

Middleville's VanElst Sets Shotput Record

By DON THOMAS

MOUNT PLEASANT—Burlly Gary Van Elst, the sensational Middleville High School sophomore, was one of three top record holders here Saturday afternoon in the giant Central Michigan University relays.

VanElst's record breaking shotput performance of 53 feet, 10½ inches was one of the highlights of the two-day affair as powerful Flint Central totaled 51 points to win its second straight class A title while Haslett won the class C division with 49½ points and ended Battle Creek St. Phillips' two-year reign as champion.

In class A, Pontiac finished second with 46 points, followed by Lansing Sexton with 29, Flint Northern with 26 and Ann Arbor 25. New Haven took the runner-up spot in class C with 22 points, followed by defending champion Battle Creek St. Phillips with 19½, while Traverse City, North Branch and Mayville tied for fourth with 14 points each.

On Friday night, Cranbrook broke River Rouge's four-year class B domination, rolling up 57 points. But the outstanding team event came from a five-man unit from Kinde North Huron, which scored 34 points to walk off with the class D crown.

The 26th annual Mount Pleasant track meet is billed as the nation's largest. A total of 204 schools and 3,455 athletes competed. The winning schools are rated heavy favorites for state prep track crowns held late in May.

The 240-pound VanElst easily dominated the class C shotputters when he tossed the 12-pound ball 53 feet, 10½ inches on his final throw to break the old mark of 53-9½, set by Louis Fournier of Cheboygan Catholic Central in 1964.

"My first throw was the best, but I lost my balance and tripped over the toeboard and fouled," VanElst said after the meet. His first toss was 55 feet, 11 inches but it was disqualified.

Jamie Rohrbacher, also of Middleville, was fourth in the shot put with a toss of 46-8. Coach Ray Page's Trojans lost a chance for team honors when top sprinter Tom Warner injured his foot in the pole vault and sat out the afternoon. Middleville's six-point total came in the shot put.

Times were slowed somewhat by the muddy conditions on the track due to a heavy rainfall Friday night. All of Saturday's records came in the field events with two being posted in the shot put.

Tony Wiensch of Benton Harbor had a record heave of 59-9 to easily top the old mark of 58-3 in winning the class A shotput. The

old mark was held by Pontiac Central's Brad Pritchett in 1961.

The class A pole vault was the last to fall by the wayside as Ron Shortt of Farmington and Fred Roll of East Detroit battled past the record to 13 feet, 6 inches. Shortt won out with a leap of 14 feet and it broke the old mark of 13-4½, set by Jim Haviland of Waterford Kettering in 1964. Jim Banhagel of Ionia finished fourth with a jump of 12-8.

Evert's Ned Smaltz won the class C long jump with a leap of 21-2 while Maurice Fetterly of White Cloud took the runnerup spot in the pole vault with 11-8.

Doug Huismann of Newaygo won the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 16 seconds flat, but had a tougher time in the lows, placing fifth.

Saranac's Dave Leary was third in the 100-yard dash with a 10.7, followed by Doug Smith of Traverse City St. Francis with 10.8.

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Team scoring in the 26th annual Central Michigan University Relays.

CLASS A
 1, Flint Central 51, Pontiac Central 46, Lansing Sexton 29, 4, Flint Northern 26, Ann Arbor 25, Birmingham Seaholm 24, 7, Roseville 19, 8, Mount Clemens 19, 9, Hazel Park 14, 10, Detroit Thurston 12, 11, East Detroit 10, 12, (tie) East Lansing; Farmington 9, 14, (tie) Lansing Eastern; Muskegon Catholic; Pontiac Northern; Waterford Kettering
 13, Flint Becher 19, Flint Northwestern 3, 20, (tie) Ionia; 51, Clair Shores Lakeview 2, 22, (tie) Bloomfield Hills; Muskegon Mona Shores 1.

CLASS C
 1, Haslett, 49½, 2, New Haven 2, 3, Battle Creek St. Phillip 19-3, 4, (tie) Traverse City St. Francis, North Branch, Mayville 14.7, Lainsburg 13.8, (tie) Ovid; Morley-Stanwood; Williamston 12, 11, (tie) Marlette; Shepherd; Farwell 10, 14, Perry; Union City; Evert 9, 17, North Muskegon 18, Saranac 7, 19, White Cloud, 6-2, 3, 20, (tie) Brandon; Akron-Fairgrove; Newaygo; Middleville 6, 24, Flint St. John Vianney 5½, 25, (tie) Hemlock; Montrose 5, 27, (tie) Michigan Lutheran Seminary; DeWitt 4-2, 3, 29, (tie) Charlevoix; Frankfort 4, 30, Alcona 3, 31, Flint Holy Redeemer 3, 32, Grass Lake 1-2, 3, 33, Pewamo-Westphalia 2-3.

