

PINNIX RULES AS 440 CHAMP

Big Reds Fourth In State

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ANN ARBOR — Port Huron High's Big Red track team was just a couple of breaks away from the State Class A championship in the accident-marred meet run here Saturday.

The Big Reds finished in a tie for fourth in the final standings with 21 points while Class A placed a Benton Harbor record 29 points.

Port Huron boasted one of the 14 Class A champions crowned in 400-yard dash star Tim Pinnix. They also collected two fourths and a sixth place finish for the day.

In the accident, the crowded bleachers directly across from the starting and finish line at the University of Michigan's Perry Field collapsed.

An estimated 1,000 persons were in the stands when a lead crack sounded and the wooden bleachers came down in a swoosh. Port Huron's Jim Dickinson and his wife were among those in the stands at the time of the accident.

Neither the former Big Red football coach nor his wife were hurt. The University of Michigan Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital reported 25 persons admitted because of injuries.

The bleachers collapsed just after the Big Red 800-yard relay team of Jim Witherspoon, Dave Giles, Chuck Russell and Dick Carrier had run in the second heat of the 800-yard relay.

The team failed to place with their 1:33.3 clocking. In addition to Pinix's win, Carrier placed fourth in the 200-yard dash after failing to reach the finish in the 100-yard dash.

The mile relay team of Pinix, John McInnis, Ralph Lill and Dave Giles chopped two seconds off the Blue Water Area mile relay record they set in winning the regional a week ago to take fourth place in the state at 2:22.4.

In an outstanding performance, freshman Rob Johnson collected a sixth place finish in the long jump at 21-feet-10. The jump was Johnson's and the area's best of the year.

The near misses proved costly to the Big Reds. In addition to Carrier missing a bid to the finals in the 100 where he has run :49.9 this year, Fred Whittican, the Big Red's champion hurdler was bumped as he and another hurdler's leg met. That cost Whittican, who has tied the area mark in the high hurdles at :14.6, a spot in the finals where he figured to pick up a fourth place or better.

The mile relay team turned in a dazzling time that unbelievably could have been just a little bit better.

Pinnix ran the opening quarter mile in :48.1 to put the Big Reds in the lead. McInnis was able to hold the lead with a fine :50.8 split.

The third leg was costly as Lill spent himself on the backstretch trying to make up 15 yards between himself and a member of the champion Flint Northern team. Lill turned in a :53.8 time.

Giles took the baton for the final leg amid four other runners. He managed to beat out one of them with an excellent :58.1. The finish for the four places behind Flint Northern was close enough that the extra second used up by Lill could have meant a second place finish.

However, the time posted by the Big Reds was better than any in the regionals throughout the state and two seconds better than the best time ever posted in the area.

Carrier's fourth in the tight 200-yard dash also saw the second and third place times

at :22.4 in the blanket finish behind the state's fastest prep, Marshall Dill of Detroit Northern.

Cocherlaine was anything but disappointed with the team's best showing ever in the state finals. "We'll be back next year and maybe we'll be better," said the coach of the repeat champions of the Eastern Michigan League.

Pinnix, in winning the state title in the 400, ran into trouble

for the first time this season. "I tightened up," he said. "The start bothered me." Pinnix had rolled a little at the start and all the runners had to be called up and he set again.

The tension of being the target of the state's other top quarter-milers was obviously bothering Pinnix at the starting line. Coach Richards said he was surprised that his first state champion would be both-

Pinnix ran the first 300 yards of the race in his usual style with a 30-yard lead on the rest of the field. There he slowed noticeably and had just enough at the finish to beat the challenge of three other runners who finished within a tenth of a second of his 48.8 seconds.

That was the first time Pinnix had run the one lap around the track in a 49-second clocking.

He went into this year with the school mark of :48.4. He set a new standard at 48.9 and crunched as low as 48.4 in last week's regional competition. That time stands as the area record.

Following champion Benton Harbor were Highland Park at 22, Detroit Northern at 23 and Groves Pointe North and Flint Northern with Port Huron at 21. Flint Southwestern had 20.

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MILE RELAY TEAM SETS AREA MARK
Port Huron High's mile relay team of Tim Pinnix, John McInnis, Ralph Lill, and Dave Giles chopped two seconds off the Blue Water Area record while taking fourth place in the Class A State Finals at Ann Arbor Saturday. The team checked a



2:22.4. In the photo at top, left, Pinix hands the baton to McInnis who in turn gives it to Ralph Lill (top, right). Lill's hand-off to Giles is pictured below, right. Times Herald photos by Bob Sossanella.

