

# Northern's Gene Lee Vaults Record 14-1 at CMU



Gene Lee  
Claims Last Standard

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Gene Lee delivered the finest pole vault by a Flint high school trackman Friday night, clearing 14-1 for the standout effort in the 17th annual Class A Invitational at Central Michigan's Finch Field House.

The slim Northern High senior outdid his previous best by three inches, claiming the last of five records broken or equaled almost an hour and a half after the running events had been concluded.

Lee duled Pontiac's Walt Terry until the latter missed at 13-6½, then the last of the crowd waited while Lee easily

cleared 14-1. He tried three times for 14-4 but didn't come close, mainly because he was tired.

NORTHERN ALSO got a record-equalling 60-yard dash from William Wallace whose 6-2 seconds time joined three other Flint speedsters in the record book.

Wallace's sprint time was especially significant because it equaled the time by Flint Central's Herb Washington in the Huron Relays at Ypsilanti six days earlier. Washington, defending state champion in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, will compete in the Lansing State Journal-Spartan Relays today at East Lansing.

But Northern yielded team honors to Pontiac Central which totaled 43 points to the Vikings' 38. It was the Chiefs' third straight title in this meet and their sixth since it began in 1952.

PONTIAC GOT A big lift from Bob Johnson who won the long-jump at 22-¼, the high hurdles in 8.0 and the low hurdles in a record-tying 7.2 for an individual total of 18 points. Midland, with 25½ points for third place, was the only other team to outdo Johnson.

Flint Kearsley totaled 14 points for sixth place, a major improvement from its 1967 debut when it garnered only three points.

Coach Don Marsh got a winning 2:01.8 effort from halfmiler Gary Day and Hornets placed in four other events.

Flint Carman failed to score.

PONTIAC Central's John Costello won the mile in a record-breaking 4:28.5 and Waterford's Charles Fenlon lowered the two-mile standard to 9:46.1.

Northern's relay team of Willie Polk, Theford Perry, Charles Montgomery and Wallace covered six laps — 1,056 yards — in 1:58.9 for the only other Flint first.

Perry also contributed eight points with seconds in both hurdles events while Polk trailed Johnson in the long jump.

The Vikings' Gordon Brown was second in the shot put to account for the rest of their points.

KEARSLEY'S BILL Wren was third in the shot put, Mike Boyce was fourth in the pole vault and Terry Bennett fifth in the high jump. Its medley relay team of Steve Dosh, Steve Heron, Jim Bonnell and Dave Sredich placed fourth.

The team race was Pontiac's virtually all the way. It took the lead after two events and never lost it, placing in every-trip except the shot put, 60 dash, 880 and six-lap relay.

Northern duled Midland for runner-up honors until the Wallace-Polk one-two punch in the

60 picked up 10 points and put the Vikings solidly in the No. 2 spot.

Other first places went to Midland, Waterford Kettering, Pontiac Northern and Muskegon Mona Shores.

The first places and Flint area finishers:

- Long jump — 1. Bob Johnson, Pontiac.
- 2. Willie Polk, Flint Northern. D:22:4½.
- Two-mile — 1. Charles Fenlon, Waterford. T:9:46.1. (Breaks meet record of 9:53.8 by Don Yehie, Midland, 1967).
- 65 high hurdles — 1. Johnson, Pontiac.
- 2. Theford Perry, Flint Northern. T:8.0. 440 — 1. Gary Rumbaugh, Midland. T:53.4.
- Medley relay — 1. Muskegon Mona Shores. 4. Flint Kearsley (Steve Dosh, Steve Heron, Jim Bonnell and Dave Sredich). T:5:59.4.
- Shot put — 1. Gene Pankner, Waterford Kettering. 2. Gordon Brown, Flint Northern. 3. Bill Wren, Flint Kearsley. D:57½.
- 60 — 1. William Wallace, Flint Northern. 2. Polk, Flint Northern. T:4.2. (Equals meet record by Dalton Kimble, Flint Northern, 1962; Wilbur Johnson, Northern, 1963; and Herb Washington, Flint Central, 1967).
- High jump — 1. Mel Reeves, Pontiac Northern. 5. Terry Bennett, Flint Kearsley. H:10-0.
- Mile — 1. John Costello, Pontiac Central. T:4:28.5. (Breaks meet record of 4:36.3 by Jack Magness, Flint Alnsworth, 1966).
- 65 low hurdles — Johnson, Pontiac Central. 2. Perry, Flint Northern. T:7.2. (Equals meet record by Dennis McGee, Flint Northern, 1963; Dalton Kimble, Flint Northern, 1963; and Bill Tipton, Pontiac Central, 1967).
- 880 — 1. Gary Day, Flint Kearsley. T:2:01.8.
- Six-lap relay — 1. Flint Northern (Polk, Perry, Charles Montgomery and Wallace). T:1:58.9.
- Pole vault — 1. Gene Lee, Flint Northern. 4. Mike Boyce, Flint Kearsley. H:14-1. (Breaks meet record of 13½ by Lee, 1967. Breaks Northern varsity record of 13-10 by Lee, 1967).

Team scoring — Pontiac Central 43 Flint Northern 38. Midland 25½. Pontiac Northern 18. Waterford 16. Flint Kearsley 14. Waterford Kettering 13. Traverse City 11. Muskegon Mona Shores 9. Muskegon 8. Bay City Handy 6½. Bay City Central 4. Grand Haven 3. Mount Pleasant and Flint Carman failed to score.

## Flint Badminton Players Are in Finals Of Six Divisions in National Meet

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NEWARK, Del. — Chances for six championships await five Flint players today in the finals of the 22nd National Junior Badminton Championships.

Although a former national championship team, seeded first, was defeated in Friday's semifinals, Flint players reached the title round in four singles division, one doubles and one mixed doubles.

Dick McKinley of Buffalo, N.Y., also won twice to reach today's finals.

Pam Stockton breezed through two matches to get within range of her sixth national title in the last four years. This is her first competition in the 15-and-under division.

She and JoAnn Kennedy, national 13-and-under doubles champs in 1966 and seeded No. 1 in 15-and-under this year, suffered a three-set defeat in Friday's semifinals.

Mixed doubles — Quarterfinals: Mike Czarnicki and Beth Fromholz d. Pat Tryon and Sheri Lundberg, Ore. 15-10, 15-7. Semifinals: Czarnicki and Fromholz d. John Sleck and Rose Harvey, Md. 9-15, 15-4, 15-12.

### 15-and-Under

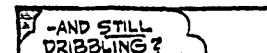
Boys' singles — Quarterfinals: Mark Rath, Detroit, d. Chuck Fales, 15-2. 15-5. Bruce Pontow, Chicago, d. Kris Coseimon, 15-2, 15-2.

Girls' singles — Quarterfinals: Pam Stockton d. Tracy White, Calif. 11-5, 11-0. JoAnn Kennedy d. Kay Roland, 12-10, 11-7. Semifinals: Stockton d. Nancy Fedea, Detroit, 12-9, 11-2. Sandy Muthig, Detroit, d. Kennedy, 11-6, 11-1.

Boys' doubles — Quarterfinals: Mark Murray and Greg Van Horn, Wash., d. Kris Coseimon and Kurt Janz, Ore. 15-3, 15-9.

Girls' doubles — Quarterfinals: Pam Stockton and JoAnn

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## Team Pride Has Priority In Cage Trials

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Team pride takes first priority in making the U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Consider the AAU All-Stars against the Armed Forces Friday in the Olympic Trials Tournament. The game became an