

# Fine Marks in Champs' Track Meet Here

## Pontiac Ace Bill Tipton Is Standout

### Wins Gazette Award For Hurdles Effort

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A slender junior hurdling sensation from the same high school that spawned Olympic gold medal winner Hayes Jones was the star of a record-shattering prep track and field show Monday afternoon at Waldo Stadium.

Pontiac Central's Bill Tipton ran a tenth of a second below the state record in winning the 180-yard low hurdles in :18.9 and captured the 120-yard highs in a record-equaling :14.2 to win the coveted Kalamazoo Gazette award for his school by being selected as the outstanding individual performer in the 11th annual Champion of Champions meet sponsored by the Kalamazoo Jaycees.

With a crowd of nearly 1,000 fans cheering them on, some 150 top prep track and field stars from both peninsulas battled for honors Monday with all proceeds earmarked for the U. S. Olympic fund.

Although Tipton was named individual standout in a field of brilliant prep competitors, he had to be at his best to outshine:

- Dearborn Heights Riverside's Rich Stevens, who won the 880-yard run in 1:57.7 — breaking the meet mark — and anchored his team to a 3:24.3 victory in the mile relay with :49.2 anchor leg;
- Flint Southwestern's LaVern Miller, who set a meet record and state 1966 best of 23 feet, seven inches in the long jump in addition to finishing second in the low hurdles (:19.2), third in the highs (:14.9) and fourth in the high jump (6-3);
- Ann Arbor strongboy Tony Weinch, who uncorked a heave of 50 feet, two and one-half inches to win the shot put;
- Farmington's Ron Shortt, who set a new meet pole vault mark of 13 feet, 10 inches, and;
- Roseville's Bill Wehrwein, who lowered the 440-yard dash mark to :49.4.

Other winners, but with less than record efforts, were Flint Southwestern in the 880-yard relay with a 1:30 clocking. Riverside in the mile relay, Gary Bosh of Flint Southwestern in the 220-yard dash around the curve in :22.2. Del Littlejohn of Jackson in the high jump at six feet, four inches. Ron Strang of Detroit Lutheran West in the mile at 4:23.4 and Dave Carroll of Lainesburg in the 100-yard dash at :09.9.

Perhaps the most amazing effort was a runner-up shot put of 50 feet by Gary Van Elst, the 230-pound sophomore from Middleville. With normal progress, Van Elst could well become a 70-foot prep shotputter before he graduates into collegiate ranks.

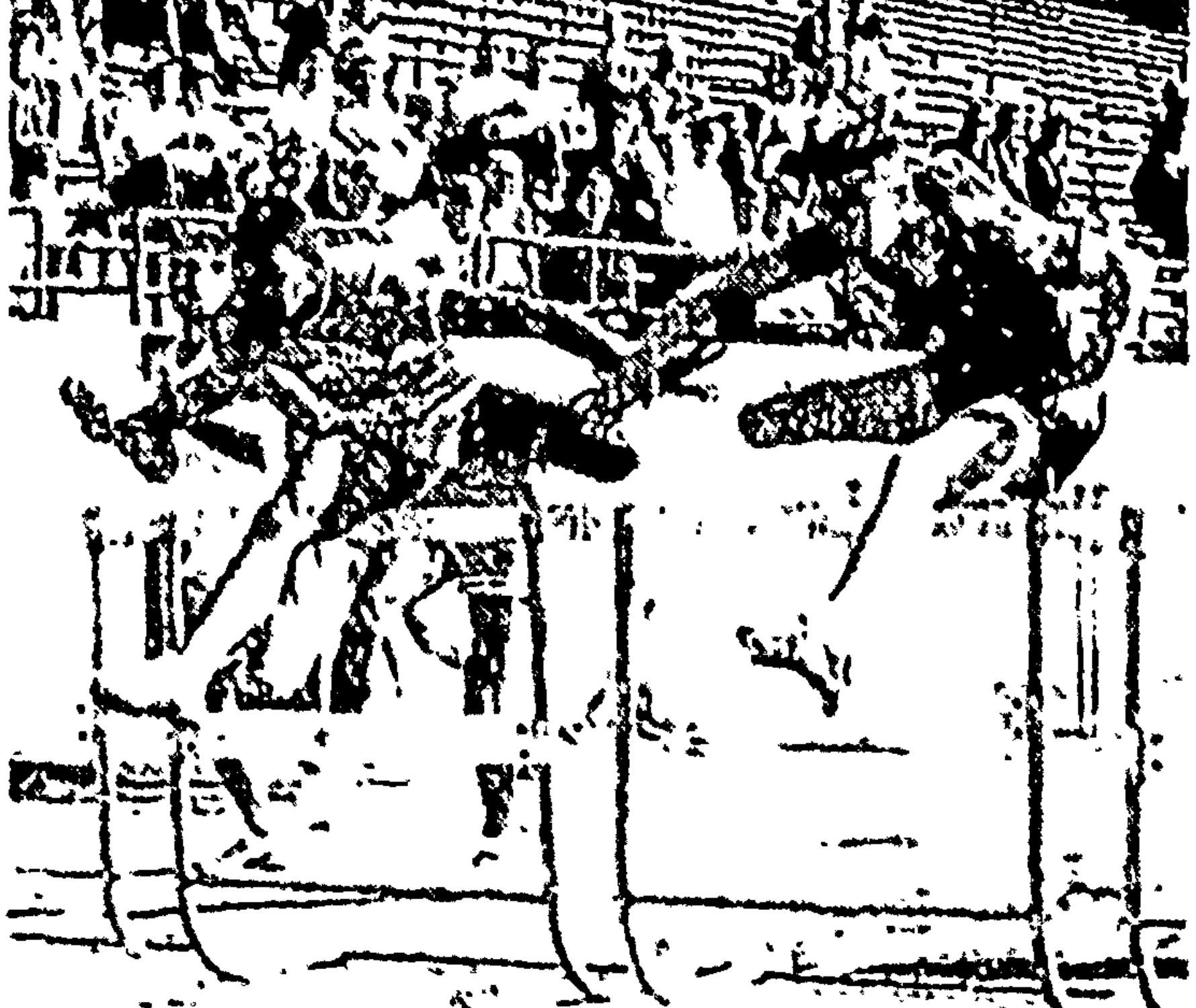
Greater Kalamazoo entries, with the exception of long jumper Fred Carver and two relay teams from coach Elf Pedler's Kalamazoo Central squad, failed to place.

