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HEIGHTS TOPS TIGERS BY SEVEN

Harbor 2nd In LMAC Track

MUSKEGON — A 53-point performance was good enough to win the Lake Michigan Athletic Conference track championship last year, but it left Benton Harbor seven points short of success here Friday night.

Coach Bob Boyle's Tigers matche Muskegon's winning 1964 total but still fell short of their goal as Muskegon Heights piled up 60 points to take the title in a seven-team meet that turned into a two-team battle.

Heights and Harbor outscored the other five teams put together, with Traverse City finishing third with 34 points, Muskegon fourth with 19, Grand Haven fifth with 15 and newcomer Muskegon Catholic playing the perfect host by sharing last place with Holland at seven points apiece.

Benton Harbor won five events and placed second in four others, but was hurt badly by a lack of scoring depth in the field events and Heights' overpowering strength in the distance runs.

Led by Donzel Neal in the mile and Don Banks in the 880, Heights outpointed Harbor 16-5 in the two longest events on the program to account for more than the winning margin.

It could have been even worse as Heights came close to scoring 1-2 sweeps in both events. Benton Harbor's Bob Lower turned on a strong kick in the mile to edge Heights' Charles Wilkins by only four-tenths of a second for second place, while Bob Kortokrax of Traverse City prevented a sweep in the 880 by only two-tenths of a second.

The other thorn in the Tigers' side was versatile Pete McLemore, who gave Heights the only double winner of the meet by taking both hurdle races and added a second-place finish in the long jump to take individual scoring honors with 14 points.

Benton Harbor's John Rudley was second in the scoring derby with 10¼ points as he successfully defended his long jimp title, finished second in the 100-yard dash and ran a leg on the Tigers' winning 880 relay unit along with Steve Woods, Art Kellie and Dennis Frizzell.

Harbor's other victories were recorded by Frizzell in the 220, John Barnes in the 440 and Donald Lewis in the high jimp, where he equaled the conference record of 6-¼ set by Benton Harbor's Eavlin Anderson in 1963.

The only other record set in the 40 degree winds at the Muskegon Catholic field was a 12-6½ pole vault effort by Traverse City's Dick Wollam, who led the Trojans in a 1-2-3 slam of the event.

Ernie Patton was Harbor's second-ranking point-getter with second-place finishes in both hurdle events, while Woods took third in the 100, Bill Callahan fourth in the 220, Lee McCoy fourth in the pole vault and Bob Weber fifth in the 880.

Harbor also finished third behind Heights in the mile relay finale, but it was almost a meaningless race as Heights needed only a fifth-place finish to sew up the title and could have tied for the championship without finishing at all.

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Shot Put—1. Bob Diller (TC), 2. Johnson (MH), 3. Palmer (GH), 4. Collins (M), 5. Russ (MH). Distance: 46' 10½."

Long Jump—1. John Rudley (BH), 2. McLemore (MH), 3. Lee (H), 4. Werley (M), 5. Brock (GH). Distance: 21' 6".

High Jump—1. Donald Lewis (BH), 2. Davis (MH), 3. Petty (M), 4. Godsman (GH), 5. Jones (MCC). Height: 6' ¼". (Ties conference record).

Pole Vault—1. Dick Wollam (TC), 2. Owens (TC), 3. Selkirk (TC), 4. McCoy (BH)), 5. Van Mastrek (M). Height: 12' 6½". (New conference record).

880-Yard Relay—1. Benton Harbor (Woods, Kellie, Rudley, Frizzell), 2. Muskegon Heights, 3. Muskegon Catholic Central, 4. Traverse City, 5. Muskegon. Time: 1:32.8.

Mile Run—1. Donzel Neal (MH), 2. Lower (BH), 3. Wilkins (MH), 4. Marnett (TC), 5. Fegley (GH). Time: 4:41.1.

120-Yard High Hurdles—1. Pete McLemore (MH), 2. Patton (BH), 3. Werley (M), 4. LaMott (TC), 5. Mitchell (BH). Time: 15.6.

880-Yard Run—1. Don Banks (MH), 2. Kortokrax (TC), 3. Frierson (MH), 4. Zylman (H), 5. Weber (BH). Time: 2:00.5.

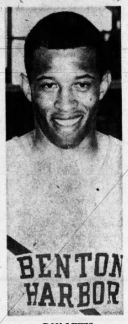
440-Yard Dash—1. John Barnes (BH), 2. Godsman (GH), 3. Steendam (M), 4. Tisch (MCC), 5. DeLong (MCC). 52.2.

100-Yard Dash—1. Paul Myles (MH), 2. Rudley (BH), 3. Woods (BH), 4. Notier (H), 5. Paavola (M). Time: 10.7.

180-Yard Low Hurdles—1. Pete McLemore (MH), 2. Patton (BH), 3. Evans (TC), 4. LaMott (TC), 5. Cole (M). Time: 20.9.

220-Yard Dash—1. Dennis Frizzell (BH), 2. Myles (MH), 3. Steele (MH), 4. Callahan (BH), 5. Paavola (M). Time: 23.5.

Mile Relay—1. Muskegon Heights (Neal, Watson, Steele, Banks), 2. Grand Haven, 3. Benton Harbor, 4. Traverse City, 5. Muskegon. Time: 3:35.5.



DON LEWIS
Ties High Jump Mark

Watervliet Wins 3rd Title In Row With Rout Of Irish

By JOHN CARSON
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WATERVLIET—An inning in which 10 or more players on a baseball team come to bat is a scorekeeper's nightmare which produces scribbled-in alterations of the scorebook. And it also produces a minimum of four runs.