CLASS A
 Two-mile relay—1, Flint Central (Jim Love, Charles Howard, Gary Laster, John Love) 2, Birmingham Seaholm, 3, Pontiac Northern, 2, Lansing Eastern, 5, East Detroit, 6, 25-30.
 Shot put—1, Tom Wench, Ann Arbor, 2, Guillermo Catalio, East Detroit 3, Paul Schmidt, Muskegon Catholic, 4, Chuck Iokko, Birmingham Seaholm, 5, Willie Love, Flint Central, 59.1 (Relay record: Ovid record, 58-3, Bradell Pritchett, Pontiac Central, 1961).

Central relay—1, Ann Arbor (Mike Simms, Ed Oxley, John Holl, Bruce Sharemet), 2, Flint Northern, 3, tie between Birmingham Seaholm and Lansing Sexton, 5, Lansing Eastern, 1:09.6.

High jump—1, Al Phillips, Detroit Thurston, 2, Freels Bacon, Flint Northern, 3, Mike Hill, Lansing Sexton, 4, Larry Platt, Pontiac Central, 5, Larry Platt, Pontiac Central, 6-1½.

Sprint medley—1, Pontiac Central (Bruce Turpis, Art Wiggins, Carl Williams, Bill Hollis), 2, Flint Northern, 3, Roseville, 4, Mount Clemens, 5, Lansing Sexton, 2:24.

120-yard high hurdles—1, Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central, 2, Charles Davis, Lansing Sexton, 3, Dave Kline, Waterford Kettering, 4, Greg Chryst, Birmingham Seaholm, 5, Dave Thomas, Muskegon Mona Shores 1:19.

Mile—1, Ivan Scholl, Roseville, 2, Len Leonowicz, Hazel Park, 3, Charles Gordon, Birmingham Seaholm, 4, John Bennett, St. Clair Shores Lakeview 5, Sterling Speirn, Bloomfield Hills, 4:30.8.

100-yard dash—1, Lewis Patton, Flint Central, 2, Craig Cossey, East Lansing, 3, Tom Buckley, Muskegon Catholic, 4, Lynn Peacock, Flint Central, 5, Charles Nole, Thurston, 10.4.

Middle-distance relay—1, Hazel Park (Gary Cornell, Horrell Fulcher, Flint Central, 2, Craig Cossey, East Lansing, 4, Fred Roll, East Detroit, 5, Richard McDowell, Waterford, 22-2½, 40-yard relay—1, Flint Central (Len Hatchell, Lynn Peacock, Gene Bowery, Lewis Patton), 2, Pontiac Central, 3, Flint Northern, 4, Ann Arbor, 5, Mount Clemens, 45.0.

Mile relay—1, Flint Central (John Love, Len Watson, Gary Laster, Jim Love), 2, Mount Clemens, 3, Ann Arbor 4, Birmingham Seaholm, 5, Lansing Sexton, 3:30.0.

Pole vault—1, Ron Shortt, Farmington, 2, Fred Roll, East Detroit, 3, Ken Franks, Pontiac Central, 4, James Banhagel, Ionia, 5, Eugene Lee, Flint Northern, 14-0 (Meel record. Old record 13-1½ set in 1964 by Jim Haviland of Waterford.)

800-yard relay—1, Lansing Sexton (Hershel Eaton, Jim Manuel, Charlie Davis, Curtis Gwin), 2, Flint Central, 3, Pontiac Central, 4, Mount Clemens, 5, Waterford Township, 1:33.4.

CLASS C
 Two-mile relay—1, Mayville (Clare Kreger, Ray Beach, Keith Terbusch, Al Fox), 2, Haslett, 3, Brandon, 4, Union City, 5, Flint St. John Vianney 8:47.9.
 Broad jump—1, Ned Scmalck, Evert, 2, John Hosen, North Branch, 3, Bill Watson, DeWitt, 4, Richard Chenuau,

Hillsdale College track Coach Rod the two Grand Rapids-freshmen running Larry Cowell, Creston High's top a ming Park's Fred Wicht are picking hurdle races for the Dale team, under triangular with Ashland College and S

"Both boys are excellent athletes," praises Halstad. "They are very determined and have tremendous pride."

