mt. Morris High sprinter scored his team's only points with a first in the 220-yard dash.

Fighting a 20 to 25 mile per hour wind, Wood breezed by River Rouge's Clarence Sabbath and Willow Run's Dick Coleman to win in 23 seconds.

The trio battled from start to finish with Wood winning by a step. He qualified for the final by winning his heat in 22.7.

WOOD WAS expected to do well after winning the Big Nine Conference 220 last Wednesday at Kearsley in 22.1, but the Detroit area always turns out good sprinters.

St. Michael turned in the best area team score with 16 points to tie for eighth. River Rouge walked away with the title, piling up 61 points to Willow Run's 26 and Ecorse's 24. Albion and Vassar tied for fourth with 21 points.

In addition to St. Michael and Mt. Morris, Atherton scored 8, Clio 7, Corunna 6, Fenton and Holly 3 and Bendle 1.

Dick Fox carried the load for St. Michael with a second in the 100 and third in the long jump. He qualified in the 100 by winning his heat in 10.5 and jumped 21-3/4. Teammate Phil Klein was ninth in the mile and the mile relay team of Neil Monroe, Fox, Tom Sherwood and Don Miller also finished ninth.

CORUNNA'S Gary Harris earned points in three events. He was sixth in the high jump, seventh in the low hurdles and eighth in the highs.

Atherton got places from shot putter Cliff Kittle and Larry Jones in the 440. Kittle tossed the ball 53-3/4 for fourth place and Jones ran sixth.

Other area places found Clio's Dennis Hewitt fourth in the low hurdles and teammate Greg Williams seventh in the highs, Holly's Tom White was sixth in the lows. Bendle's Randy Coleman tied for seventh in the high jump and Fenton's Mile relay was eighth.

THREE MEET records were established. Jim Miller, a 6-7 senior from Sturgis, high jumped 6-5 to shatter the 6-2 1/2 mark set by Ecorse's Jerry Holmes in 1960.

Ron Kutschinski burned the cinders with a 1:53.8 in the 880. The East Grand Rapids star who's headed for U of M, surpassed the old record of 1:56.1 by Charlotte's Mike Martins in 1962.

The greatest crowd pleaser was Vassar's Bob Johnson in the shot put. Johnson, who's reached 60 feet several times,

won the state title with a 59-5 1/2 toss, bettering his 1964 record of 57-5.

The summary:

High Jump—1. Jim Miller, Sturgis. 2. Eric Jackson, Mount Clemens Clintondale. 3. Pat Howard, Albion. 4. Tom Van Horn, Cranbrook. 5. Bud Fisher, Fruitport. 6. Gary Harris, Corunna. 7. (tie between) Randall Coleman, Flint Bendle; Reed Attenberg, Redford St. Mary; and George Miles, River Rouge. Height—6 feet 5 inches. (New record, old record 6-2 1/2 by Jerry Holmes of Ecorse, 1960.)

Broad Jump—1. Pat Howard, Albion. 2. Ed Wells, Romulus. 3. Richard Fox, Flint St. Michael. 4. George Miller, Vassar. 5. Curt Beimers, Lowell. 6. Paul Schneider, Harper Woods Lutheran East. 7. Barry Peeps, Shelby. 8. Dennis POPPS, Muskegon Orchard View. Distance: 21 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

Mile Relay—1. River Rouge (Allen Walker, George Miles, Ron Lane, Eric Peterson). 2. Dearborn Riverside. 3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook. 4. Howell. 5. Marshall. 6. Saline. 7. Wyoming Park. 8. Fenton. 9. Haslett. 10. Romulus. Time: 3:28.6.

Fenton—Ron Warde, Jack Wardie, Jack Taylor, Mick Chambers and Don Madden.

Shot put — 1. Robert Johnson, Vassar. 2. Rocco Rossi, Detroit St. Anthony. 3. Tom Vanderwill, Dearborn Sacred Heart. 4. Cliff Kittle, Flint Atherton. 5. Joe Aufray, Ionia. 6. Randy Dietz, St. Louis. 7. Dan Quist, Grand Rapids Kentwood. 8. Phil Tibey, Rockford. Distance — 58 feet 5 1/2 inches (new record, old record 57 feet, 5 inches set by Johnson in 1964).

880-yard run — 1. Ron Kutschinski, East Grand Rapids. 2. Rich Stevens, Dearborn Riverside. 3. Robert Crocker, Paw Paw. 4. Dale Stanley, Avondale. 5. Anton Presecan, Marshall. 6. Charles Gardner, River Rouge. 7. Craig Rosenberg, Wyoming Rogers. 8. Tom Swett, Oxford. T—1:53.8. (new record, old record 1:56.1 by Michael Martins, Charlotte, in 1962).

