

Bishop Sets New Mile Record Here

One of Three Marks Broken in Champion of Champions Track

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Three records were broken, one equaled and a Flint Central hurdler was named outstanding athlete at the 10th annual Champion of Champions track and field meet Saturday in Western Michigan's Waldo Stadium.

A disappointing crowd of nearly 400 fans looked on as prep standouts from around the state competed in chilly, late afternoon wind gusts.



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District Playoff to Ohio State

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State, the Big Ten baseball champion, polished off Detroit 10-7 Saturday to sweep undefeated through the NCAA District 4 finals and win a place in the College World Series at Omaha June 7.

The Buckeyes took the measure of once-beaten Detroit in a free-hitting affair. The winners used three pitchers to the losers' one.

The big blow of the championship game came in the seventh inning when Bucks' centerfielder Russ Nagelson smacked a three-run homer to put Ohio State ahead 8-4. Detroit came back with three runs in the eighth. But in the bottom half of the same inning the Bucks put the game out of reach of the Motor City team with two runs on four hits.

Arnie Chonko, Ohio State captain and first baseman, got three hits in four times at bat. He batted in two runs and scored two others.

Connolly and Boston Eclipse World Records

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — World records in the long jump and hammer throw fell Saturday to veterans Ralph Boston and Hal Connolly in the 24th annual California Relays.

Boston jumped 27 feet, 5 inches on his final leap of competition. Connolly hurled the 16-pound hammer 233 feet, 2 inches on his fourth attempt in the afternoon.

Both eclipsed world records they already held—Boston at 27-4¼ and Connolly at 231-10.

Winner of the Outstanding Athlete Award was Flint Central's Len Hatchett. A trophy for the junior hurdler's feat was presented to Flint Central High School by the Gazette.

Hatchett raced to victory in both the low and high hurdles, eclipsing the meet mark of :19.8 with a :19.4 clocking in the lows and ran a leg on the winning 880-yard relay team.

Last year's outstanding athlete and defending mile champion, Jim Giachino of University High, who finished fourth was beaten in the event by Vicksburg's Steve Bishop. Bishop bettered the meet's top time of 4:20.1 set by Giachino a year ago, coming from behind to win in 4:18.7.

North Muskegon's Dean Rosenberg finished second and John Schrader of Wyandotte River-view was third.

Giachino led for better than three quarters of mile, Bishop challenging at the half and Muskegon's Dean Rosenberg on the final lap. But in the back stretch Giachino and Rosenberg spent themselves. With 50 yards to go Bishop streaked from third place and pulled ahead of Rosenberg to win.

Bishop won the state Class B mile last weekend in 4:22.8, after running the 440 most of the season. Did the race turn out as he expected it to? "That's the way I planned to run it," said Bishop afterward, "my strategy was to hang back until the end."

The 440-yard dash record was smashed by Bangor's Earl Winblad and Rich Stevens of Dearborn Heights who tied for first with times of :49.8. The previous mark was :50.3 set by South Haven's Dick Gaston in 1962.

Another record was equaled when Gary Knickerbocker of Manchester leaped 6 feet, 5¼ inches in the high jump. Delbert Littlejohn, brother of former WMU great, Alonzo Littlejohn, won the event in 1964 at the same height.

The other multiple winner was Kerchival Patterson of Ypsilanti. He was victorious in the 100 and 220-yard dashes with times of :09.9 and :22.1 respectively.

Other than Bishop's and Winblad's performances in the mile and 440, Kalamazoo area athletes didn't fair well. Loy Norrix' Doug Slater finished third

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Bishop Tours Route In Record 4:18.7

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in the long jump and Mark De-Young fifth in the low hurdles.

Despite the number of participants and poor weather conditions, the Champion of Champions meet went off smoothly. Credit must be awarded to meet director John Ripmaster, who coordinated the operation and Steve Stevens, in charge of inviting the participating athletes.

The summary:

Mile run — 1 Steve Bishop, Vicksburg, 2 Rosenberg, North Muskegon, 3 Schrader, Wyandotte; 4, Giachino, Kalamazoo U High, 5 Skidmore, Vicksburg Time — 4:18.7 (New champions' record)

Shot put — 1 Robert Johnson Vassar, 2 Catallo, East Detroit; 3 Harris, Ypsilanti, 4 Kittle, Flint Atherton, 5 Smith, Saginaw Distance — 60 feet, 3 inches

120-yard high hurdles — 1. Len Hatchett, Flint Central, 2 DeYoung, Loy Norrix, 3 Beimers, Lowell, 4 Barnes, Centreville 5 Butler, Inkster Robichaud Time — 14.8

880-yard run — 1 Pat Wilson Roseville, 2 Love, Flint Central, 3 Prescecan Marshall, 4 Pegg, Martin, 5 Crane Redford Union Time — 1:55.7

Long jump — 1 Al Phillips, Detroit Thurston, 2 Scheeler, Davison, 3 Slates, Loy Norrix; 4 Hewitt, Clio, 5 Thomas, Ecorse Distance — 22 feet, 8½ inches

High jump — 1 Gary Kinckerbocker, Manchester, 2 Loiselle, Flint Holy Redeemer; 3 Jordan, Fennville, 4 Miller, Sturgis, 5 Phillips, Detroit Thurston Height — 6 feet 5¼ inches (Ties champions' record)

440-yard dash — 1 Earl Winblad, Bangor and Rich Stevens, Dearborn Heights (tie), 3 Battle, Ypsilanti, 5 Bristol, Detroit Thurston and Wehrein, Roseville (tie) Time — .49.8 (New champions' record)

100-yard dash — 1 Kerchival Patterson, Ypsilanti, 2 Hoef, Flint Central, 3 Szycth, Warren Lincoln, 4 Cobb, Flint Northern, 5 Speelman Ann Arbor U High Time — .09.9

180-yard low hurdles — 1 Len Hatchett Flint Central, 2 Hewitt Clio and Ford, Morency (tie), 4 Beimer, Lowell, 5 DeYoung Loy Norrix Time — 19.4 (New champions' record)

220 yard dash — 1 Kerchival Patterson, Ypsilanti, 2 Hoey Flint Central, 3 Ryals, Lansing Everett, 4 Madason Roseville, 5 Thornhill Roseville Time — 22.1

Mile relay — 1 Roseville (Voss, Weiarwein, Matterson, Wilson) 1 Time — 3:23.7

880 yard relay — 1 Flint Central (Hatchett Love, Hoey, Johnson) Time — 1:29.6

Pole vault — 1 Neal Boyton, Cadillac, 2 Syerling, Jonesville, 3 Ward, Grand Blance and Schnarr, Lansing Everett (tie), 5 Wilder, Clio Height — 13 feet, 6 inches

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