"A good example of this came last week when we ran Ferris. Not to take anything away from Ferris, but I felt we should have won the meet quite handily. But with just three events left we were 18 points behind."

"We swept the two-mile and that left only the low hurdles and the relay. I felt we would win the relay, but we had to have a first and at least a third in the lows."

"Larry and Fred really responded to the challenge. Larry won the race and Fred tied for second, then we won the relay and the meet."

"Fred is only about 5-10 and not really as big as a hurdler is supposed to be," explains Halstad. "But he is really determined and every night spends extra time on improving his technique."

"It's a great position for a coach," grins Halstad. "Both are exceptional freshmen and have great potential. I just sit back and watch the competition."

"Actually, I would guess that Fred will develop into a better intermediate hurdler and Larry will dominate the highs."

Incidentally, the college intermediate hurdlers have been lengthened this year. In the past they were run over 330 yards but now the official NCAA distance is 440 yards—a punishing race.

In three dual meets this spring, Cowell has two firsts and a second in the interme-

New Haven, 5, Dave Arnold, Grass Lake 21 feet-2 inches.

Central relay—1, tie between Haslett (Don Richards, Ed Fisher, Bill Stanek, Jack Sambo) and New Haven (Gordon Lee, Dan LaMonte, Greg Davis, Richard Chenuau) 3, Morley-Stanwood, Frankfort, 5, Flint Holy Redeemer 112.8.

Pole Vault—1, Richard Good, Montrose, 2, Maurice Fetterly, White Cloud, 3, tie between Mike Vance, Flint St. John Vianney, and Don Ceill, Haslett 5, Bill Watson, DeWitt, 11-8.

Sprint medley relay—1, Battle Creek St. Phillip (Bill Bauman, Jack Schoben, John McVeigh, Jerry Quartermaine), 2, Traverse City St. Francis, 3, Shepherd, 4, Farwell, 5, Ovid, 4:39.2.

120-yard high hurdles—1, Doug Huismann, Newaygo, 2, Mike McNelly, Williamston 3, John Ferguson, Charlevoix, 4, Roger Smith, White Cloud, 5, Mike Vance, Flint St. John Vianney, 16.0.

Mile—1, Doug, Monroe, North Branch, 2, Ron Thornton, Elsie, 3, Greg Momer, Alcona, 4, Tom Hendricks, Williamston, 5, Floyd Parsons, Charlevoix, 4:47.6.

100-yard dash—1, Dave Carroll, Lainsburg, 2, Dick Skinner, Battle Creek, 3, Dave Leary, Saranac, 4, Doug Smith, Traverse City St. Francis, 5, Bob Steffen, Perry, 10.4.

Shot put—1, Gary VanElst, Middleville, 2, Fred Zimmerman, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 3, Warren, 4, New Haven, 5, Dick Watkins, Union City, 53-10½ (Meel record. Old record 53-9½ set in 1964 by Louis Fournier, Cheboygan Catholic Central.)

Middle-distance relay—1, Marlette (Leslie Dale, Doug Drew, Dave Stierer, Ross Denley), 2, Battle Creek St. Phillip, 3, Farwell, 4, Shepard, 5, Traverse City St. Francis, 6:10.2.

100-yard low hurdles—1, John Hogan, North Branch, 2, Frank McNelly, Williamston, 3, Paul Derschied, Evert, 4, Don Richards, Hamlin, 5, Doug Huismann, Newaygo, 30.8.

High jump—1, Dick Beebe, Hemlock, 2, George Gullett, Mount Clemens, 3, Mary 3, (tie) Glen Thomsson, Michigan Lutheran Seminary; Mark Erickson, North Muskegon; Chris Damk, North Muskegon; Carl Dukes, White Cloud, Phil Watson, DeWitt; Dave Arnold, Grass Lake; Ralph Skinner, Battle Creek, 51; Phillip; Bill Bauman, Battle Creek St. Phillip; Fred Smith, Pewamo-Westphalia, 5-9.

400-yard relay—1, Haslett (Dave Sherman, Ed Fisher, Bill Stanek, Jack Bamford), 2, Lainsburg, 3, North Muskegon, 4, Saranac, 5, Morley - Stanwood, 4:7.2.

Mile relay—1, Ovid (Dean Simpson, Al Crippen, Dave Flego, Dick Hall), 2, Haslett, 3, Akron-Fairgrove, 4, Mayville, 5, Traverse City St. Francis, 3:41.7.

800-yard relay—1, Haslett (Dave Sherman, Don Richards, Randy Goodman, ry, 4, Morley-Stanwood, 5, Williamston, 1:37.35.

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