

Washington Runs Torrid 9.7 Century

The youth of the Twin Cities area put the track and field facilities of Filstrup Field to good use Saturday as champions in 70 track and 33 field events were crowned in the final big day of the Olympian Games. Still in the Olympian schedule are the finals in tennis competition scheduled to be played Tuesday on St. Joseph's Kiwanis courts.

After all of the running and jumping was over, and the medals and ribbons had been given out, four runners by the names of Beverly McKenzie, Jamie Moore, Larry Jones and John Wismer were named the outstanding performers of the day and received special trophies.

The most outstanding performer of the day, however, received no medal or trophy. Herb Washington, the schoolboy sprint star from Filist, ran an exhibition 100 yards and his time of 9.7 will go down as the fastest 100 ever run on the Benton Harbor oval.

Beverly McKenzie was named the top girl athlete in the 13 and under division. Representing Morton Hill, Beverly won the 12-13 long jump with a leap of 13.1 and the 100-yard dash in 12.2.

Jamie, competing in events for girls 18 and over, was voted the top athlete in the 14 and over division and was the only girl to win three events. She won the 70-yard low hurdles in 13.0, the 50-yard dash in 6.8, and the 100-yard dash in 13.1.

Three other girls won two events each. Audrey Young (12-13) took the 70-yard low hurdles in 11.04 and the 300-yard dash in 44.1. Debra Clark (10-11) was a winner in the 50-yard dash in 7.0 and the 75-yard dash in 10.3. Lois Nelson (16-17) won the long jump with a 14' 10" leap and won the 50-yard dash in 7.0.

John Wismer was voted the top male athlete, in the 14-and-over class and Larry Jones, who won the 50-yard dash in 6.6, was named best in the 13 and under division.

Wismer, the former Bear who now runs for Kalamazoo College, was an easy winner in the three events in which he ran and was one of three triple winners.

Wismer won the two mile run with a 10:28 clocking. He was timed in 5:13 for the first mile. In the mile run, he posted a 3:02 with a 2:35 for the first half-mile and a 3:34 for the three-quarters. He was also a winner in the 880.

Ken Barts of St. Joseph, competing with boys 16-17, was a triple winner. His 11-18 in the two mile was 22 seconds off his best time posted in the Class A regional meet last spring. He won the mile in 5:18 and the 880 in 2:21.

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Rodney Rhodes, John Sullivan and Tom Partee were double winners. Rhodes, in the 14-15 division, posted an outstanding 100-yard dash time of 10.2 early in the afternoon with a strong wind to his back. He came back later to do the 220 in 22.9.

Sullivan, in the 14-15 class, won the mile in 5:20.3 and the 880 in 2:21.1.

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