

Chiefs' Depth Nips Central in Valley Meet

Pontiac Ends Flint's Track Stronghold

Tipton Leads Assault Of Record Showings

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SAGINAW—Avis has lots of fun telling people it's only second in the national rent-a-car battle.

But there's no fun being second for Flint Central. It Hertz. The Indians were second for the fourth time in a major meet this season Friday when Pontiac Central romped to the Saginaw Valley Conference track title, snatching away Flint's 10-year grip on the crown.

Despite a brilliant individual show from four men, the Indians couldn't match Pontiac's depth. The Chiefs totaled 61 points to Central's 56.

Flint Southwestern outdistanced Midland for third, 33-32. Then came Saginaw with 17, Flint Northern 13, Bay City Central 8 and Bay City Handy 4. Saginaw Arthur Hill went scoreless, the first time any team has been shut out since 1960.

SAGINAW Valley Conference meets are noted for exceptional performances and this was one of the best. It's silly to say Friday's record-breaking never will be outdone but it's safe to say that it will be a while before anything comes close to it.

The ironic part is that Flint Central did most of the record making but Pontiac went home with all the marbles.

Unlike three previous runner-up finishes which could be blamed on poor baton passing, this time the Indians can offer no excuses.

They were beaten fairly and squarely. Pontiac simply had too much manpower.

It had just as many firsts—five—as Flint captured two places in five of 12 individual events. Central captured more than one place in only three events.

PONTIAC scored in everything except the 100 and 220 dashes and the high jump. Central was blanked in both hurdles, the 880, long jump and shot put.

Flint Northern won only the mile relay, being hampered in a bid for third place by the absence of William Wallace, L. S.



Nichols, Thedford Perry and Charles Montgomery who were held out of competition for disciplinary reasons.

Flint Southwestern also had only one first, that from Laverne Miller whose 17 points made him the highest-scoring individual for the second straight year. He won the long jump placed second in both hurdles and third in the high jump.

Miller's total is the best by any individual since at least 1949. Two others scored 16 1/4 before first place was boosted from five to six points last year.

It's significant that Pontiac's title push began with Bill Tipton, the brilliant hurdler who hit a peak Friday.

GOING INTO the high hurdles, Central had a 32-30 lead. After Tipton got going, it was all over.

The slim senior equaled the national high school record of 13.5 seconds in the highs only about 10 minutes after he had helped the Chiefs finish second in the 880 relay. It outdid his 13.6 clocking in the preliminaries.

For those who invite comparison, Tipton's time was eight-tenths of a second better than the previous meet record of 14.3 by Hayes Jones who was an Olympic Games gold medalist in 1964. Whether or not Tipton will duplicate that effort is speculation but there's no doubt that he's off to a great start.

Later he clobbered the low hurdles record of 19.4 with an 18.5 clocking.

Yet, Tipton had to share the spotlight with Central's foursome of Herb Washington, Jim Love, Jim Morse and Freels Bacon.

Washington won the 100 in 9.7 seconds, a time which five former state champions couldn't get in the Valley meet. It erased the 1959 standard of 9.8 by Central's Ron Watkins. Later Washington won the 220 in 21.7, three-tenths of a second off the meet record.

EARLIER the Tribe junior ran the leadoff leg of the 880 relay team whose 1:30.4 missed the record by one-tenth. Bob Patton, Ken Johnson and Clayton Turner were teammates.

Bacon delivered the finest prep high jump in Flint history at 6-8, blitzing the 1962 meet mark of 6-5 1/2 by Northern's Al Washington. In 1963 Washington cleared 6-7 1/2 at Pontiac to hold the No. 1 spot until Friday.

Bacon jumped no more after 6-8 because of chilly weather. Love won the mile for the third straight year and chopped 2.9 seconds from his record with a 4:23.8 time. He won by 50 yards.

Morse ran away from Midland's Don Yehle on the final lap to post a 9:34.2 time which established the two-mile record for a new event.

