



Grand Blanc's Mike Pierce (left) Wins Class A Mile by an Eyelash Over Doug Brown of Harper Woods Notre Dame

Washington Chips Away to Erase 5-1 Tiger Lead for 6-5 Victory

BY LARRY PLAADINO

DETROIT (AP) — Daryl Patterson made a costly change of mind, but he should have realized that's only a woman's prerogative.

Patterson's balk in the ninth inning Saturday put the winning run in scoring position, then Ed Brinkman followed with a single to give the Washington Senators a 6-5 come-from-behind win over the Detroit Tigers.

Brinkman, who got four hits, drove in three runs in three separate times at bat and Washington relief pitchers no-hit the Tigers after the fourth inning to allow for the comeback. Two home runs and four runs-batted-in by second-string Tiger Ike Brown went to waste.

The teams were scheduled to meet again today with Mickey Lolich, 5-4, expected to pitch for Detroit against Joe Coleman, 2-3.

ELLIOT MADDOX HOMERED off starter George Brunet to lead off the fourth and Brown followed with another home run. Then Washington relievers Bob Humphreys, Joe Grzenda, Jim Shellenback and Darold Knowles silenced

Detroit bats the rest of the way, with Shellenback, 1-1, picking up the win.

"They never got a hit after the fourth, did they?" mused a smiling Williams. "Ain't that something."

Tiger starter Mike Kilkenny allowed six hits in his 6 2-3 innings before Patterson came in.

WASHINGTON had narrowed the gap to 5-3 when big Frank Howard belted his 13th homer of the year, following a double by Brinkman. Brinkman drove in the Nats' first run in the third with a double and also knocked in a run in the seventh.

Rick Reichart tied the game with a solo homer off Patterson in the eighth.

"Either it's great or our hitting is lousy, one or the other," said Tiger Manager Mayo Smith about Washington's relief work.

"I WAS ADJUSTING the ball in my glove but still standing on rubber," changed my mind on the pitch I was going to throw and turned the ball in my hand.

"It was a mistake you shouldn't

make, whether it is your first appearance or last."

It was Patterson's first appearance in relief since he completed two weeks active duty in the army. He only pitched one previous time this year, also against the Senators.

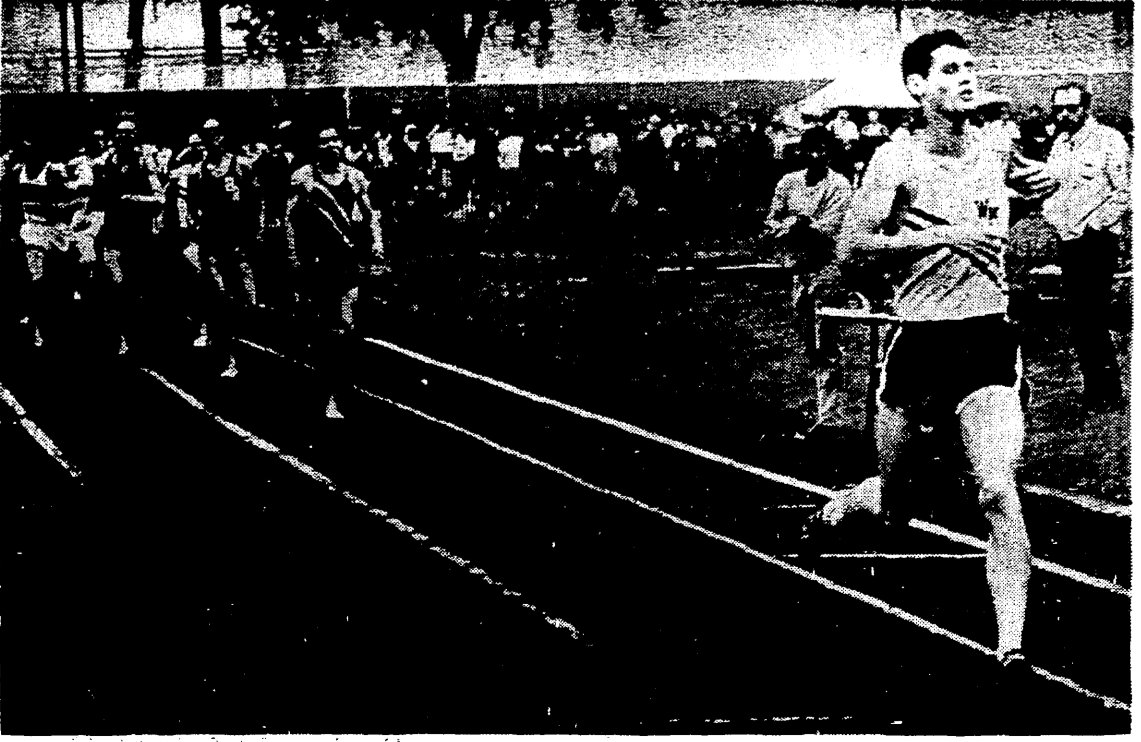
"Yeh, we saw it," said Williams of the balk. "As a matter of fact we thought he did in a couple times earlier."