Weiskopf Clings To Atlanta Lead

ATLANTA (AP) — Tom Weiskopf faltered in the sweltering heat and grinding pressure of the backstretch Saturday but clung to a one-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$125,000 Atlanta Golf Classic.

Tall Tom, five-under-par at one point and sporting a six-stroke lead, stumbled in with a one-under-par 71 for 204, 12 under for the tournament on the



hilly, 1,863-yard Atlanta Country Club Course.

He held a one-stroke margin over disappointed Gary Player and Chuck Courtney.

Courtney, who trailed by one going into the round, matched Tom's 71 while the tough little Player forged a 69 despite missing eight putts of eight feet or less.

They were tied for second at

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SCHEFFER EASES OVER

Marysville's Gary Scheffler watches closely as he glides over the bar set at 11-feet-11 inches during the Class B State Finals in the pole vault at East Lansing Saturday. Scheffler failed to clear 12-5, the next height, and didn't place in the meet.

IN CLASS B FINALS

Schulze Wins 100

(Special To The Times Herald)
EAST LANSING — Larry Schulze of Laker High provided the Blue Water Area a state champion by winning the Class B 100-yard dash here Saturday.

Schulze was an easy winner in the event, clocking a :10.2, three-tenths of a second ahead of the second-place finisher.

Jewel Swinton of Vassar placed fourth in the 440-yard dash for the Vulcans. Swinton ran a :50.7 quarter.

Al Michalak of Caro scored points in the shot put with a heave of 51-feet-3, good for seventh place. The only other area point scorer was Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley's mile relay team which placed seventh in 3:31.6.

Marysville's Jim Butler, expected by many to place in the two-mile, simply had a bad day according to Viking coach

Walt Braun and did not place with his time of 10:12.

Displaying great balance in many events, Ecorse retained its crown in the Class B championships more than doubling the team total of second place Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ecorse failed to win a first place in any of the 14 events at Michigan State University, but got 41 team points.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook was second with 20 points and Wyoming Park was third with 19.

Two meet records were set. Jim Goodfellow of Oxford ran the two-mile in 9:28.2, eclipsing the old record 9:40.0 by Paul Baldwin of Flint Bendle in 1968.

In the high jump, Brad M

er of Sturgis broke the mark he set last year. He got a distance of 6-feet-6¼ inches, this year, compared to his old record of 6-foot-5½ inches.

Ron Mathews of Ecorse was the highest winner for Ecorse, finishing second in the shot-put, behind John Wallace of Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

In other events, Ecorse finished third in the mile relay, fourth in the 220-yard dash and 180 yard low hurdles, fifth in the 880-yard relay and 100-yard dash, and seventh in the 220-yard dash.

Other team winners included Muskegon Heights in fourth with 18 points, followed by Muskegon Catholic Central, 16½. Tied for sixth were West Branch Ogemaw Heights, Sturgis, Rockford, Rochester Adams and Northville.

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Padres And Gi

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The San Diego Padres and the San Francisco Giants played one of those old-fashioned baseball slugfests Saturday with the Padres finally gaining a 17-16 victory on Steve Hunter's homer in the 15th inning.

Hunter led off the 15th with his circuit only a few minutes after centerfielder Clarence Gaston had exerted doctored for the Padres in the 16th when Bobby Bonds socked a long drive to center with one on and two out.

Gaston went back to the fence and squared the drive to the 15th.

The Giants have an 8-4 lead, then rallied to tie at 16-14 in the ninth and again at 16-16 in the 11th.

Willie Mays hit two homers and Ken Henderson and Willie McCovey one each for the Giants. Christ Camazzano, Ron Slocum, Nate Colbert and Gaston connected for the Padres.

The game lasted five hours and 29 minutes. Altogether there were 44 hits, 23 by the losing Giants.

Gary Gentry, who pitched a one-hitter against the Chicago Cubs the last time he faced them, was rocked for nine early runs as the National League's East Division leaders buried the New York Mets 16-4.

The Cubs jumped Gentry for three runs in the first, then scored four in the second, five in the third, and two in the fourth.

Gentry was pulled after the fourth inning and replaced by Tom Seaver.

Seaver pitched a complete game, allowing only one run in the 15th inning.

The Mets scored three runs in the 15th, but were unable to score again.

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CARRIER TAKES A FOURTH

Port Huron High's Dick Carrier placed fourth half-second behind the winner, Marshall Dill in the 220-yard dash Saturday at the State Finals. (extreme right) of Detroit Northern.

