

Hurdles record shows way

Brother Rice wins Catholic track title

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Brother Rice, led by a record hurdles performance from Dan Kurkowski and overpowering depth, gained its second outright Catholic League track championship in four years yesterday.

Coach Mike Popsen's squad chalked up 49 2-3 points for an 11 2-3-point advantage over runnerup East Catholic's 38. Notre Dame was third on 36 and U. of D. had 30, while Catholic Central and Bishop Gallagher shared fifth, each with 14.

Kurkowski took the 120-yard high hurdles with a record clocking of 14.5 seconds to erase the old standard of 14.7

set five years ago by Catholic Central's Frank Haggerty.

The fleet-footed Kurkowski was nipped by only one-tenth of a second in the 180-yard low hurdles by Notre Dame's Gary Coakley. Last weekend in the state Class A meet at East Lansing, Kurkowski took a third in the highs on 14.6.

BROTHER RICE won its first league title in 1956, shared the crown with U. of D. in 1967 and last year finished second to U. of D.

The Birmingham squad had two other individual winners Don MacAloon highjumped 6 feet 1 and Chuck Hotaling took the two-mile run in 9:53.8 on the Ford High cinder course. The two-mile emphasized Brother Rice's fine depth.

John Mathews took a third on 10:12.7 and his teammate, Jim Kramer, wound up fifth on 10:21.7.

Popsen's squad also fared strongly in the field events. Brother Rice posted points for second and third positions in the shotput and third and fifth in the pole vault.

THE LEAGUE meet saw two other records in addition to the Kurkowski effort. Jerry Sinkel, the state Class B record two-mile champion from St. Anthony (9:32.9), set a league record of 4:24.5 in winning the mile. It eclipsed the 4:27.5 set by Jerry Myskowski for U. of D. in 1966.

U. of D.'s mile relay foursome of Gary Horndvedt, Mark McCabe, Larry King and Walt Rakowsky won in a record 3:26.0. The old standard of 3:27.9 was chalked up by Brother Rice in 1966.

The meet's most stunning individual performance was turned in by runnerup East Catholic's Al Jones with a 16½ point total. He won the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds, the 220 in 23.2 seconds, anchored the winning 880 relay and finished third in the long jump.

The Second Division track finals were to be held today, also at Ford High field.

Yesterday's results:

100-YD. DASH—1. Al Jones (East Catholic), 10.1; 2. Jim Carruthers (East Catholic), 10.2; 3. Tom Budzyn (Gabriel Richard), 10.3; 4. Don May (Notre Dame), 10.4; 5. Dave Jackson (Nativity), 10.4.

220-YD. DASH—1. Al Jones (East Catholic), 23.2; 2. Tom Budzyn (Gabriel Richard), 23.3; 3. Jim Carruthers (East Catholic), 23.4; 4. Don May (Notre Dame), 23.8; 5. Bob Zmierski (St. Clement), 23.9.

440-YD. RUN—1. Gary Horndvedt (U. of D.), 50.0; 2. Lou Clavarella (Brother Rice), 51.3; 3. Harry Patterson (Bishop Gallagher), 52.3; 4. Christopher McHale (DePorres), 52.5; 5. Keith Jones (East Catholic), 52.8.

880-YD. RUN—1. Ron Champine (Notre Dame), 1:57.8; 2. Walt Rakowsky (U. of D.), 1:59.1; 3. Jack Bennett (Brother Rice), 1:59.7; 4. Ray Evanoff (East Catholic), 2:00.6; 5. Greg Raab (Notre Dame), 2:00.9.

ONE-MILE RUN—1. Jerry Sinkel (St. Anthony), record 4:24.5 (old mark 4:27.5 by Jerry Myskowski, U. of D., 1966); 2. Doug Brown (Notre Dame), 4:26.1; 3. Jim Keating (Brother Rice), 4:27.7; 4. Edward Brock (Bishop Gallagher), 4:30.0; 5. Michael Novak (Bishop Gallagher), 4:37.1.

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Chuck Hotaling (Brother Rice), 9:53.8; 2. George Coppens (Notre Dame), 10:06.3; 3. John Mathews (Brother Rice), 10:12.7; 4. Allen Graiek (Bishop Gallagher), 10:21.7; 5. Jim Kramer (Brother Rice), 10:22.1.

180-YD. LOW HURDLES—1. Gary Coakley (Notre Dame), 19.8; 2. Dan Kurkowski (Brother Rice), 19.9; 3. Jeff Sinclair (East Catholic), 20.0; 4. Ronald Pitts (Holy Redeemer), 20.4; 5. Jim McAskin (Catholic Central), 20.5.

120-YD. HIGH HURDLES—1. Dan Kurkowski (Brother Rice), record 14.5 (old mark 14.7 by Frank Haggerty, of Catholic Central, 1964); 2. Gary Coakley (Notre Dame), 14.8; 3. Jeff Sinclair (East Catholic), 14.9; 4. Nat Higginbotham (DePorres), 15.4; 5. Ronald Pitts (Holy Redeemer), 15.5.

LONG JUMP—1. Harry Patterson (Bishop Gallagher), 20 feet 3¼; 2. Jim Patton (Catholic Central), 20-3¼; 3. Al Jones (East Catholic), 20-3¼; 4. Fred Daris (Shrine), 19-3¼; 5. Mike McCree (DePorres), 19-1¼.

