



**ROD RHODES**  
Outstanding in Meet

# Benton Harbor Sprinter Outstanding Performer

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Rod Rhodes culminated one of the most outstanding years ever experienced by a high school trackman yesterday as he swept to victory in the 100 and 220 yard dashes in addition to anchoring the winning Benton Harbor 880-yd. relay team at Saturday's Champion of Champions track and field extravaganza at Waldo Stadium.

For his efforts, Rhodes, who led the Tigers to the state Class

A track title, won The Gazette trophy for the outstanding performer — the true champion of champions."

Other outstanding entries included shot putter Ron Gatherright, fresh from the state class A title, who heaved the shot 60 feet, 1 inch; miler Jeff Dixson of East Grand Rapids who went 4:20.6 for that distance; Bob Cassleman of Grand Rapids Catholic who ran a :48.6 quarter mile; and pole vaulter Jim Stevenson of Muskegon Catholic who cleared 14 ft. 6

inches. Local entries who placed were Kurt Dunn of Portage Central, second in the long jump; Pat Walters of Portage Northern, fifth in the 100; Phil VanderNaald of Kalamazoo Central, fourth in the 440; and Larry Richards of Comstock, third in the pole vault.

Rhodes' stiffest competition came from teammate Don Hopkins, who also ran on the 880 relay team and placed second behind the speedy Rhodes in both sprint events despite out-

standing times. Rhodes' winning efforts were :09.7 in the century and :21.6 in the 220.

880-yrd. Relay — 1. Benton Harbor; 2. Grand Rapids West Catholic; 3. Wyoming Park; 4. Paw Paw; 5. Detroit Thurston. Time — 1:28.7.

Long Jump — 1. Ken Papes, Free Soil; 2. Dunn, Portage Central; 3. Hack, Grass Lake; 4. Shaheen, Detroit Thurston; 5. tie between Helder, Holland West Ottawa, and Wood, Mt. Morris. Distance — 22 ft. 2 in.

Shot Put — 1. Ron Gatherright, Mt. Clemens; 2. Bennet, Cassopolis; 3. Sopher, Decatur; 4. Reckinger, Allen Park; 5. Lindh, Detroit Thurston. Distance — 60 ft. 1 in.

880-yd. Run — 1. Al Martin, Saginaw St. Peter and Paul; 2. Mills, Ann Arbor Huron; 3. Heppie, Detroit Lutheran West; 4. Goodwin, Jackson Parkside; 5. Palmer, Ann Arbor. Time — 1:59.

120-yd. High Hurdles — 1. Henry Brown, Highland Park; 2. Snyder, Wyandotte; 3. tie between Benson, Redford Union, and Konopinski, Niles Sandywine; 5. Merrill, Otsego. Time — :14.4.

Mile Run — 1. Jeff Dixson, East Grand Rapids; 2. Kurtis, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Sullivan, St. Joseph; 4. Kline, Flint Central; 5. VanAlsburg, Grand Rapids Creston. Time — 4:20.6.

100-yd. Dash — 1. Rod Rhodes, Benton Harbor; 2. Hopkins, Benton Harbor; 3. Shaheen, Detroit Thurston; 4. Hack, Grass Lake; 5. Walters, Portage Northern. Time — :09.7.

440-yd. Dash — 1. Bob Cassleman, Grand Rapids Catholic; 2. Shanahan, Big Rapids; 3. Zech, Coloma; 4. VanderNaald, Kalamazoo Central; 5. Solomon, St. Clair Shores Lakeview. Time — :48.6.

180-yd. Low Hurdles — 1. Joe Snyder, Wyandotte; 2. Hubbard, Bay City Glenn; 3. Wolowiec, Dearborn Edsel Ford; 4. Brown, Highland Park; 5. Tyrer, Warren Fitzgerald. Time — :19.7.

Two-Mile Run — 1. Kevin Reabe, Drayton Plains Kettering; 2. Chenoweth, Charlotte; 3. Goodfellow, Oxford; 4. Griffis, Rochester Adams; 5. Locke, Litchfield. Time — 9:28.

High Jump — 1. Dennis Adams, Newaygo; 2. Littlejohn, Jackson; 3. Myres, Midland Bullock Creek; 4. Ousterhout, East Lansing; 5. Wellman, Michigan Center. Height — 6 ft 6 5/8 in.

220-yd. Dash — 1. Rod Rhodes, Benton Harbor; 2. Hopkins, Benton Harbor. Time — :21.6.

Pole Vault — 1. Jim Stevenson, Muskegon Catholic; 2. Mohre, Charlotte; 3. Richards, Comstock; 4. Blanchard, Redford Union; 5. Livock, Gobles. Height — 14 ft. 6 in.

Mile Relay — 1. Ann Arbor; 2. Lutheran West; 3. Creston; 4. Redford. Time — 3:25.8.

## Three Rivers Wins Net Title



**COMSTOCK'S LARRY RICHARDS SOARS TO HEIGHTS IN POLE VAULT EVENT**  
He Finished Third In Saturday's Champion Of Champions Meet At Waldo Stadium

—Gazette photo by E. Joseph Deering

## Kaline Injured In Collision

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Right fielder Al Kaline of the Detroit Tigers suffered injuries to his knee and jaw in a collision with center fielder Jim Northrup Saturday night but was reported in good condition at Lutheran Hospital.

Kaline suffered no fracture was held in the hospital overnight for observation. Kaline was carried off the field on a stretcher following the first-inning accident.

The mishap occurred as Kaline and Northrup were chasing a fly ball hit by Roberto Pena. Either one could have caught it but when they collided the ball fell safely and Pena circled the bases for a grand slam home run.

## Jim Bouton Will Meet With Bowie

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