

John Morrison Paces Victory

Redford Union Wins 'A' Track Title

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One Detroit Redford Union thincled summed up his team's 1969 Class A state track championship perfectly when he shouted "paint the head red" as the winning team trophy was held up.

It's not that the runner didn't like the gold coloring on the trophy's big animated runner, but he was indicating the color of John Morrison's hair—the key cog in Redford Union's championship run.

Morrison, a senior hurdler who has signed a tender to come to Michigan State in the fall, paced coach John MacKenzie's charges to its first title Saturday afternoon on the MSU track.

Redford Union tallied 29 points, followed by Battle Creek Central with 24 and Pontiac Northern and Southgate with 22 each.

Coach Ron Horning's East Lansing runners were the top

Lansing area finisher, tying Midland for seventh with 17 1/2 points. Sexton was the only other local team to score, notching seven.

Sig Lillevik sparked the East Lansing showing by placing second in the pole vault with a leap of 13-6 1/2, while the Trojans' 880 relay quintet took sixth with a 1:30.6 clocking. Members of that crew were O s s a m a Sheik, Dan Riley,

Steve Dart and Mark Grua. East Lansing also got a sixth from Jim Wright in the long jump with a distance of 21-9 1/2, seventh in the mile from Jake Snell with a 4:19.8 mark and a tie for eighth in the high jump by T. L. Blair (5-10). Wright took seventh a year ago in the same event with a leap of 22-3/4.

All of Sexton's points came on the basis of a fourth place

in the mile relay. The Big Reds' team of Tom Douglas, Jim Williams, Bill MaGee and Adolph Burton ran the distance in 3:23.1.

Morrison laid claim to the high hurdle title, winging the 120 yards in :14.3, while placing second in the low hurdles and running a leg on Redford Union's fifth-place 880 relay team.

"His times weren't as fast as

they have been in the past, but we counted on him for a lot all year and he came through," said MacKenzie. "Also, he has been bothered recently by leg cramps and his legs were still sore."

Redford Union's other points came on a second-place finish in the mile by Bob Junk and an eighth-place finish by Bill Kuhn, also in the mile.

Two state records were cracked, one by Mike Holt of Detroit Henry Ford in the 440 and the other by Drayton Plain Kettering's Kevin Reabe in the 880.

Holt, who captured the quarter-mile title in 1968, broke his own state record of 48.8 with a 48.3 mark, while Reabe bettered the existing 1:53.0 standard by Detroit Kettering's Roger Cleaver (1968) with a time of 1:52.7.

Steve Nelson, Battle Creek's 6-10 shotputter, missed the 60-3/4 record of Pontiac Central's Bredell Pritchett (1961) with a hefty toss of 59-4 1/4.

Class A State Track Results

Final standings of the top 10 teams in Saturday's Class A state highway track and field championships at Michigan State University.
1. Detroit Redford Union, 29, 2. Battle Creek Central, 24, 3. Tie between Pontiac Northern and Southgate, 22, 3. Pontiac Central, 21, 4. Detroit MacKenzie, 20, 7. Flint Central, 15, 8. Tie between East Lansing and Midland, 17 1/2, 10. Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, 16.
Two-mile Run—1. Rick Schott, Grosse Pointe North, 9:24.4.
High Jump—1. Camry Russell, Pontiac Central, 6 feet, 4 inches, 3. Bruce Lillejohn, Jackson, 6-3, 4. Grady Walker, Jackson, 6-2, 5. Tie among seven including T. C. Blair, East Lansing, 5-10.
880-yard Relay—1. Detroit MacKenzie,

4. East Lansing, 1:30.6, 7. Battle Creek Central, 1:30.6, 8. Kalamazoo Central, 1:30.7.
One-mile Run—1. Steve Danforth, Temperance-Redford, 4:16.8, 3. Mike Goodwin, Jackson Parkside, 4:18.3, 7. Jake Snell, East Lansing, 4:19.8.
120-yard High Hurdles—1. John Morris, Detroit Redford Union, :14.3.
100-yard Dash—1. Ken James, Detroit MacKenzie, :10.2, 3. Jerry Miller, Battle Creek Central, :10.1.
Shot Put—1. Steve Nelson, Battle Creek Central, 59 feet, 6 1/2 inches.
180-Yard Hurdles—1. Charles Langston, Flint Central, :19.5, 4. Mike Hurd, Jackson Parkside, no time.
440-yard Dash—1. Mike Holt, Detroit Henry Ford, :48.3, record. Old record :48.4 by Mike Holt 1968.

880-yard Run—1. Kevin Reabe, Drayton Plain Kettering, 1:52.7, 2. Al Cornwell, Battle Creek Lakeview, 1:53.4, 3. Russ Jones, Kalamazoo Central, 1:55.3, 7. Don Newman, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:55.8, Record. Old record 1:53.3 by Roger Cleaver, Detroit Kettering 1968.
Pole Vault—1. Mark Whittaker, Flint southwestern, 13-9 1/4", 2. Sig Lillevik, East Lansing, 13-6 1/2".
Long Jump—Roland Garcia, Pontiac Central, 22-9 1/4", 4. Jim Wright, East Lansing, 21-6 1/2".
200-yard Dash—1. Marshall Dill, Detroit Northern, :22.1, 3. Jerry Miller, Battle Creek Central, :22.6.
Mile Relay—1. Southgate 3:21.7, 4. Lansing Sexton, 3:23.1, 8. Kalamazoo Central, 3:24.5.

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