

Covert Survives Wipeouts To Win State Cl

Four Area Tracksters Individual Champs

Covert survived two night-hairpin wipeouts to win the Class D track championship and individual titles during state competition in the three lower classes at three different sites Saturday.

880-yard relay and ace sprinter Ray Jeffries stumbled during the 100-yard dash preliminaries, but still had enough to edge Ulica St. Lawrence 25.75 for the Class D crown.

Richardson outduelled Colorado's Stan Zach to win the quarter mile in 4.8 — best of the season for a southwestern Michigan runner — in the Class B meet at East Lansing and also ran a leg on the Rockies' sixth — place 880-yard relay team. Zach finished close behind in the 440 at 50.1 seconds.

Individual champions from this area crowned Saturday are further distinguished when River Valley sprinter Tim Nyhuis pulled a muscle after running about 60 yards during the 100-yard dash preliminaries. The only other area athlete to place was Brantwan's Ron Kosopolski, who took sixth in the high hurdles.

Class C competition was highlighted by Livrock's pole vault of 12.175, matching the record set by Hartford's Jim Oles in 1968, and shot put contention between four area muscle men, who avert the top four places.

Bennett took the title with a toss of 35.84, followed by New Buffalo's Larry Livock at 32.89, Decatur's Mike Sopher at 32.84 and Warren Springs' Popper Colvin at 32.81.

Buckeyes Not Champs... Yet

CHICAGO (AP) — The Big Ten baseball race is over according to the schedule with Ohio State on top of the heap but the Buckeyes still could wind up second to Minnesota.

Ohio State completed the regular schedule by splitting a doubleheader with Northwestern on Saturday, winning the first game 4-3 but losing the nightcap 6-0.

This left OSU with a 131 record and Minnesota, seeking a third straight title, shipped Iowa twice Sunday 2-1 and 5-4.

Rams Rap Five HRs In Sweep

THREE RIVERS — South Haven uncorked a barrage of five home runs Saturday while sweeping a Wolverine conference doubleheader here, 4-0 and 13-2.

Lakers Win String Hits 10 Straight

Lake Michigan Catholic ran its winning streak to 10 games Saturday afternoon by sweeping a Red Arrow conference doubleheader with Bridgman on the shutout pitching of Tim Shindeldecker and Jeff Neumann.

St. Joe Netters Fall

HOLLAND — St. Joe doubles semifinalists Chris Karsen and Frank Gillespie dropped a tough sister-setter to Niles' Tim Livock and Andy Bodnar 6-1, 2-6, 9-7 in Class A regional action here Saturday.



RELAY VICTORY: Don Hopkins of Benton Harbor raises his arms in victory as he finishes his line ahead of runners from Wayne and Dearborn Edsel Ford to win 880-yard relay during Class A state track meet Saturday at Ann Arbor. Benton Harbor was timed in 1:29.1—three-tenths of a second off the state record. (Staff photo by Pete Mitchell)

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The Niles pair was then dumped by the No. 1 seeded duo of Dan and Rick Pascoe of Holland 6-2, 6-2 in the finals. The singles final saw No. 2 seeded Rick Thomas of Kalamazoo Central down his teammate, Steve Shotwell, 6-2, 6-2.

In singles semifinal action, the points, Niles and Holland had 11 each. St. Joseph 7, Muskegon 5, Kalamazoo, Lev. Norris, 5, Dave Emig of Muskegon 3, 7, Muskegon Mont. Shores 4 each, 5, U.S. and Shropshire upset No. 1 Grandville and Traverse City 3, Vic Amara of Holland, who apiece, Grand Haven 1 and played white 33 with the fin, 5-4, 6-2.

The finalists in both singles Final team standings saw and doubles go to the state Kalamazoo Central win with 14 meet June 5-6 at Kalamazoo.

Big Ten Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	Behind
Ohio State	13	1	.923	—
Minnesota	9	2	.818	4 1/2
Michigan State	7	5	.577	7 1/2
Illinois	6	4	.600	8
Wisconsin	6	4	.600	8
Nebraska	4	10	.286	14 1/2
Iowa	4	11	.263	15 1/2
Northwestern	2	11	.154	19 1/2

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