Carver was runner-up in the long jump with a leap of 23 feet, one-half inch, while the Maroons tied for third in the 880-yard relay with 1:31.6 effort by the all-sophomore unit of Gene Stoval, Mike Frost, Larry Green and Dennis Johnson and third in the mile relay with the quartet of Mike Messer, Stoval, Bill Gill and Jerry Fountain in 3:26.6.

Bob Crocker of Paw Paw led area stars with a 1:57 effort and third place in the 880, while Vern Shindedecker of Hartford ran :10.1 in the 100-yard dash and :22.4 in the 220 for thirds and Jim Pegg of Martin finished fifth in the mile with a 4:29.3 clocking.



LOCAL JAYCEE PRESIDENT AL WHITE (LEFT) TOP GAZETTE TROPHY CONTENDERS  
From left: Riverside's Rich Stevens, Pontiac's Bill Tipton, Farmington's Ron Shortt, Flint Southwestern's LaVern Miller. —Gazette photo



PONTIAC'S BILL TIPTON (right) DOUBLE HURDLE VICTOR  
He's Pressed in Highs by LaVern Miller, Flint SW. —Gazette photo

## Champions' Meet Summary

**880 Yd Relay** — 1 Flint SW (Daryl Smith, Al Renick, George McNeill, Gary Bosh) 1:30.2; 2 Jackson Parkville 1:31.6; 3 Kalamazoo Central and Howell, tied, 1:31.8; 4 GR Ottawa 1:33.3.

**100 Yd Dash** — 1 Ron Strang, Del Lutheran West 9.216; 2 Schnit, Roseville 9.224; 3 Smeck, Hazel Park 9.25; 4 Magelson, Flint Ainsworth 9.278; 5 Pegg, Martin 9.293.

**220 Yd Dash** — 1 Tom Weinch, Ann Arbor 6.25; 2 Van Cist, Middleville 6.30; 3 Yancy, Flint SW 6.34; 4 Andrews, Hartford 6.37; 5 Grant Ham, Milford 6.38.

**440 Yd Dash** — 1 Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central 14.2; 2 Chris Rees, Flint SW 14.1; 3 Miller, Flint SW 14.9; 4 Longen, Flint NW 14.9; 5 Rock, Warren 15.0.

**880 Yd Relay** — 1 Rich Stevens, Dearborn Hills Riverside 1:57.7; 2 Crocker, Paw Paw 1:57.7; 3 Daum, GR Union 1:57.7; 4 Murphy, Berkley 1:58.1; 5 New meet record, breaking old record of 1:57.7 set by Wall Wilson, Inkster Robcaud, Flint SW 1:58.1.

**120 Yd High Hurdles** — 1 Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central 18.2; 2 Chris Rees, Flint SW 18.1; 3 Miller, Flint SW 18.9; 4 Longen, Flint NW 19.0; 5 Rock, Warren 19.0.

**120 Yd Low Hurdles** — 1 Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central 18.9; 2 Miller, Flint SW 19.2; 3 Ann Arbor 19.3; 4 Hogan, Ft Branch 19.3; 5 Johnson, St Joseph 19.4.

**220 Yd Dash** — 1 Gary Bosh, Flint SW 22.2; 2 McCormick, Jackson Parkville 22.4; 3 Correy, Ecorse and Shindedecker, Hartford 22.4; 5 Carroll, Lainesburg 22.9.

**100 Yd Dash** — 1 Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central 9.9; 2 Miller, Flint SW 10.2; 3 Ann Arbor 10.3; 4 Hogan, Ft Branch 10.3; 5 Johnson, St Joseph 10.4.