JOHN ROSEBORO opened the ninth with a single, took second on the balk, and scored the winning run on Brinkman's single.

The Tigers appeared to have things under control early, taking a 5-1 lead after four innings, three runs coming on Brown's first homer of the year, following a single by Jim Northrup and a walk to Maddox.

Brinkman seemed more concerned with an error he made in the ninth inning, allowing a Mickey Stanley grounder to go through his legs.

"Frank Howard is going to give me some tips on catching grounders," he joked.



Waterford Kettering's Kevin Reabe Has Healthy Lead in 1:59.9 Record 880

Pierce Rules in Mile; Northern Relay Unit, NW's Williams Triumph

By LEN HOYES
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ANN ARBOR — Distance men took care of the records but sprinters decided the championship Saturday in an accident-marred state Class A track meet at Ferry Field.

Flint made no serious challenges for the title, mainly because of a series of disappointments.

But late-in-the-day fireworks were more than earned respectability for Greater Flint.

BENTON HARBOR won the team title for the first time with 29 points, mainly on the strength of sprinters Rodney Rhodes and Don Hopkins who combined for 24 points which were more than the 23 for runner-up Highland Park and 22 by Detroit Northern.

Grand Blanc's Mike Pierce won the day's feature event with a 4:14.5 mile, getting his school's first Class A championship.

That appeared to be the Flint area's only title until Northern High's mile relay team won the last running event and Northwestern's Delma Williams long-jumped from ninth place to No. 1 on his final leap.

Northern totaled 21 points to tie for fourth place and Southwestern ranked seventh with 20. Northwestern had 15 points for ninth place.

GRAND BLANC had 12 points, Flint Central 4, Flint Beecher 3 and Clio one-half point.

Don Forte, Mel Kelly, Brod Crump and John Butler came within two-tenths of a second of the record with a 3:20.7 mile relay for Northern.

Williams won with a leap of 23-13/4 effort after narrowly making the finals with the ninth best qualifying jump. Earlier he had placed seventh in the low hurdles, eighth in the highs and ran the anchor leg of the 880 relay team which finished seventh. He accounted for 12 of the Wildcats' points.

PIERCE'S BLAZING kick at the start of the final lap built a 12-yard lead which was just enough to hold off Doug Brown, the pre-meet favorite from Harper Woods Notre Dame. Brown, who had a 4:13.7 regional time against Pierce's 4:17.7, came on strong as Pierce faltered near the finish but fell a foot short of victory.

"I kicked too much on that first 220 and didn't have much strength left at the finish," explained Pierce. He had run his pre-meet plan most of the way, letting Brown set the pace but sticking close until the gun lap.

Pierce's time was 1.3 seconds off a seven-year-old record but he was more than satisfied with the victory.

Other distance men took care of records.

WATERFORD KETTERING'S Kevin Reabe, one of Michigan's all-time prep greats, reeled off a 1:50.9 half mile which left the rest of the field far behind. He wiped out his meet record of 1:52.7.

Two-miler Rick Schott, another defending champ, was a 9:15.9 victor and easily wiped out the record of 9:19.3. Flint Southwestern's Sam Torres got boxed in early and couldn't catch Schott although he was a solid runner-up in 9:22.4.

Torres' finish, plus a second in the 100-yard dash and a third in the 220 by Ralph Smith, took care of Southwestern's points.

Smith's 13 points were the most by anyone from the Flint area.

Detroit Northern's Marshall Dill won both dashes, the century in 10.0 and the 200 in 21.9. He also won the 100 last year.

Also a double winner was Pontiac Northern hurdler Mel Reeves who won

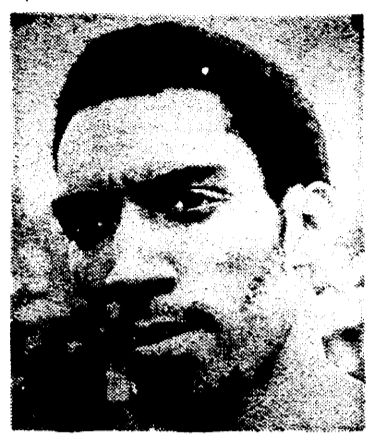
RIO BRAVO CAPTURES FRONTIER HANDICAP

LIVONIA — Rio Bravo, a 4-year-old chestnut colt who never before had won a stakes race, came from off the pace to capture the \$25,000 added Frontier Handicap at the Detroit Race Course Saturday.

Jockey Larry Snyder was aboard the colt for the first time and at the end of the mile and 1-16 in sloppy going was five and a half lengths in front of T.F. Devereaux's five-time stakes winner Royal Harmony. Karl Vangeloff's French Corners was another two and a half lengths back at the wire.

the highs in 14.4 and the lows in 19.6.