Northern's Fred Blackmon, Rich Vaughn, Keith Jones and Doug McWhirter pulled the surprise of the night by winning the mile relay in a relatively slow 3:33. Central's crew, which was rated one of the state's three best, finished fourth but was moved to third when Midland was disqualified.

WHEN THE Chemics lost three points and Southwestern moved into fifth, the four-point difference gave third place to the defending champion Colts.

Pontiac won the shot put, pole vault and 880 and Midland won the 440.

Central Coach Carl Krieger had some disappointments, notably in the 880 and 440 and mile relay, but credit belongs to Pontiac for its "up" performance. When the Chiefs realized victory was theirs with a good mile relay, they ran Central off the track.

It didn't appear that way at the time but a decision to keep Bacon from long jumping because of a poor takeoff board may have been a major help to Pontiac.

Bacon's 22-3/4 leap at Mount Pleasant last Saturday set a Flint Class A high for the year. Inasmuch as Friday's winning effort was only 21-5/2, he could have gained a tie by finishing only second.

Owosso, Kearsley, Davison Win

Ainsworth Unbeaten in Big 9

Big Nine Conference			
Team	W	L	Cl.
Ainsworth	3	0	1
Grand Blanc	3	1	1
Owosso	3	1	1
Mt. Morris	3	2	1
Davison	3	3	0

Monday's games—Davison at Grand Blanc, Kearsley at Clio, Ainsworth at Mt. Morris, Owosso at Flushing.

The Big Nine Conference baseball race is going right down to the wire.

the seventh for its first Big Nine triumph.

SINGLES by Dave Saultman, Mike Dingman and Brian Perry loaded the sacks before Tim Agle delivered a two-run single to tie the score 3-3. Dave Brandon followed with a sacrifice fly and the winning run.

Saultman was three-for-four, Dingman and Perry, two-for-four for Kearsley. Beecher pitcher Gary Barnes had a single and double to pace the Bucs.

Davison also tallied three times in the seventh to even a Big Nine record at 3-3.

trips. The line scores:
Mt. Morris002 010 0-3 5 9
Davison010 000 3-4 6 4
Mike Stander and Al Nollif, Gate Frazer and Tom Ferguson.
Flushing030 000 0-3 5 3
Ainsworth400 011 X-8 6 2
Gary Barnes and Dave Kelly, Brian Perry and Dave Saultman.
Beecher000 100 2-3 8 1
Kearsley001 000 3-4 11 3
Bill Roster and Bob Demock; Keith Alvord and Leo Haynes.
Owosso000 000 0-0 2 1
Kearsley000 000 X-4 6 0
Roy Stalck and Wayne Denkins; Clyde Weir and Jeff Leydolf.

Gentry Hospitalized

NEW YORK (AP) — Loyd (Boo) Gentry, trainer of Proud Clarion, the Kentucky Derby winner, was in New York Hospital today undergoing treatment.



HIGH IS HIGH — Flint Central's high jumper Freels Bacon soared 6-foot-8 in Friday's Saginaw Valley Conference track meet, the highest any Flint track man has jumped.



Clayton Turner Finishes Relay Win

Journal Photos By Robert Parks

Legend and scoring — Pontiac Central (P) 61, Flint Central (FC) 56, Flint Southwestern (FS) 32, Midland (M) 22, Saginaw (S) 17, Flint Northern (FN) 13, Bay City Central (BCC) 8, Bay City Handy (BCH) 4, Saginaw Arthur Hill scoreless.



MEET RECORD — Central's Herb Washington hits the tape in 9.7 seconds to break the Saginaw Valley Conference 100-yard dash record Friday night at Saginaw. Teammate Bob Patton (right) was second and Bay City

Central's Kennon Murphy third, Gary Rumbaugh (second from left) of Midland was fourth and Flint Northern's Milt Wallace (center) was fifth. Washington also won the 220 dash.