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**Shot Put** — 1 Gary Bosh, Flint SW 50; 2 McCormick, Jackson Parkville 45.4; 3 Correy, Ecorse and Shindedecker, Hartford 45.4; 4 Miller, St Joseph 45.4; 5 Miller, Flint SW 45.4.

**High Jump** — 1 Del Littlejohn, Jackson 6.3; 2 Goodson, Gift Oilawa 6.4; 3 Ryan, Jackson Parkville 6.4; 4 Miller, Flint SW 6.3; 5 Cherkuck, Wayne 6.1.

**Long Jump** — 1 LaVern Miller, Flint SW 21.7; 2 Carver, Wal Lanesburg 21.7; 3 Dickering, Jackson Parkville 21.4; 4 Wiggins, Pontiac Central 21.4; 5 Johnson, St Joseph 21.4.

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## Marr's 70 Low in Golf Day Scoring

### Gary Player One Stroke Back

AKRON (AP) — Dave Marr, P. G. A. titleholder, took a four-stroke lead on the front nine and finished with a 37-33-70 to beat United States Open Champion Gary Player by one stroke Monday in National Golf day's Round of Champions.

Player, hitting consistently to his left on the first nine, finished 37-34-71 over the 7,180-yard, par 70 Firestone Country Club. Marr won the \$10,000 first prize, and Player was awarded \$5,000.

Marr's lead was cut to one stroke when he took a bogey on the par 3, 180-yard 12th hole. But Player took a bogey on the par 3 fifteenth.

Player picked up one stroke with the help of a rake near the 10th hole. His approach shot, off to the right, hit a rake on the fringe of the green and bounced 50 feet to within three feet of the flag.

Marr jumped to a three-stroke lead with a birdie on the first hole and an eagle on the 500-yard, par 5 second. He was on the green in two shots and sank a 25-foot putt.

Then he shot par until his bogey on the 465-yard ninth.

**Soccer Tie COPENHAGEN (UPI)** — Denmark and Turkey played to a 0-0 tie in an international soccer match Monday.

Cleo Littleton, Wichita State University basketball player during 1950-51, set 11 individual school records that still stand.

Ward Root had 61 gross and 63 net in Class C with Harvey Hjalm runnerup with 61 gross, 63 net. Chet Jurziak had 85 gross, Jim Holmes 67 net.

Rosenburg had 24 putts, Wood 26 and Bob Bullard 28 in Class A. Jim Benton 24, Bill Draper and Barnes 26 in Class B and Tom Meech 27 and Hjalm 28 in Class C.

Dave Palmateer had most threes, Conroy most fours, Fred Wilson most fives, Dan Parker most sixes and Mark Champion and Jack Wagemaker most sevens.

Ken Brown scored an eagle two on the 355-yard eighth, sinking a 150-yard seven-iron shot.

## Hal Naragon Takes Over Twins' Team

### Hospitalize Mele With Leg Pains

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Manager Sam Mele of the Minnesota Twins was hospitalized Monday with a pain in the calf of his right leg.

Dr. William Proffitt, team physician, said the pain may be a recurrence of pleiades, which Mele suffered from last winter. Pleiades is an inflammation of the veins. However, Proffitt said it was more likely that the injury was a pulled leg muscle.

Mele is expected to be hospitalized for two days.

He directed the Twins in their 5-1 loss to Baltimore in the opening game of a day-night double-header Monday. Bullpen coach Hal Naragon will direct the team in Mele's absence.

## Mexico Qualifies To Meet U.S. Team

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Mexico clinched victory in its Davis Cup zone semi-final with Argentina Monday by building a 3-1 lead. Luis Garcia beat Argentina's Roberto Aubone 6-2, 6-4, 6-3. Mexico will meet the United States Aug. 12-14 in Cleveland.

## Share Honors At Eastern Hills

Frank Jancarz had low gross of 74 Monday to lead the Memorial Day Sweepstakes and the National Golf Day entries at the Eastern Hills Municipal links.

In the sweepstakes Ed Dameron finished two strokes behind Jancarz in gross score but one stroke ahead in handicap with a 70 net. Ken Burnham was third in scratch with a 77 and third net with a 72.

## 128 Play in Gull Tourney

Two foursomes tied for first place Monday in the shotgun bestball golf tournament that featured Memorial Day activities at the Gull Lake Country Club. A total of 128 linksters competed in the event.

Sharing honors at 58 were Tom Harding, Jack Bauckham, Hugh Smith and Irv Byro in one foursome and Joe Gensler, Darrell Demarest, John Sponseller and Paul Wilson in the other. Runnersup was the team of Fred Rueber, Jack Burke, Richard Tedrow and Jeff Carrell. There was a three-way tie for third among Robert Wadinton, A. G. Hall, Bill Fraser and Robert Schutz; Ray Peters, Jack Cooper, Dr. James Harrison and Russell Gates Sr.; and Rick Becker, Robert Stewart, Robert Lucke and Charles Giberson.

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