

# Portage Northern wins in Hastings

**How They Finished**  
Portage Northern 59, Waverly 41, Lakewood 21, Portland 20, Marshall and Comstock 19 each, Grand Ledge 18, Plainwell 17, Portage Central 14, Charlotte 11, Hastings 5, Hackett 4, Pennfield 3, St. Johns 1, Ionia 0.

**By BILL FRANK**  
**HASTINGS** — Portage Northern won five of six running relay events here Saturday to capture its second straight Hastings Relays track and field championship on 59 points.

This was the 30th annual running of the Relays and it turned out to be one of the coldest on record. Temperatures hovered around the 40 degree mark and winds gusted at more than 30 miles per hour.

But, Portage Northern was red hot in taking its third team championship in the last four years.

Lansing Waverly, entered for the first time, finished in the runnerup spot on 41 points. The rest of the field of 15 teams trailed far behind with Lakewood in third place with 21 tallies.

Marshall led the Battle Creek area teams with a tie for fifth place at 19 points while host Hastings had 5 and Pennfield 3. Pennfield's points came in the high jump

where John Allen finished third.

Portage Northern only had two points after the four field events but the Huskies came on strong in the running relays started. They took the mile, 440, 880, sprint medley and two-mile relays.

Charlotte was the only other team capable of breaking Portage Northern's grasp on first spots in the relay events when the Orioles won the distance medley.

Naturally, there no records broken because of the cold weather and biting winds.

Tom Cashen and Chuck Evans each ran on three winning relays for Portage Northern. Teammates Russ Fender, Ron Powers, Jim Doyle and Mark Rose each ran on two winning relays.

John Crapo of Marshall got off a heave of 53 feet, 5 inches, to easily win the shot put.

Brad Whitmore of Plainwell took the high jump at 6-0, John Fitzpatrick of Plainwell won the pole vault at 11-6, Doug Prout of Waverly captured the long jump at 21 feet, 6½ inches and Bill Bowen of Lakewood took the 120 high hurdles in :15.5.

The cold weather really took its toll in the pole vault where only three contestants negotiated the starting height.

**Summaries:**

**Field Events**  
High jump—Won by Brad Whitmore (Plainwell); 2-Durant (Portland); 3-Allen (Pennfield); 4-Higgs (P-Northern); 5-Bowen (Lakewood), 6-0.  
Polevault—Won by John Fitzpatrick (Plainwell); 2-Dunham (Waverly); 3-Clairey (Hastings) (No other vaulter made starting height), 11-6.  
Shotput—Won by John Crapo (Marshall); 2-Carr (Lakewood); 3-Marks (Portland); 4-Armour (Hastings); 5-Sandborn (Portland), 53-5.  
400 relay—Won by P-Northern (Chuck Evans, Tom Greenawald, Jim Doyle, Mark Rose); 2-Comstock; 3-Portland; 4-Hackett; 5-tie, Charlotte and St. Johns, :46.4.  
Distance medley—Won by Charlotte (Dave Rieben, Terry Miller, Bill Bytwork, Jim Chenoweth); 2-Lakewood; 3-Portage Central; 4-P-Northern; 5-Marshall 11:19.9.  
120 high hurdles—Won by Bill Bowen (Lakewood); 2-Bebriak (Waverly); 3-Rose (P-Northern); 4-Erler (Comstock); 5-Whitmore (Plainwell), :15.5.  
800 relay—Won by P-Northern (Evans, Doyle, Rose, Cashen); 2-Comstock; 3-Portland; 4-Marshall; 5-Lakewood, 1:34.7.  
Sprint medley—Won by P-Northern (Powers, Evans, Cashen, Fender); 2-Waverly; 3-Grand Ledge; 4-Marshall; 5-P-Central, 2:34.5.  
Two mile relay—Won by P-Northern (Dave Zastrow, Gary Decker, Matt Fraser, Dave Didrickson); 2-Waverly; 3-Central; 4-Plainwell; 5-Grand Ledge, 8:35.8.

**Running Events**  
Mile relay—Won by Portage Northern (Ron Powers, Russ Fender, Dave Bates, Tom Cashen); 2-Waverly; 3-Grand Ledge; 4-Marshall; 4-Plainwell, 3:33.3.  
440 relay—Won by P-Northern (Chuck Evans, Tom Greenawald, Jim Doyle, Mark Rose); 2-Comstock; 3-Portland; 4-Hackett; 5-tie, Charlotte and St. Johns, :46.4.  
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