

Chicago were rained out in the American League. The Cardinals lost their seventh game in the last eight.



**FLINT FLASHES:** Flint Central's Herb Washington (right) nips Flint Northern's William Wallace in 100-yard dash during dual meet encounter earlier this season. The two Flint speedsters, the fastest sprinters in Michigan, will tangle again in Class A state finals Saturday at Ann Arbor in hopes of shattering long-standing record of 9.8 seconds. (AP Wirephoto).

## PREP TRACK KINGS TO BE CROWNED

# Flint Sprint Stars Meet Head-On

From Associated Press  
Michigan's prep track championships will be decided at four sites Saturday, but the team titles may be overshadowed by a cinder-thrashing duel between a pair of whip-quick sprinters from Flint.

Flint Central's Herb Washington, who has held his own this winter against Nebraska's Charlie Greene and Western Michigan's Tom Handolph, may get the record sub he needs from William Wallace of Flint Northern.

The 17-year-old Washington, who has signed a Big Ten tender at Michigan State, has turned in a 9.4 second clocking for the 100-yard dash and 21 seconds flat for the 200 on the straightaway.

He has been beaten only once this year, by Wallace in the 200, and that's the equivalent of Man O'War being "0-100."

Wallace has been clocked in 21 flat for the 200 and 2.5 in the 100.

The two boys will meet again head-on at Ann Arbor Saturday. The Class B meet will be at East Lansing, with Class C and D championships at Mount Pleasant and Upper Peninsula titles being decided at Marquette.

With Wallace breaking down Washington's neck, it's quite possible the Flint Central speedster will smash the national prep marks in the 100 (9.3) and the 200 (20.2).

"Herb has the acceleration and Wallace has the big finishing kick," says Norbert Bader, Flint Northern track coach. "But I always say it doesn't matter how you start, it's the finish that counts."

Wallace ran a 21 flat when he beat Washington in the 200 April 19 in a dual meet between the two schools.

"I'm not making excuses," says Carl Krieger, Washington's coach at Central, "but Herb had a bad leg that day. 'Herb is the best sprinter ever in the Midwest,'" he added. "At the stage of his development, he's better than tria Marchison, Henry Carr and Eddie Tolan.

Krieger has facts to back his estimate of Washington's potential and already has made plans to have the youngster take a crack at the U.S. Olympic trials this summer.

Marchison was the best sprinter in the history of Western Michigan. Carr holds the world record for the 200 on a curve at 26.2 seconds and Tolan, who died last year, was the former "Midnight Express" of Michigan who won the gold medals in the 1920 Olympics. Tolan holds a share of the Michigan prep mark for the 100 at 9.8 set in 1927.

Washington has been clocked at 21.5 for the 200 on a curve. He and Wallace both beat Jesse Owen's old high school record (9.4) at the Mansfield (Ohio) Relays last month. Washington ran 9.5 in the preliminaries and 9.4 in the final to Wallace's 9.5.

Nebraska's Greene, who won the NCAA indoor 60-yard dash three years running at Detroit's Cobo Hall, beat Washington at Milwaukee a few weeks ago although both runners were clocked in 5.1 for the 50-yard dash.

"The pictures in the papers the next day proved Washington won," says Krieger. "Herb's beaten Tom Handolph of Western Michigan at 20 yards and he beat Ed Roberts of Trinidad at Toronto. Roberts was third in the 1964 Olympics in the 100 meters.

How fast can Herb run? "I think he'll be running 2.1 some day," says Krieger. "And that's the equivalent of a 100 second 100 meters."

"Herb is good because he's intensely competitive. He has drive and concentration. Charlie Greene is noted for trying to conserve his opponents and he tried it on Herb at Milwaukee. But it didn't work."

"Herb has super legs and he trains hard," added Krieger. "He's an intense listener and follows directions. There's not much more you can ask of a boy."

Bader doesn't have any Olympic hopes for Wallace, an Associated Press All-State football backfield, terming him "a good high school sprinter."

But he adds: "Wallace can run and he'll be ready Saturday."

## NFL Owners Refuse All Player Demands

NEW YORK (AP) — Faced with a "no contract, no football" threat from their veteran players, National Football League clubowners were to present their side of the economic picture at a news conference today.

The NFL Players' Association broke off negotiations Thursday after a meeting in which the owners refused to budge on any of the players' economic demands.

Dan Shulman, the players' lawyer, said a policy of NFL clubs not signing veterans until the current negotiations are over was "in effect, a lockout."

"There are certain positions open to us," he said. "We have to go back to the membership and ask if they are ready to take action. If they continue not signing veterans there just won't be any football."

"If they do sign veterans, a strike vote had been taken and said the players' position was negotiable."

"We are ready, willing and able to meet any time they make an offer on economic terms," Shulman said. "We don't intend to stand pat."

Goody said the owners had submitted "unverified and unaudited" financial statements that "are meaningless to us."

He said the owners "admit to \$80,000 (per club) net profit before taxes. It seems to us this should be a great deal higher."

## Davis Cup Zone Final Underway

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Rafael Osuna of Mexico and Arthur Ashe of the United States led each other this afternoon to pin the North American Zone Davis Cup final.

They are the No. 1 players on their respective teams and their names were drawn Thursday by San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Joaquin Loyo-Mayo of Mexico and Clark Graebner were to meet in the second singles match.

On Saturday, Osuna and Loyo-Mayo will meet, the young doubles combination of Stan Smith, 21, and Bob Lutz, 26, both of the University of Southern California.

However, both nonplaying captains, Donald Dell of the United States and Eduardo Guzman of Mexico, have the oc-

## Pros To Match Wits In Big 10 Showdown

CHICAGO (AP) — A couple of old pros will be matching coaching wits when the Minnesota Golden Gophers and Michigan State Spartans battle Saturday for the Big Ten baseball title and a berth in the NCAA's college world series.

Barring any stumbles in to-

Statistically, Michigan State as a national contender this time.

That remains to be seen, as does the confident pregame prediction by Litwiler that Michigan State would win the Big Ten title because "this is my best team in five years with power, pitching and speed."

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