Valley Is Three-Team Race

Southwestern, Midland Central Win on Diamond

Saginaw Valley Conference			
Team	W	L	Cl.
Southwestern	10	2	3
Midland	10	2	3
Central	7	2	1
Pontiac	6	4	1
B. C. Central	3	4	1

Monday's games—Bay City Handy at Bay City Central, Saginaw at Central, Northern at Arthur Hill, Pontiac at Southwestern.

Southwestern High is finally flexing its muscles in the Saginaw Valley Conference baseball race.

But lifting Midland from first place may take more muscle than the Colts can come up with.

Bob Diment's crew, Bob Stopper's Chemics and Tim Bograkos' Central Indians are running a neck-and-neck race for the finish line. Right now, Midland has the pole position.

Southwestern defeated Saginaw twice, 8-5, 6-3; Midland dumped Saginaw Arthur Hill, 3-0, 12-5; and Central won a twinbill at Bay City Handy, 5-1, 2-0. Northern split with Bay City Central in the only other Valley action Friday. The Vikings won the first game, 8-2, dropped the nightcap 7-6.

WITH DOUBLEHEADERS remaining against second division clubs Northern and Bay City Handy, Midland stands the best chance of gaining sole possession of the conference trophy.

genhausen belted a triple to right scoring two runs. Kramer struck out 15 and walked seven.

The Colts got three runs in the first inning of the second game on singles by Don Adamson, Mike Johnson, three walks and an error. Adamson's single brought home Southwestern's fourth run in the third.

Five singles (Adamson, Johnson, Toby Thompson, Hale and McComb) got the two winning runs home in the sixth. Dan Carswell picked up his second win, striking out five.

Central took advantage of Bay City mistakes to up its valley mark to 7-2.

JIM MURDOCK'S single was the only hit in a two-run fourth frame. The Indians scored on a wild throw and Dave Blight's sacrifice fly.

The Tribe erupted three times in the sixth as Tim Bograkos singled, reached third after an error and Blight's hit and scored on a wild pitch. Dean Shinabarger's double scored Eddie Andreck and Blight. Blight struck out four, walked three.

Jeff Bye was hitter and pitcher in recording his first varsity victory in the second game. Bye started the Tribe's fifth

reach in the third on singles by Bloomfield, Trier, two walks and John Pitts' triple.

The Vikings had a 6-4 lead in the second game before Bay City scored three times on three singles and a double.

In the twinbill, Bloomfield and Trier each had five hits and John Pitts belted a triple, double and two singles.

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RECORD SOLO — Pontiac Central's Bill Tipton has no opposition as he hurdles to a 13.5 clocking in the 120 high hurdles Friday night in the Saginaw Valley Conference track meet at Saginaw. Tipton's time equaled the national high school record. He also won the low hurdles in 18.5 seconds.



Laverne Miller . . . 17 Points For Second Year



Jim Morse Two Miles in 9:34.2

Shot put — 1. Bob Mickens (P), 2. Tom Orange (S), 3. Mike Reo (M), 4. Ray Vaughn (FS), 5. Leland Wegener (BCC), D-54-3/4.

Long jump — 1. Laverne Miller (FS), 2. Robert Johnson (P), 3. Oscar Bailey (S), 4. Willie Foster (FS), 5. Charles Kelley (S), 2:25.8.

Pole vault — 1. Earl Paik (P), 2. Gene Lee (FN), 3. Bruce McIntosh (FS), 4. Tom Quinn (FC), 5. Roger Butler (P), H-13.3.

High jump — 1. Freels Bacon (FC), 2. Russ Carson (FC), 3. Miller (FS), 4. Jesse Lakes (FS), 5. Jerry List (BCH), H-6-8. (Breaks meet record of 6-5 1/2 by Al Washington, Flint Northern, 1962).

