

Central Trackmen Handed First Loss

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KALAMAZOO—In one of the most dramatic Six-A Conference dual meets on record, Kalamazoo Central High nudged heretofore undefeated Battle Creek Central here Tuesday in a thriller, 61-57.

This was a meet that was determined by many "ifs." The loss threw the Six-A dual meet season standings into a three-way tie atop the circuit. Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor each have lost one meet.

Previously, Ann Arbor beat Kalamazoo and Battle Creek knocked off Ann Arbor.

A disqualification on the Loy Norrix cinder track proved costly to Battle Creek. The Bearcats had a comfortable lead in the 880 relay when a mixup on the exchange disqualified Battle Creek.

The other dramatic "if" came in the high jump which was the last event to be completed.

In the high jump, Cal Carver of Kalamazoo and Larry Evans of Battle Creek each had one jump left to go at six feet when it was decided to start the running events.

After the running events were over, Kalamazoo was ahead in the meet, 56-54. All attention, then, focused on the high jump. If both Evans and Carver missed at six feet, the bar would have been dropped until the tie was resolved between the pair.

Carver hit the bar on his effort. It (the bar) jiggled and threatened to drop but stayed up and Carver won the event and the meet for Kalamazoo. Evans missed on his try.

It was a tough loss for Coach Jack Finn and his Bearcats. Larry Evans took individual honors with 13 points. He picked

off both hurdles events and took second in the high jump. Teammate Gene Brown won both sprints, the 100 in 10.2 seconds despite raw winds and the 220 in :22.3.

Jim Elmer of Kalamazoo won the shot put at 54 feet, 6 1/2 inches, with teammate Joe Jackson close behind at 53-11.

The summaries:

Two Mile—Won by Tom Bookhout (K); 2—Campbell (BC); 3—Waldo (K). 10:15.5.

880 Relay—Won by Kalamazoo. 1:35.8. (Battle Creek disqualified.)

1 Mile—Won by Dave Patton (BC). 2—Hagadone (K); 3—Hathaway (BC). 4:38.1.

100 High Hurdles—Won by Larry Evans (BC); 2—Portis (BC); 3—Gudger (BC). :15.8.

800—Won by Uldis Miervaldis (K); 2—MacDonald (BC); 3—Swain (BC). 2:02.4.

440—Won by Gene Stoval (K); 2—Messer (K); 3—Miller (BC). :53.3.

100—Won by Gene Brown (BC); 2—A. Johnson (BC); 3—J. Evans (BC). :10.2.

180 Low Hurdles—Won by L. Evans (BC); 2—McGee (BC); 3—S. Carver (K). :20.4.

220—Won by Brown (BC); 2—A. Johnson (BC); 3—D. Johnson (K). :22.3.

1 Mile Relay—Won by Kalamazoo. 3:32.0.

Shot Put—Won by Jim Elmer (K); 2—Jackson (K); 3—Beard (BC). 54-6 1/2.

Long Jump—Won by Dennis Johnson (K); 2—Haley (K); 3—Patton (BC). 20-7 1/2.

High Jump—Won by Cal Carver (K); 2—L. Evans (BC); 3—S. Carver (K). 6-0.

Pole Vault—Won by Jerry Pigeon (K); 2—Marshall (BC); 3—Ball (BC). 11-9.

Final: Kalamazoo 61, Battle Creek 57.

G-A Net Team Blanked, 7-0

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