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Flint Central Takes Relays

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YPSILANTI — Flint Central, bolstered by a pair of record first-place performances, won its second straight Class A championship in the Huron Relays here Saturday night.

The Indians placed in eight of the 14 events and totaled 48 points to beat cross-town rival Flint Northern for the title. Northern had 39 points.

Freels Bacon and Herb Washington, both of whom played for Central in the Class A state championship basketball game, just a week ago, were the Indians' record setters.

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BACON cleared 6-foot-6 in the high jump, breaking the oldest mark of the Class A section of the meet. Hudson Ray of Pontiac Central leaped 6-5¾ to win the event in 1967.

Washington, in winning the 60-yard dash, tied the second oldest record of 6.3 seconds set by Bob Manning of Central in 1958.

Bill Tipton of Pontiac Central, considered to be the finest high school hurdler in the nation this year, tied the meet record of 7.8 seconds in the 60-yard high hurdles.

Pontiac Central finished third with 34 points to give the Saginaw Valley Conference a sweep of the first three places in the 19th annual meet at Bowers Fieldhouse.

In all, six records were broken and another three were tied in a meet that attracted 65 Class A high school teams from Michigan and Ohio.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Am Corners (Kip Thin, Pat Ryde, Steven Moon, John Hoch); 2-Southgate; 3-Flint Central. Time—1:38.7. 440-YARD RELAY: 1-Lansing Eastern; 2-Flint Central; 3-Flint Northern. Time—:43.7. 880-YARD RELAY: 1-Flint Central (Bob Sanders, G. Tate and Herb Washington); 2-Flint Northern; 3-Pontiac Central. Time—1:28.7. 440-YARD DASH: 1-William Wallace, Flint Central; 2-Gerald Hoffman, Flint Northern; 3-Richard Eanigan, Detroit Lutheran Central; 4-Oscar Stokes, Yoakum; 5-Oliver Hunter, Flint Northern; 6-Ronald Morton, Southgate; 6-Warren Hayes, Mt. Clemens. Time—54.3 seconds. (Ties record.)

SHUTTLEHURDLE RELAY: 1-Flint Northern (Thadford Terry, Jim Burbath, Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan); 2-Flint Central; 3-Dearborn, Advocate; 3-Flint Central (Johnny Kelly, Jim Hendricks, Ron Cooper, Johnny Kelly). Time—1:18.7. 880-YARD RUN: 1-Frank Tate, Flint; 2-Forest Jackson, Hazel Park; 3-Jim Gaskin, Flint Northern; 4-Jack Hunt, Flint Northern; 5-Jim Hoffman, Kalamazoo North; 6-Tim Trojka, Mt. Clemens; 7-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern; 8-Bob Sadkra, Warren Wenrico. Time—2:02.

HIGH JUMP—1-Freels Bacon, Flint Central; 2-Leon Miller, Flint N.W.; 3-Mel Cole, Pontiac Northern; 4-Larry Hoffman, Flint Northern; 5-Jim Ryan, Lansing Eastern; 6-Tal Chapin, Saginaw Southeast; Greg Sabourin, Mahondale. Height—6 feet 6 inches (Bacon). Height of last, 5½ inches Hudson Ray, Pontiac Central.

SHOT PUT—1-Dale Cafalla, E. Detroit; 2-Jim Bergman, Toledo Devilbiss; 3-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern; 4-Bob Sikorsky, Warren Mackenzie; 5-Bob Mickelson, Pontiac Central; 6-Carl Leslie, Lansing Sexton; 7-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern; 8-Tony Spencer, Lansing Sexton. Distance—54 feet 6 inches.

440-RELAY—1-Flint Northern (Willie Ward, Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan); 2-Flint Central; 3-Kalamazoo; 4-Flint Cent.; 5-Southgate; 6-Pontiac Northern; 7-Flint Cent.; 8-Lansing Eastern; 9-Lansing Sexton. Time—:43.4.

TWO MILE RELAY: 1-Lansing Eastern (Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan, Ron Ryan); 2-Marine Acad.; 3-L. Lansing; 4-Trenton; 5-Lincoln Park (Jim Hendricks, Ron Cooper, Jim Hendricks, Ron Cooper); 6-Southgate; 7-Oak Park; 8-Ypsilanti. Time—8:17.

LONG JUMP: 1-Lewis Ritter, Flint; 2-Jerry Smith, Woodward; 3-Jim Bergman, Toledo Devilbiss; 4-Ron Ryan, Flint Central; 5-Bruce Taylor, Cherry Hill; 6-Joseph Hart, U.D.; 7-Larry Smith, Trenton; 8-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern. Distance—21 feet inches (Record holder, 23 feet 8 inches, Bill Whitaker, Flint Southwestern, 1963).

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Am Corners (Kip Thin, Pat Ryde, Steven Moon, Doran, Brent Stone); 2-Hazel Park; 3-Southgate; 4-Lansing Eastern; 5-Lansing Sexton; 6-Lansing Everett; 7-Southgate; 8-Ypsilanti. Time—10:17.7 (Record holder 10:08.7, Brandon Hall, Redford, 1967).

TWO MILE, 1-Al Ruther, Wyandotte; 2-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern; 3-Ron Cooper, John Gill, Tulsa, Okl.; 5-Gilbert, 6-Tim Flaherty, Elyria; 7-John Stone, Ann Arbor; 8-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern. Time—8:58.7.

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POLE VAULT, 1-Larry Kimes, Elyria; 2-Dwayne Lee, Flint Northern; 3-Earl Cross, Flint Northwestern; 3-Ed Cooper, Ann Arbor; 5-Bill Cox, Kalamazoo and Mike Kierzech, Flint N.W.; 7-Kurt Cook, Ann Arbor; 8-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern. Height—11 feet 6 inches (Tie). 1-Ron Ryan, Flint Northern; 2-Dwayne Lee, Flint Northern; 3-Earl Cross, Flint Northwestern; 4