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Soo Blue Devils Snare U.P. Track

Kingsford Misses Bid For Sweep Of Honors

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HOUGHTON—The Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils stepped between Kingsford and a clean sweep of all Upper Peninsula large school athletics honors for the year in the U.P. Class A-B track and field finals here Saturday.

Kingsford, already crowned champion of the Peninsula large school division in basketball and football, was shooting for a shutout by capturing the track championship as well.

Soo, however, edged into the track throne room with 37½ points to 36 for the runnerup Flivvers in a two-way battle that extended through the final event of the meet. Escanaba finished third with 26 points and Gladstone fourth with 22.

Paced by a speedster Bob VanKirk who won the 100 and the broad jump and seconds in both the 100 and 220 dashes, Brad Stouffer won the low hurdles, finished second in the high hurdles and fifth in the high jump for another vital Blue Devil contribution.

Berlinski Double Champ

Soo had only one other individual winner in Brian Stanaway who churned to a new record in the 440 yard dash with a 52.6 clocking.

Kingsford's Dick Berlinski also turned a painful knee injury to bag a pair of firsts in the dash specialties, stopping the 100 in 10.7 and the 220 in 23 flat. He also ran on the winning 880 relay team that set a new record of 1:33.5, breaking he old record of 1:34.25 set last year by an Escanaba unit.

Two Eskymo Winners

Escanaba produced a pair of individual champions in Bill Sarnowski and Jim Boyle Sarnowski successfully defended his shot put title with a toss of 51 feet 7 inches. The Eskymo had the top three putters as Jim Hansen finished second and Steve Johnson third.

Boyle, a standout sophomore, dropped the high hurdles in 16.5 to upset both Stouffer of the Soo and Gladstone's Ron Eustean. Boyle also had a fourth in the lows.

Carl Nelson grabbed a blue ribbon for the Gladstone Braves with a 2:10.2 clocking in his section of the half mile run. Eskymo was second in the lows and third in the high hurdles.

Jim Gross Second

Among the other first place finishers was Paul LaPoint of Newberry who ran a 4:42.1 mile.

Other Eskymo earning points were Paul Miller in the high jump, Jim Gross in the 180 and Gary Vanderville in the 100 and 220 dashes.

Also earning points for Gladstone were the mile and half mile relay teams, Mike Gobert in the 100, Gary England in the mile and Jim Carlson in the shot put.

Jim Gross of Holy Name placed second in his section of the 880 yard run.

Summary

Points—Soo 37½, Kingsford 36, Escanaba 26, Gladstone 22, Ishpeming 14, Marquette, 13, Iron River 8, Rockford 8, Newberry 7, Ironwood 6½, Iron Mountain 5, Holy Name 3, Munising 2, Manistique 2.

High jump — Frank (H), Gotthelf (Ish), Decker (Iron), Miller (E), Stouffer (S) 5-10

Shot put — Sarnowski (E), Hansen (E), Johnson (E), Fis-sette (Mar), Carlson (G), 51-7

Pole vault — McCarthy (K), Hoskins (C), Seglund (Mun), Mouina (Mar), tied for fifth Slurie (I), Dougherty (St), Drutkowski (I). 12-0. New record. Old record 11-11½ by Quentin Minkin, Ironwood, 1962.

Broad jump — VanKirk (St), Stouffer (St), Bellaire (Mich), Franson (K), Meyer (IR). 20-10

880 relay — Kingsford, Soo, Rapyard, Gladstone, Iron River, 1:33.5. New record. Old record 1:34.25 by Escanaba, 1964.

Mile — LaPoint (Newb), Montalvo (Ish), England (G), Peterson (Mar), Fraser (St). 4:42.1

High hurdles — Boyle (E), Stouffer (St), Elsbreen (G), Sauter (IM), Costola (Mar) 16.5

880 1st Section — Norkooli (G), Sullivan (IM), Kravetz (I), Pilarbo (St). 2:10.2

880 2nd Section — Parkkonen (Ish), Gross (HN), McCutcheon (Iron), Perry (Mar). 2:06

120 low hurdles — Stanaway (K), Gilbert (K), McMath, DeBrincat (R). 32.6. New record. Old record 33.1 set by Hendrickson, Newberry, 1963.