HIGH JUMP—1. Don MacAloon (Brother Rice), 6 feet 1; 2. Mark Woick (DeLa Salle), 6 feet; 3. Gary Dryden (Catholic Central), 5-11; 4. Mike Butler (Servite), 5-8; 5. Tied, Bill DeBar (Brother Rice) and Russ Monahan (Brother Rice), 5-6.

SHOT PUT—1. Jim Thornton (Roseville Sacred Heart), 50 feet 5/2; 2. Ed Naughton (Brother Rice), 49-6¼; 3. John Fontanesi (Brother Rice), 48-11½; 4. Mike Marisz (De La Salle), 48-½; 5. Bob Johnson (U. of D.), 48 feet.

POLE VAULT—1. Pat McClatchey (U. of D.), 12 feet; 2. Joe Halfman (U. of D.), 11-6; 3. Kevin Keating (Brother Rice), 11-6; 4. Tom Niebel (Holy Redeemer), 11 feet; 5. John Currier (Brother Rice), 11 feet.

880-YD. RELAY—1. East Catholic (Ben Jollie, Herm Rieley, Jim Carruthers and Al Jones), 1:31.3; 2. Notre Dame, 1:33.1; 3. U. of D., 1:33.4; 4. Catholic Central, 1:34.0; 5. Nativity, 1:34.3.

MILE RELAY—1. U. of D. (Gary Horndvedt, Mark McCabe, Larry King and Walt Rakowsky), record 3:26.0 (old mark 3:27.9 by Brother Rice, 1966); 2. Catholic Central, 3:28.0; 3. Notre Dame, 3:30.3; 4. Brother Rice, 3:30.7; 5. East Catholic, 3:33.7.

TEAM POINT TOTALS—1. Brother Rice, 49 2-3; 2. East Catholic, 38; 3. Notre Dame, 36; 4. U. of D., 30; 5. Tied, Catholic Central and Bishop Gallagher, 14 each; 7. Gabriel Richard, seven; 8. Tied, Roseville Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and De La Salle, six each; 11. Tied, Holy Redeemer and DePorres, five each; 13. Tied, Nativity, Servite and Shrine, two each; 16. St. Clement, one; 17. Bishop Boraess, 1-3. Scoreless—St. Ambrose, Austin, Bishop Foley, St. Frances Cabrini, Divine Child, Redford St. Mary, St. Paul and Dearborn Sacred Heart.

3 U.S. tennis stars win, Ralston jolted

PARIS — (AP) — A trio of United States Davis Cup stars, Arthur Ashe, Stan Smith and Cliff Richey, moved impressively into the last 16 of the French Open tennis championships yesterday while touring professional Dennis Ralston crashed to a humiliating defeat.

Play was interrupted by heavy showers which left the red clay courts of the Roland

Garros Stadium heavy and sluggish.

Ralston, of Bakersfield, Calif., tamely surrendered to Zeljko Franulovic of Yugoslavia, who scored a 6-2, 6-0, 6-1 victory. It was one of the most one-sided matches since the tournament started last Monday.

Ralston, who is ranked No. 8 on the world list, said he was tired of playing nine sets of singles and doubles Thursday.

Richey, of San Angelo, Tex., downed Egypt's Ishmael el Shafei, 6-2, 7-5, 6-8, 6-1.

Earlier, Richey had completed a second-round victory over Luis Ayala, of Chile in a match interrupted by rain Thursday night.

Ashe, of Green Springs, Va., cruised past Barry Phillips-Moore, of Australia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1. Smith, of Los Angeles, outlasted Premjit Lall, of India, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

Doctor marvels at Tony C's sight

BOSTON — (UPI) — Tony Conigliaro's recovery to normal sight in his damaged left eye was against "incalculable" odds, his eye specialist said last night.

Dr. Charles D. J. Regan, who treated the Boston Red Sox outfielder after he was hit and nearly blinded by a pitch in August of 1967, said there was no documentation of any other case in which normal vision returned to a similarly damaged eye.

The specialist, who had expressed doubts that Conigliaro would ever play baseball again, said Conigliaro's vision in his left eye now is a normal 20/20 and he added that he did not expect it to change further.

Oak Park '9' wins

Dave Wiemer drove in five runs with a triple, double and single as Oak Park trounced Waterford Kettering, 15-7, yesterday in the Pontiac invitational prep baseball tournament. Elliot Blumberg allowed two hits in 6½ innings for the winners. Southfield and Groves had gained victories earlier in the one-game knockout tourney.

Gopher nine ousted from NCAA meet

ST PAUL, Minn.—(UPI)—Superb pitching gave Ball State a 4-1 victory over Minnesota yesterday and eliminated the Big Ten champions from the NCAA District 4 baseball tournament.

Earlier in the day, Southern Illinois edged Minnesota, 4-3, in 11 innings and Ball State beat Ohio University, 4-3, also in 11 innings.

Ball State will meet Southern Illinois for the district crown today.

Ball State led Minnesota throughout, with the Gophers scoring their run in the seventh on three straight singles.

The Gophers had a chance in the ninth when they loaded the bases with none out. But Tom Pinkerton, the winning pitcher, struck out Bob Schmitz; Al Kominski flied out to short right and Lou Gronseth hit into a force play at third.

Minnesota outhit Ball State, 7-5, but Pinkerton struck out 12.

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