44-yard run — Eric Peterson, River Rouge. 2. Earl Windlav, Bangor. 3. Hicks, Willow Run. 4. Tom Trumble, Jackson Northwest. 5. Clyde Nelson, Romulus. 6. Barry Jones, Flint Atherton. 7. John Wintermute, Haslett. 8. Vince McMullen, Ecorse. T—30.2.

100-yard dash — 1. Clarence Sabbath, River Rouge. 2. Dick Fox, Flint St. Michael. 3. Rich Coleman, River Rouge. 4. Tim Kelley, Oxford. 5. Don Cook, Lansing Gabriel. 6. Jerry Mokma, West Ottawa. 7. Marty Hooker, Paw Paw. 8. Dave Hagger, Allegan. T—10.5.

180-yard low hurdles — 1. Jim Seymour, Royal Oak Shrine. 2. Kurt Beimers, Lowell. 3. Eugene Wilson, River Rouge. 4. Dennis Hewitt, Clio. 5. Dennis Popp, Muskegon Orchard View. 6. Tom White, Holly. 7. Gary Harris, Corunna. 8. Richard Miller, Romulus. T—20.2.

220-yard dash—1. Jim Wood, Mount Morris. 2. Clarence Sabbath, River Rouge. 3. Rich Coleman, Willow Run. 4. Jerry Gleton, Ecorse. 5. Chester Wright, River Rouge. 6. Jerry Mokma, West Ottawa. 7. Bill Cuwin, Cadillac. 8. Larry Pole Vault — 1. Mike May, Vassar. 2. Dennis Wilder, North Muskegon. 3. Mike McDonough, Detroit Lutheran West. 4. Bill Bekkering, Fremont. 5. Neal Boynton, Cadillac. 6. Larry Groomridge, Cass City. 7. Ralph Demman, Jackson Northwest. 8. (tie between) Willie Purifoy, Ecorse, and Bob Huggins, Cheshaning. Height—13-2.

880-yard relay — 1. River Rouge (Chester Wright, Will Wright, Eugene Wilson and Clarence Sabbath). 2. Ecorse. 3. Willow Run. 4. Albion. 5. Royal Oak Shrine. 6. Oxford. 7. Grand Rapids West Ottawa. 8. Cranbrook. 9. Flint St. Michael. 10. Allegan. Time: 1:32.1.

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Mile — 1. Steve Bishop, Vicksburg. 2. Dean Rosenberg, North Muskegon. 3. Ken Head, Milan. 4. Steve Assenmacher, Dearborn Divine Child. 5. Don Strang, Detroit Lutheran West. 6. Eric Skidmore, Vicksburg. 7. Phil Klein, Flint St. Michael. 8. Howard Schunk, Garden City. West. 4:22.8.

120-yard high hurdles — 1. Walter Thomas, Ecorse. 2. Mel Allen, Romulus. 3. Kurt Beimers, Lowell. 4. Al Davis, Cassopolis. 5. Sam Campbell, River Rouge. 6. Doug Moss, Parma Western. 7. Gary Williams, Clio. 8. Gary Harris, Corunna. 15.0.

Team Totals — River Rouge 61, Willow Run 26, Ecorse 24, Albion and Vassar 21, Romulus 20, Lowell 17, Cranbrook, Flint St. Michael and Dearborn Riverside 16, North Muskegon and Royal Oak Shrine 14, Oxford 11, West Ottawa, Marshall and Vicksburg 10, Detroit Lutheran West 9, Mt. Morris, Sturgis, East Grand Rapids, Flint Atherton and Paw Paw 8, Jackson Northwest, Howell, Clintondale, Clio, Bangor and Detroit St. Anthony 7, Milan, Corunna, Dearborn Sacred Heart and Cadillac 6, Saline, Dearborn Divine Child, Cassopolis, Avondale, Muskegon Orchard View and Fremont 5, Wyoming Park, Fruitport, Haslett, Lansing Gabriels, Ionia and Crosswell-Lexington 4, Detroit Harper Woods Lutheran East, Fenton, Parma-Western, Holly, Cass City and St. Louis 3, Shelby, Wyoming Rogers and Grand Rapids Kentwood 2, Pinconning, Rockford, Flint Bendle and Redford St. Mary 1, Cheshaning 1/2.

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