NORTHERN GOT seven points from fourth place in the 880 relay by Butler, Kelly, Crump and Ron Polk and Ron Light's fifth in the high hurdles earned



NW's Delma Williams Four Events for 12 Points



Detroit Northern's Marshall Dill Nips Ralph Smith in 100 Southwestern Star Collects 13 Points in State Meet



MSD's Eddie Robinson Wins Both Sprints in Class D State Track Summaries, Page 32

four points. But Light, who had won the regional low hurdles, couldn't make the finals in that event and Polk didn't get into the 100 and 220 finals. Forte just missed a point with ninth place in the 440.

Central's Fred Bellairs, another regional champ, didn't score in the pole vault. Fifth place by miler Keith Kline accounted for the Indians' points, the smallest Central total since 1956.

High hurdler Bill Skaff was sixth and Rich Hahn was eighth in the 880 for other Grand Blanc points.

Half-miler Wayne Alger finished sixth, getting Flint Beecher its first points as a Class A entry. Clio's Bob Siebecker tied for eighth in the high jump.

FLINT KEARSLEY'S heart was broken early when its 880 relay team couldn't complete the first baton exchange. The baton sailed almost off the track and the Hornets were through.

Davison and Flushing failed to score.

Two defending champions couldn't repeat. Battle Creek's Steve Nelson faded to third in the shot put and Pontiac Central's Campy Russell was only fourth in the high jump.

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King Is Fired By San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Clyde King, manager of the San Francisco Giants, was fired Saturday, shortly after his team lost a 17-16 marathon slugfest to the San Diego Padres.

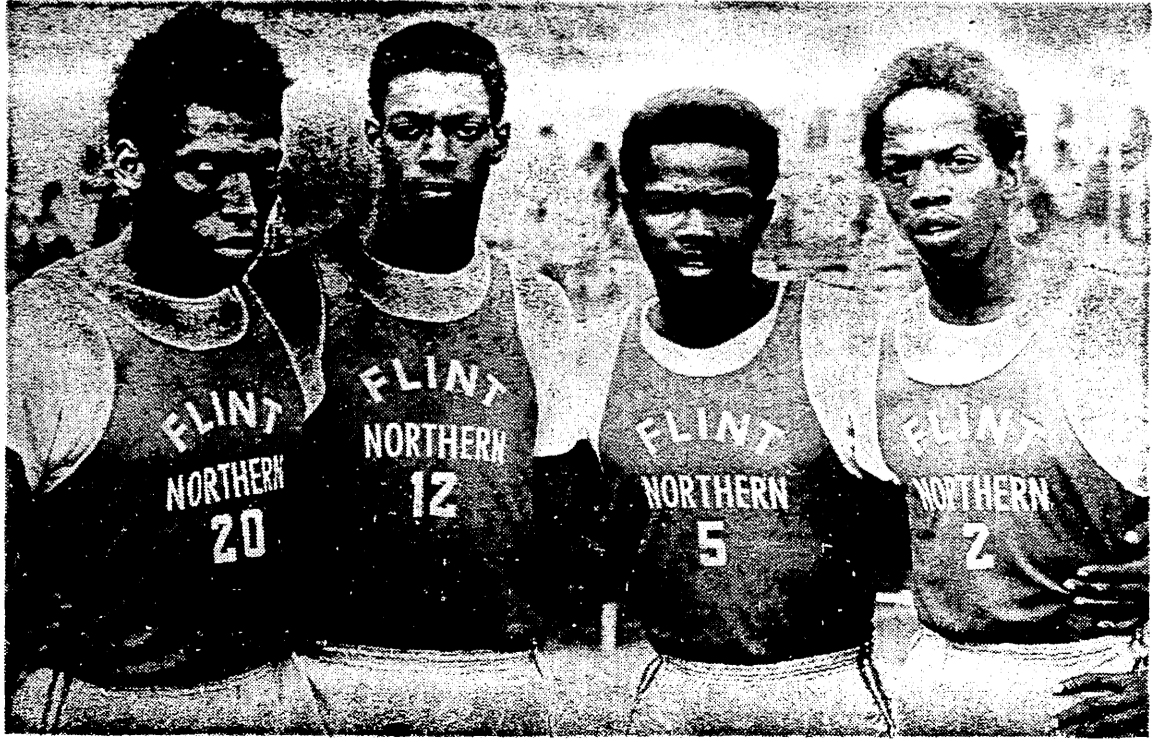
The Giants called a press conference shortly after the 5-hour, 29-minute game ended and announced that Charlie Fox, a member of the club's organization for 26 years, would replace King today.

King managed the Giants to their fifth consecutive second place finish his first year as field boss last season.

King, fired on his 46th birthday, guided the Giants to a 90-72 record and second place in the Western Division as a rookie manager in 1969. It was the Giants' fifth consecutive second-place finish. The first four were under Herman Franks.

Moving to Southwest

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (AP) — Buddy Ball, basketball coach at Coffeyville Junior College for the past eight years, said he is resigning to become head basketball coach at Eastern New Mexico. Teams coached by Ball, who also was the school's athletic director the past two years, compiled a 164-62 record.



Mile Relay Victors . . . (From Left) Northern's D on Forte, Mel Kelly, Brod Crump, John Butler