

# Linden Relays Dominated by Host Team

By PHIL PIERSON  
Linden may have trouble finding competition for its fourth annual Relays in 1968.

The way the Eagles dominated the third event Saturday, opposing track coaches may not want to bring their squads back next year.

Coach Jim Leighty's thinclads piled up 55½ points to outdistance the other 12 teams by 14½ points.

Detroit Country Day took second with 41 and area teams Montrose and Ortonville finished third and fourth, respectively, with 37½ and 37.

THE EAGLES WON four of the 14 events, including the clinching 880 relay.

That win gave Linden 53½ points and put it 10 points ahead of Montrose with only the mile relay left.

With Ortonville's strong quartet of David Tuttle, Gary Burt, Larry McPhail and Wayne Wills entered in the final event, Linden had no worries of Mon-

trose capturing first place and earned the Eagles five points because it wasn't a relay.

Thad Cook gave Linden its most satisfying win in the 100-yard dash although it only earned the Eagles five points because it wasn't a relay.

DESPITE CHILLING temperatures that were below 40 all

evening, Cook surprised everyone by setting the meet record with a 10.3 clocking.

Considering the weather, Cook's time was remarkable. It

bettered the old mark by Ken McMonagle of Hamady by three-tenths and was the only track record set.

Two marks were bettered in the field events. Ortonville's Ron Waller and Country Day's Bob Davenport set their second records of the week.

Waller heaved the shot 54 feet one-half inch in the Goodrich Invitational Wednesday and was the favorite at Linden.

His toss wasn't as long this time, 52-6¼, but it bettered the mark of 51-2 set in 1966 by Dansville's Dale Dillingham.

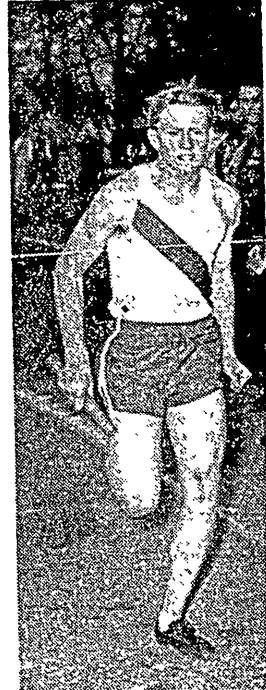
DAVENPORT'S Pole vault of 11-5, topped the 1966 effort by DeWitt's Jan Hansen of 11-1. Davenport also won at Goodrich.

Cranbrook, last year's champion, didn't compete, but its influence was felt in the record books. It set five records last year and no one came close to beating any of them.

Linden's other firsts were by Dan Flannery in the pole vault and its freshmen 880 relay team of Jeff Hibbard, Pat Starrs, Jim Gerbig and Tom Bowles.

This latter event makes the Linden Relays different from most high school track gatherings and Linden has won it every year.

ORTONVILLE WON the only other event among area teams. The Black Hawk foursome of McPhail, Barney Brown, Dave



Tom Bowles Linden 880 Anchor Man



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**LINDEN CHAMPS** — Ortonville's Ron Waller (left) threw the shot 52-6¼ Saturday to set a record in the Third Annual Linden Relays. Other winners are (from left) Bob Davenport (polevault), Dan Flannery (long jump) and Mark Saincome (high jump). Linden won the team championships with 55½ points.

## Central Michigan Relays Results

**MOUNT PLEASANT**—Central Michigan CLASS A

Two Mile Relay—1, Pontiac Central (Bob Dickie, Ken Long, Lester Johnson, Mike Martin), 8:32.4. 2, Hazel Park, 8:49.6. 3, Waterford Township, 8:50.2. 4, Waterford Ketterling, 8:54.2. 5, Flint Northern, 9:31.5.

Distance Medley Relay—1, Flint Central (Clevan), Laster, Marcus Vinson, Jim

High Jump—1, Freels Bacon, Flint Central, 6-6; 2, Melvin Cole, Pontiac Northern, 6-4; 3, Jesse Lakes, Flint Central, 6-2; 4, Cornell Brown, Flint Northern and Bruce Hall, Bloomfield Hills, 6-2. (Breaks old record of 6-5¼ set by Floyd Bates of Flint Central in 1938.)

Sprint Medley—1, Birmingham Seaholm (Neil Magallon, Don Borin, Bob Banter, Roger Holtz), 2:29.6. 2, Flint Northern, 2:31.7; 3, Port Huron, 2:32.4; Pontiac Central, 2:32.5.

3:29.1. 3, Notre Dame 3:21.95. 4, Pontiac Central 3:34.5. 5, Port Huron 3:34.8.

Middle distance relay — 1, Thurston (Rick Roe, Ted Kasper, Mel Fwiler, Randy Tipton) 6:01.9. 2, Hazel Park 6:04.2. 3, Flint Central 6:07.7. 4, Warren Lincoln 6:10.5. 5, Port Huron 6:17.2.

880-yard relay—1, Pontiac Central (Bob Johnson, Bill Brant, Wayne Bennett, Bill Tipton) 1:32.3. 2, Flint Northern 1:32.45. 3, Hazel Park 1:35.05. 4, Pontiac Northern 1:35.35. 5, Birmingham Seaholm

Madrigal and Wills, copped the two mile relay in 9:06.

The other team scoring is as follows: Fowlerville 32, Dansville 27, South Lyon 26½, Whitmore Lake 25, Detroit St. Catherine 20, Hartland 16, Mt. Morris St. Mary 15½, Lake Fenton 8, and Pinckney 5.

The summary:

## CMU Class B Summary

CLASS B Howell 6:08.85. 5, Portland 6:13.25.