

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1970

THE NEWS - PALLADIUM BENTON HARBOR, MICH.

MISSES STATE 220 MARK BY .05

Hopkins Inches Shy Of Record

Don Hopkins of Benton Harbor stands only inches from a state record today after rocketing to one of the fastest sprints in Michigan track history Tuesday afternoon.

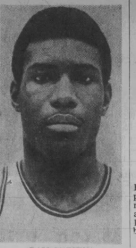
Filling in for injured Rodney Rhodes during a break in the Tigers' baseball schedule, Hopkins flashed through the 220-yard dash in a lightning-like 33.45 seconds during a dual meet with Dowagiac on the Christiana track.

The amazing clocking wiped out the Benton Harbor school record of 21.9 seconds set by Bert Copeland back in 1941 and is only a scant 1/20 of a second shy of the all-time area record of 31.4 seconds, which was set by Bill Raynor of Niles in 1963 and still stands as Michigan's Class A state record.

Hopkins, who also has a 9.9 clocking in the 100-yard dash this season, gave a preview of his near-record performance when he ran anchor leg on the 880-yard relay squad and was

timed in an astounding 20.9 seconds on three different watches. The versatile senior also won the 100 in 10 seconds flat and the long jump while leading the Tigers to a 6-2-2 victory and highlighting 10 honor roll performances in three area dual meets.

Hopkins now stands first in the season rankings in the 220 Central but did tighten their hold on the honor roll position with Tim Tobin hitting 10:11.1 to complete a clean sweep of the two-mile rankings while Steve Norris joined the mile list at 4:48.0.



DON HOPKINS

Area's Longest Winning Streak Seems Near End For Hartford

Southwestern Michigan's longest track streak will probably tumble next Monday when Hartford hosts Paw Paw and New Buffalo in a 4:30 p.m. 175 angular.

Coach Ed Gustafson's Hartford thunders haven't lost a dual or triangular meet since 1965 but will be hard put to match the overall strength of Paw Paw.

The mighty Redskins hold two first places in today's first track honor roll of the 1970 season and have stood among the top five in eight events.

"This will be the toughest track team we've ever faced in the time I've been here," notes Gustafson. "Wayne (Folan) has got one of those one in a million track teams... but there's always a chance."

Area Track Honor Roll

Table listing track events (800-YARD DASH, 100-YARD DASH, 200-YARD DASH, 400-YARD DASH, 800-YARD DASH, 1000-YARD DASH, 1500-YARD DASH, 2000-YARD DASH, 3000-YARD DASH, 4000-YARD DASH, 5000-YARD DASH, 6000-YARD DASH, 8000-YARD DASH, 10000-YARD DASH, 12000-YARD DASH, 15000-YARD DASH, 20000-YARD DASH) and winners from various schools.

TIGERS TRIUMPH

Don Hopkins... Steve Norris... Tom Parrett... The Tigers' victory was highlighted by Hopkins' near-record performance in the 220-yard dash.

BEARS BREEZE

Steve Norris... Tom Parrett... The Bears' victory was highlighted by Norris' performance in the mile race.

Bear Netters Post Shutout

Portage... Three of St. Joseph's four tennis victories have now gone into the records as 1-0 sweeps following the blanking of Portage Central here Tuesday by the Bears.

VIKINGS VICTORIOUS

St. Joseph... The Vikings' victory was highlighted by their performance in the 100-yard dash.

Bear Golfers Still Unbeaten

Dowagiac... St. Joseph's undefeated golf team ran its winning streak to five straight by edging past Loy Norris and Dowagiac in a triangular match Monday at Indian Lake Tuesday afternoon.

Advertisement for GOLD DAY IN, DAY OUT...G with a picture of a tire and the text 'Any Size Your Choice \$15'.

Clipped By:



jeffhollobaugh Wed, Apr 7, 2021