

Eastern, Okemos and Haslett Win at Albion Meet

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ALBION — Brimming home handsome hunks of hardware from the Albion College Invitational track meet is getting to be a habit with Eastern and Okemos.

It might become a habit with Haslett, too, if the Vikings master the technique for winning coin flips.

Eastern, runner-up in Section I of the six-section meet last spring, refused to settle for less than the first place award here Saturday, easily outdistancing the 180-200 field to pile up 51 points.

Okemos, champion of Section IV a year ago, stepped up a class this time and proved more than equal to the challenge, thanks to a fifty triple triumph by speedster Steve Smith. The Chiefs took Section III with 39 team points.

Haslett came home empty-handed, even though it shared Section V honors with New Haven after coming from behind with a victory in the final event, the mile relay. The Vikings flipped New Haven for the championship trophy, and lost.

They won't be holding an

empty bag for long, though. Meet director Morley Fraser promised speedy delivery of a

duplicate award. Waverly and Charlotte also produced solid efforts, placing

third in sections III and IV, respectively. Jackson Parkside dominated III and Chelsea won

IV. Morenci prevailed in Section VI, where Danville was eighth.

The most intriguing thing about Eastern's easy success was that it could have been even bigger. The Quakers were well on their way to winning the 880 relay when Charles Hollern pulled up lame, and they got no points. Hollern's injury also deprived the Quakers of a probable 1-2 finish in the 440, won by teammate Joe Britton.

Ambrose Pike's was the Quakers' shining light, notching both dashes, with partner Tom Loveless placing a strong third in both. Pike's performance in the century was particularly impressive, a 10.1 into the teeth of a strong wind.

High jumper Gerald Lee notched the first Eastern win, clearing 6.2 in the high jump. Phil Knapp followed with a 4-30.1 winner in the mile. Britton chipped in with a 52.6 in the quarter. The mile relay combination of Knapp, Charles Smeeka, Al Martin and Britton won in 3:35.2, after the Quakers had already been awarded the first place trophy.

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Top Track Meets on Tap In Lansing This Week

This week, for the first and only time during the outdoor season, the prep invitational

The field is a very select one of strong, basically, a

Herb Washington, Eric Allen, Wayne Hartwick, Bob Casselman and company in section.

Bears Lead

CANTON, Ohio (UPI)—The Chicago Bears now have 12 players enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame here — more than any other pro football club.

Grid Pioneer, Ex-MSU Coach, Taylor, Dies

GREEN BAY, Wis.—John L. "Targ" Taylor, 76, a pro football pioneer and Michigan State line coach in 1923-24, died in St. Vincent Hospital here Saturday after a short illness.

After coaching for Michigan State, Taylor coached lines at Ohio University and Ohio State before taking the line coaching post at Marquette University in 1929, where he served until 1942.

From 1950 through 1952, he was the line coach for the Green Bay Packers.

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