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ST. JOE ATHLETES STEAL SHOW

Five Rotary Records Fall

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Benton Harbor played the role of host but St. Joseph boys turned out to be the life of the party in the eighth annual Twin City Rotary track meet Monday evening at Flitstrap Field. Athletes from the two St. Joseph high schools won only

four of the 14 events on the program but established new meet records in all four to provide some of the brightest moments of the competition. The St. Joe Bears of coach Joe Collins accounted for three records, with Mike Johnson clearing 12-6 1/2 in the pole vault to break his own mark of 12-4 established last year while both

the Bears' relay squads lived up to their reputation. The 800-yard relay unit of Barry Vance, Mike Miller, Ron Patzer and Jeff Starke clipped almost two seconds off Benton Harbor's 1964 record with a 1:38.9 clocking while the mile quintet of Ed Heiden, Miller, Vance and Starke ran away from the field in 3:30.7 to knock

3.8 seconds off Harbor's other '64 mark. The only other running record was set by St. Joseph Catholic star Skip Larsen, who held off John Barnes' charge to beat the Tiger by a whisker in their thrilling 440 duel. Larsen was clocked in 51.8 — two-tenths under the 1964 record of Waterliet's Dave Krall, who finished third last night as 54.1. Barnes also was timed in 51.8 to join teammate Donald Lewis as victims of fate in equalling record-setting performances but losing a share of the glory by the smallest margin possible. Lewis got off the best high jump of his career while matching the record leap of 6-1 1/4 by Brandywine's Jim Anthony, but was deprived of a first-place tie when he slipped on a practice run at a much lower height and was charged with an official miss. The old record of 6-1 even was set in 1962 by Harbor's Carl Mitchell.

The only other record that was seriously threatened was the high hurdle standard of 15.0 set by Buchanan's Gary Groat in 1963 and almost equalled last night by Buchanan's Jack Noldon who hit 15.1 for the best effort of his career. Noldon was a repeat winner in the highs and also added the low hurdles title to finish as one of two double winners. The

other Niles sprinter was Dorie Blair, who duplicated his 1964 sweep of both dash events. Other defending champions who retained their titles were Benton Harbor's John Rudley in the long jump and Brandywine's John Tolliver in the shot put. Tolliver was one of the day's biggest surprises as he broke 50 feet for the first time in his career with a heave of 51.7 to beat out favored teammate Dale Clark, who finished second at 50.9.

The two longest individual events also were surprising after a fashion as Greg Grosse of Three Oaks won the mile over Harbor's Bob Lower with ailing defending champion Frank Zavits of Niles third, while Duane Guengerich of Niles failed to break the 880 record as expected despite a strong push from Benton Harbor's Bob Weber, who finished second with a career peak of 2:04.5.

Guengerich still finished as the top individual performer with 11 points on his 880 victory and a pair of thirds in the high jump and long jump. Retiring Bard school Ben Riemersma served as honorary referee for the well-run meet, while Miss Benton Harbor, Connie Foster, and Miss St. Joseph, Jan Jespersen, presented medals to the winners.

The Summary

Shot Put—1. Tolliver (Brandywine), 2. Clark (Brandywine), 3. Vlado (Eau Claire), 4. Broomlake (Buchanan), 5. McCoy (Benton Harbor). Distance: 51' 7".

Long Jump—1. Rudley (Benton Harbor), 2. Satch (Eau Claire), 3. Grosse (Niles), 4. Brown (Buchanan), 5. Anthony (Brandywine). Distance: 21' 5 1/2".

High Jump—1. Anthony (Brandywine), 2. Lewis (Benton Harbor), 3. Guengerich (Niles), 4. Schmalitz (Bridgman), 5. Best (Buchanan). Height: 6' 1 1/4". (New meet record.)

Pole Vault—1. Johnson (St. Joseph), 2. Stewart (Lakeshore), 3. The West (Waterliet), Zahl (Columbia) and L. McCoy (Benton Harbor). Height: 12' 6 1/2". (New meet record.)

440-Yard Freestyle Relay—1. Niles (Lewis, Mack, Ballinger, Adams), 2. Benton Harbor, 3. Buchanan, 4. Collins, 5. Berrien Springs. Time: 48.4.

800-Yard Relay—1. St. Joseph (Vance, Miller, Patzer, Starke), 2. Benton Harbor, 3. Niles, 4. Gales, 5. Buchanan. Time: 1:38.9. (New meet record.)

Mile Run—1. Grosse (Three Oaks), 2. Lower (Benton Harbor), 3. Tetzle (Niles), 4. DeLisle (Benton Harbor), 5. Hoover (Niles). Time: 3:30.7.

120-Yard High Hurdles—1. Noldon (Buchanan), 2. Patton (Benton Harbor), 3. Mitchell (Benton Harbor), 4. Oakland (Lakeshore), 5. Dash (Niles). Time: 25.1.

440-Yard Run—1. Guengerich (Niles), 2. Weber (Benton Harbor), 3. Crumser (Benton Harbor), 4. Smith (Gales), 5. Nye (Lakeshore). Time: 2:04.5.

440-Yard Dash—1. Larsen (St. Joseph Catholic), 2. Barnes (Benton Harbor), 3. Krall (Waterliet), 4. McKinney (Buchanan), 5. Klootenhuis (Three Oaks). Time: 51.8. (New meet record.)

160-Yard Dash—1. Blair (Niles), 2. Patzer (St. Joseph), 3. Woods (Benton Harbor), 4. Rudley (Benton Harbor), 5. Schaban (St. Joseph). Time: 18.4.

80-Yard Low Hurdles—1. Noldon (Buchanan), 2. Johnson (St. Joseph), 3. Patton (Benton Harbor), 4. Mitchell (Berrien Springs), 5. Mitchell (Benton Harbor). Time: 21.1.

200-Yard Dash—1. Blair (Niles), 2. Patzer (St. Joseph), 3. Prizell (Benton Harbor), 4. Bodewad (Waterliet), 5. Johnson (Benton Harbor). Time: 21.2.

Mile Relay—1. St. Joseph (Heiden, Vance, Barnes), 2. Benton Harbor, 3. St. Joseph Catholic, 4. Gales, 5. Three Oaks. Time: 3:30.7. (New meet record.)



OVER THE TOP: St. Joseph pole vaulter Mike Johnson (left) and Benton Harbor high jumper Donald Lewis are headed for different kinds of landings, but both were over the top with new Rotary records. Lewis was deprived of official recognition, however, because of a miss at lower height. (Redman photos)



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