

Benton Harbor Wins State Track Title

By UPI

There were only four class titles up for grabs, but some-how the weekend's Michigan High School Track Championships ended with five winners.

The mix-up occurred in the Class C competition with Grass Lake and Reading both finishing with 37½ points to tie for first.

And then, of course, there was Ecorse in Class B, which didn't win a single event but still managed to take the team title by rolling up 41 points.

Benton Harbor didn't take any such chances in the Class A competition in Ann Arbor. It totaled up its points early and the total of 52 stood up, challenged only by Highland Park, which finished with 23.

In Class D, Covert gained only one first place but placed in half of the 14 events to compile a score of 63½ points, just edging Utica St. Lawrence, which had 52.

The Class A competition was marred by an accident which resulted in 27 persons sustaining minor injuries. The accident occurred when a set of bleachers collapsed on the University of Michigan's Ferry Field. Officials were unsure whether the wet grounds or the concentration of persons in the stands caused the mishap.

There were no new records set in the Class A competition. Three records were shattered in the Class D championship, held in East Lansing. Three in Class C action, held in Mount Pleasant, and one in Class D, held in Big Rapids.

The top 10 finishers in Class A were: Benton Harbor, 52; Highland Park, 23; Detroit North, 22; Grass Lake, 21; Flint Northern, Paul Harmon, 21 each; Flint Southeastern, 20; Pontiac Northern, 16; Wayne Memorial and Detroit MacKenzie, 14 each.

Class B: Ecorse, 41; Greenbush, 30; Wyoming Park, 10; Muskegon Heights, 18; Muskegon Catholic Central, 16½; West Branch, Sturgis, Rockford, Rochester Adams and Northville, 15 each.

Class C: Grass Lake and Reading, 37½ each; Shepherd, 28½; Battle Creek St. Philip, 22; Detroit St. Marie De Perres, 21; Cassopolis, 18; Alpena Catholic Central, 17½; Haslett, 17; Frankmunsh, 16½; and Shelby, 16.

Class D top five: Covert, 35½; Utica St. Lawrence, 32; Hale, 31½; Michigan School for the Deaf, 29½; and Elk Rapids, 28½.

MIC'S SCREEN

Traverse City's only entry in the Class A state track finals, Jim Wakefield, took a seventh place in the pole vault finals, clearing 13 ft. 2 inches to tie him with Coach Joe Nelhardt for the school record, set in 1965.

St. Francis entries failed to score even though they came up with good performances in the events they entered.

The mile relay team of Ed Smith, Kirk Wolf, Mike Corstock and Frank Hall ran their fastest time of the season, 3:33.5 and finished in ninth place, just out of the scoring column. Tim Arnest reached a new high for him in the pole vault, clearing 12 ft. 1 inch, then missed a place in scoring on misses. Frank Hall ran a 53.5 second 400, his best of the year, and failed to score.

This was a good year for high jumpers and this hurt Gene Elliott and Cal Stueby. It took 5' 11 to earn an 8th place year with the first place height of 6 ft. 0½ inches, set by Dennis Adams of Newaygo, an all-time high, regardless of classification.

Elk Rapids took 8th place in the final Class D steeplechase, sacking up a second and fourth in the two-mile. Butch Hassett, running the distance in his best time of the year, 6:59.9, and Jerry Gross covering the distance in 10:14. The Elk Rapids team finished in the 4th with Denn Hubbard being clocked in 59.1 seconds, the mile relay team of Ed Pollister, Keith Morrison, Paul Acker and Denn Hubbard was timed in this event with a 3:28.3 minutes recording and Paul Acker ran a 2:05.689 for a seventh to round out Elk Rapids scoring.

Belleire got service from Byron Blossfeld and Dave Swire with a 1.3 in the high jump at 5 ft. 11½ inches, a seventh in the high hurdles by Swire in 16.6 seconds, an 8th in the long jump by Roy Kintworth with 19 ft. 0½ inches, with the mile relay team finishing just out of the scoring, in 11th place.

7-11 Drive Slated at Elk Rapids

ELK RAPIDS — The cheerleaders of Elk Rapids High School will sponsor a 7-11 Drive to raise money for uniforms and cheerleading camp at Ferris State College.

The drive will be held from 5-9 p.m. at Kewadin on Tues-

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