440 2nd Section — Berg (Mar), Dominici (IR), tied for third B. Johnson (E), and Dessort (Mar), Pilarbo (S). 53.1

100 dash — Berlinski (K), VanKirk (S), Raymond (K), Gobert (G), Vanderville (E). 10.1

Low hurdles — Stouffer (S), Elsbreen (G), Mugford (C), Boyle (E), Martindale (New) 21.7

220 dash — Berlinski (K), VanKirk (S), Raymond (K), Vanderville (E), Powell (Mich). 23.6

Mile relay — Kingsford, Iron River, Soo, Gladstone, Ishpeming. 3:37.8

MISSING EFFORT

The official summary of the Upper Peninsula Class A-B track meet at Houghton, released by Michigan Tech officials following the event, does not include the longest throw by Escanaba's Bill Sarnowski in the shot put. His best toss went 51 feet 6 inches. His second best effort, 51-7, is listed as the winning distance.

Gwinn, L'Anse Share Top Spot In Class C Division

HOUGHTON — The Gwinn (Hi), Saiman (G) 10-10½, Model Towners reached the top of the ladder in Upper Peninsula Class C track competition for the first time in history here Saturday, sharing the crown with L'Anse.

Gwinn scored only two individual winners to go with a second place finish by Stephenson and Lorette to edge out Stephenson with 24.

Gwinn scored only two individual winners to go with impressive depth. Bob Jackson took the mile in 4:40.6 and Jack Bessert the 180 yard low hurdles in 22.1.

Individual star of the meet was sophomore Ray Sibley of Waterford who took firsts in the broad jump, 100 yard dash and 220 yard dash. He set a new record in the furlong, tying the old mark of 23.1 set by Dave Hegg of Ontonagon also established a new record when he ran the half mile in 2:01.1, as did both the 880 and mile relay teams from L'Anse.

Jerry Lotti of Stephenson was an individual standout with a first in the shot put, a first in the high hurdles and a second in the high jump.

Summary

Points — L'Anse 37, Kingsford 24, Houghton 23, Waterford 22, St. Ignace 21, Ontonagon 16, Ishpeming 15, Hancock 11, Bessemer 11, Lake Linden 11, Bishop Baraga 3, Newberry 2, Central Falls 2, Lake Linden 2.

High jump — Frank (Hi), Gotthelf (Ish), Decker (Iron), Miller (E), Stouffer (S) 5-10

Shot put — Lotti (Ste), Kilgore (Ont), Bessette (Ont), Kelly (Ke), Harrison (Ont), 48-7

Broad jump — Sibley (W), McDonald (LA), Jozilikka (Ho), Baker (BB), Pascarosa (Ho), Parson (ST 1), McPhie (Gw)

High jump — Pascarosa (Ho), Parson (ST 1), McPhie (Gw), Hegg (On), Murphy (Lat) 5-9

Pole vault — Smith (Wa), (Ha), Erickson (St), Forslund (Be), Larkovic (Ch), LaDoux (De), Karmaz (CF). 2-00.3

880 Second Section — Hegg (On), M. Dougherty (St), Dion (Ma), Hartwich (Ste) 2:03.1

880 relay — L'Anse, Gwinn, Ste. Marie, Ishpeming, Bessemer, Waterford, tied for fifth. Stephenson and Lorette 1:35.6. New record. Old record 1:36.2, Gwinn, 1960

Mile — Jackson (Gw), Friar (Ho), Belonga (St) 11, Hegg (On), Taylor (St) 1, 4:40.6

High hurdles — Lotti (St), Jozilikka (Ho), Baker (BB), High jump