The Watervliet Panthers came up with two such innings Friday good for five runs each — and didn't need either one — in winning their third straight Little Eight championship with a 12-1 victory over St. John's.

Ten Panthers came to the plate in the first inning and opened by filling the bases on singles by Rick Beam and Dave Muth and an error. Then Irish starter Ron Pelkey walked in three runs before giving way to Bruce Krieger who got out of the jam with two more runs scoring on an error and an infield out.

Watervliet didn't have another baserunner until the fourth inning when eight of 10 batters reached. In that frame, singles by Bill Cartwright, Dan Rodewald, Muth, Bob Thornburg and Julian Fotre plus three St. John's errors, a wild pitch and a passed ball extended the Panther lead to 10-0.

Such prolific scoring was merely frosting on the championship cake for the Panthers, however, as lanky Watervliet righthander Dale Beck scattered a stingy allotment of three hits and three walks. His defense was shakier then usual though, committing five errors.

Three of the miscues produced Irish baserunners, and the other two let in the only St. John's run. In the fifth inning, Kevin McCrone singled and took second on a groundout. Beck tried to pick him off, but no one covered second. The ball went into the outfield, allowing McCrone to reach third, and the retrieve was bobbled, letting him score.

In their half of the inning, the Panthers sent "only" seven men to the plate—but still got all the runs they would have needed to win the game. A walk and singles by Rodewald, Muth and Thornburg plus Beck's sacrifice fly sent across the final two runs of the Little Eight season.

Watervliet finished with a 7-1 record followed by St. Joseph Catholic 6-2, St. John's 4-4, Hartford 2-6 and Decatur 1-7.

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St. John's (1)	AB	R	H	Watervliet (12)	AB	R	H
Mandarino,ss	4	0	1	Rodewald,rf	5	2	3
Sink,rf,1b	3	0	0	Beam,ss	5	2	1
Spink,cf,lf	3	0	0	Muth,3b	4	2	3
Demch'ski,lf	1	0	0	Beck,p	3	2	0
Pelkey,p,cf	3	0	0	Thornburg,1b	3	2	2
Loeffler,cf	0	0	0	Fotre,c	3	1	1
Pence,lf	0	0	0	Jarvis,lf	3	0	0
Krieger,p	3	0	0	Cartwright,cf	2	0	1
Salvano,3b	0	0	0	We'k'th,ph,cf	2	0	0
Longpre,2b	2	0	0	Olmsted,2b	2	1	0
Merrill,1b	3	0	1				
Darato,rf	0	0	0				
McC'ne,2b,3b	3	1	1				
Brownlow,c	1	0	0				
Phelan,ph	1	0	0				
TOTALS	27	1	3	TOTALS	32	12	11

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Watervliet 500 520 x—12

RBI—Beck, Thornburg 3, Fotre 3, Jarvis, Olmsted. E—Beck, Weckwerth, Olmsted 2, Beam, Salvano 2, McCrone, Pelkey, Mandarino.

LOB—St. John's 8, Watervliet 8. SF—Beck. WP—Krieger. PB—Brownlow 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pelkey (L)	1/3	2	5	2	3	0
Krieger	5 2/3	9	7	3	2	1
Beck (W)	7	3	1	0	3	10

Legion Baseball Loop Sets June 11 Opener

The Blue-Gray American Legion baseball league will open its 12th year of operation when St. Joseph Post 163 hosts Lakeshore at Riverview Park on June 11 at 8 p.m.

The 13-team league will complete its regular schedule no later than Aug. 7. Then a best-two-out-of-three championship series will be played to decide the league champion with the on the home field of the south top team of the north playing in the first game.

Teams in the south division include St. Joseph Post 163, Benton Harbor Post 105, Lakeshore, Three Oaks, Berrien Springs, Buchanan and Niles.

Clubs in the north half will include the St. Joseph Lakers, Benton Harbor Merchants, Benton Harbor Post 410, Allegan, South Haven and Watervliet.

The league had 12 teams last season with Allegan winning the north half and St. Joseph Post 163 the south. St. Joseph was awarded the league championship when Allegan failed to agree on a playoff site

Two new teams, the St. Joseph Lakers and Niles Post 26 join the league this season. Paw Paw, a member of the north last season, failed to send a representative to the schedule-making meeting Thursday night and will not be included in league play.

Russ Jorgensen was elected president of the league Thursday to replace Roger Webb of Fennville. Warren Rogers of Allegan replaces Jorgensen as vice-president and Jake Shubinski remains at secretary-treasurer.

Lawton Spoils Decatur's Rally

LAWTON — Decatur scored seven runs in the sixth inning Friday to tie Lawton, 7-7, but won, 8-7 in the seventh, John Weurding won in relief of Danny Waite with Larry Wickett drawing the loss.

For Lawton, Dave Frank had a triple, double and single and Doug Noble had a double, single and the winning RBI.

L.C. Makes Honor Team

Benton Harbor basketball star L. C. Bowen was one of 100 prep cagers throughout the nation named to the second annual high school All-America team selected by Coach and Athlete magazine.

Bowen received his award Thursday from Edward Gifford of the Nehi-Royal Crown bottling Company, representing co-sponsor Royal Crown Cola.

Selection of the All-America team was made from more than 100,000 high school basketball players by polling coaches and sportwriters in all 50 states. An additional 500 players received honorable mention.

Bangor Wins

BANGOR — Tim Rynearson struck out 14 and limited Galesburg-Augusta to two hits Friday as Bangor won its first KVA baseball game in three tries, 8-3.

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