Two-mile — 1. Jim Morse (FC), 2. Don Yehle (M), 3. Bob Dickle (P), 4. Brian McLaughlin (BCH), 5. Jeff Gates (FS), T-9:34.2. (Establishes meet record in event run for the first time).

880 relay — 1. Flint Central (Herb Washington, Bob Patton, Ken Johnson, Clayton Turner), 2. Pontiac Central, 3. Midland, 4. Saginaw, 5. Flint Northern (Milt Wallace, Fred Blackmon, Preston Henry, Doug McWhirter), T-1:30.4. Harold Mile (P), 1. Jim Love (FC), 2. Harold Mile (P), 3. Bob Sigby (M), 4. Arlester Johnson (P), 5. Tom Anthony (BCH), T-4:23.8. (Breaks meet record of 4:26.7 by Love, 1965).

120 high hurdles — 1. Bill Tipton (P), 2. Miller (FS), 3. Mike Renick (FS), 4. Lou Cutler (M), 5. Jim Burkett (FN), T-13.5. (Breaks meet record of 13.6 by Tipton in preliminaries. That effort broke meet record of 14.3 by Hayes Jones, Pontiac Central, 1956. Equals national high school record).

880 — 1. John Costello (P), 2. Dean Mercer (M), 3. Lloyd Lindsey (S), 4. Chris Berry (FS), 5. Walt Terry (P), T-1:59.1.

440 — 1. Bob Russell (M), 2. Bruce Turpin (P), 3. Mike Murphy (M), 4. Marcus Vinson (FC), 5. Larry Moses (P), T-1:19.1.

100 — 1. Washington (FC), 2. Patton (FC), 3. Kennon Murphy (BCC), 4. Gary Rumbaugh (M), 5. M. Wallace (FN), T-9.7. (Breaks meet record of 9.8 by Ron Watkins, Flint Central, 1959).

180 low hurdles — 1. Tipton (P), 2. Miller (FS), 3. B. Johnson (P), 4. Renick (FS), 5. Cutler (M), T-18.5. (Breaks meet record of 18.7 by Tipton in preliminaries. That broke meet record of 19.4 by Dan Howell, Pontiac Central, 1958).

220 — 1. Washington (FC), 2. Murphy (BCC), 3. Patton (FC), 4. George Forster (S), 5. Rumbaugh (M), T-21.7. Mile relay — 1. Flint Northern (F. Blackmon, Rick Vaughn, Keith Jones, McWhirter), 2. Pontiac Central, 3. Flint Central (Vinson, Dean Munzer, Clevon Laster, Love), 4. Saginaw, 5. Flint Southwestern (Dave Miller, Brad Neely, Tom Baker, Mike Spottsville), T-3:33.0.

Andretti Sets Mark In Trials

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Traffic officials braced today to funnel possibly 200,000 speed fans into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to see an international field of drivers battle Mario Andretti for the pole position in the 500-mile race May 30.

The field against Italian-born Mario was precisely the way the 10-mile time trials shaped up.

The U.S. Auto Club's defending champion turned an unofficial lap Friday at 169.4 miles per hour against his own one-lap mark of 166.328 and his 10-mile record of 165.899, both set last year in a similar Brawner Hawk.

A half-dozen drivers had shown possibilities of breaking Andretti's '66 records but none had come very close to threatening his new pace.

The potential challengers included Lloyd Ruby, Wichita Falls, Tex., veteran of seven 500 starts, who had been running over 166 m.p.h. in a Mongoose Ford, and Roger McCluskey, Tucson, Ariz., the national sprint car champion, who had been in the same bracket in one of Dan Gurney's Eagle Fords. Gurney, Santa Ana, Calif., himself had been close to 166.

AUTO RACING
INDIANAPOLIS — Lee Roy Yarborough, of Columbia, S.C., escaped unhurt from the crash of his Mongoose Ford in a practice sprint at 164 miles per hour before the qualifying trials for the Indianapolis 500 Memorial Day.

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