

**It's Largest in USA**

# 3rd Place Counts Big in This Meet

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MANSFIELD, O.—At Walnut and Main Streets, in the heart of this industrial city of 80,000, there's a banner which reads:

"Mansfield Relays—largest interscholastic track meet in the U.S.A."

That's why Don Estes of Schafer High in Southgate could feel an air of justifiable pride for finishing third Friday in the two-mile run which opened this 36th annual classic at Malabar Field.

"WE HAD a choice to make," said coach Lou Diaz. "Don placed third in the open division of the state cross country run last fall but all of his experience in track was at a mile. We had to decide whether to enter him in the open mile or the two-mile. We both feel now we made the right choice," Diaz said.

The 6-foot-1, 160-pound senior toured the distance in 10:08.2, finishing third behind John Jones of Prospect (O.), Elgin and Scott Niles of Avon Lake, O.

Sophomore Tom Boekhout of Kalamazoo Central was fourth. Hazel Park got a fourth out of the four-mile relay with a quartet of Dan Simeck, Forrest Jennings, Mike Johnson and Warren Krueger.

Krueger, another sophomore, anchored the Viking quartet in 4:31.2.

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PONTIAC CENTRAL, one of 53 Michigan schools in this gigantic meet which has attracted 217 squads and 2,174 individuals, has 17 contestants here. The Chiefs were team champions in 1956 and '58, but coach Dean Wilson can't make any promises for Saturday.

He has one of the meet's stars in hurdler Bill Tipton, who set a record here last year and could win both hurdles Saturday.

"We might get some points from our shuttle hurdle relay team and our two pole vaulters, but I truthfully feel we're a run for the team title," Wilson said.

Everybody's waiting to see Bobby Green of Eminence, Ky., who last Saturday ran a 9.5 100-yard dash, 21.2 in the 220 and a 47.8 quarter mile. He'll go after Jesse Owen's sprint records Saturday.

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