Area Does Well In 'C'

Richardson vaulted 12-feet-11, the best of the season for the Bulldogs, finishing four and a half inches off the state Class C record of 12-11 1/2.

George Simmons of North Branch placed fourth in the 800-yard run with a time of 2:06.8 while Capuc's Leo Foster was seventh in 2:28.4.

Rick List of Frankfort placed fourth in the high hurdles and fifth in the lows. The Eagle speedster was timed at 15.75 in the high and 21.1 in the lows.

New Haven placed two other cindermen with Frank Dasset taking a snub in the 100-yard dash with a time of 18.00.3 and Scott Bell eighth in the shot put at 48-feet-6 1/2.

U.I.U.'s Howard Sweeney rounded out the area's best with a seventeenth finish in the mile run at 4:53.4, the best in the area this year.

Alton-Fargrave's 800-yard relay team took a fifth in 1:28.4.

With only four members on the team, Reading tied Grass Lake for first place in Saturday's Class C high school track championships at Central Michigan University.

Ken Burger, a senior at Reading, won the 100 yard high hurdles, finished second in the 120 hurdles and placed seventh in the long jump.

Ken's brother Tom, a sophomore, ran second in the 200.

The brothers teamed with the remaining two members of the team, Fred Mason and Bill Bridgeman, to be first in the 800 relay.

Dennis Adams of Newaygo broke all class records in the high jump with a leap of 6-8 1/2. The old record of 6-8 was set by Fred Barnes of Flint Central in 1967 in Class A competition.

Shelby's mile relay team ran the distance in 2:28.6, breaking the old meet record held by Battle Creek St. Philip in 1968 of 2:31.4.

Ivan Livrock of Gobets tied the Class C pole vault record with a jump of 12-11 1/2, and Dave Hunt of East Hudson ran the two mile in 9:41.1, breaking the old record by 4.9 seconds.

In addition to Reading and Grass Lake, who tied for first with a score of 27 1/2, other top finishers were: Shephard 25 1/2, Battle Creek St. Philip 23, Detroit St. Martin DePorres 21, Cassopolis 18, Alpena Catholic Central 17, and Hallett 17.

Unionville 10th In Class D

Big Rapids — Unionville, with three places in the meet, finished 10th in the Class D State Track Finals here Saturday.

The mile relay team took a fourth in the time of 3:39.9 while Dave Hofmeister placed fourth in the 800-yard run in 2:04.2 and Pat King took a sixth in the shot put at 46-feet-9 1/2.

Memphis' Walt Sobocinski placed second in the shot put with a toss of 49-feet-7 and Dave Stahler of North Huron was fifth at 47 1/2.

Grant Triger of Cassopolis took second-place honors in the 400-yard dash with a time of 2:5.

Port Hope's Sam Ingram took a third in the 100-yard dash at 18.7 and a fourth in the 200 at 23.5.

Tom Walsh of Peck leaped 17-feet-6 in the pole vault for a sixth-place finish and Cassville's Dave Quinn went 19-feet-11 in the long jump for a sixth-place.

A well balanced performance by Lovett clinched the Class D high school track championship Saturday but it was Ed Robinson of Michigan School for the Deaf who was the star of the meet.

Robinson won the 220-yard dash in 29 seconds and his 18.2 clocking in the 100-yard dash tied a record set by three others in 1968.

Gordon's victories came in the 120-yard high hurdles, 13.4, and the 100-yard low hurdles, 19.4.

Grass Lake, the defending champion, meanwhile tied for the championship in Class C.

About 5,500 athletes from 77 schools participated in the Class D event.

Despite Gordon's double victories, his school could only muster 16 points — good for 12th place in the final team standings. The Michigan School for the Deaf showed one was better than last year, when the school finished fifth.



FRESHMAN JOHNSON STRAINS

Rob Johnson, Port Huron High's outstanding freshman long jumper, placed sixth in the State Class A Finals at Ann Arbor Saturday with a leap of 21-feet-10. The effort was Johnson's and the Blue Water Area's best of the season.

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Benevenuti Defends

In that fight, Bertha had used a body attack to put Benevenuti down in the seventh round and leave the champion complaining that his ribs were broken when he quit in the 10th eighth. It was the only time Benevenuti has been stopped in 10 fights, 84 of them victories.

Bertha, a stabilizer of former welter and middleweight champ Emilio Griffith, was making only his 7th pro start.

Once again, he tried to work on Benevenuti's body, but this time the champion felled him by backing quickly away and using a flicking left jab.

Bertha, who has been phis-



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