

**HIS DAY** — Marshall Dill of Detroit Northern has the 100-yard dash to himself as he cracks a 46-year-old record in 9.6 seconds Saturday at East Lansing. Dill broke the record in the preliminaries and again in the finals. He also set a record in the 220 and anchored another record in the 880 relay.

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# Baker, Detroit Northern Have Romps

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**EAST LANSING** — Dave Baker picked the right year to put it all together and the Flint area Class A track powers picked the right time to have a "down" year.

While the Kearsley High senior was romping to a record 9:15.4 for two miles, Detroit Northern was romping to a 15-year high of 54 points to take the team title in a walk.

**FLINT CENTRAL**, led by Reggie Barnett's 12-point contribution, was fourth in a points.

Other Flint area schools were far down the line.

After Kearsley's eight points came Northwestern and Beecher with three apiece and Swartz Creek with two. Six others were among 64 schools which failed to score.

**BAKER MADE** his first — and only — appearance in the

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state meet memorable by clipping one-half second from the record set in 1970. He took the lead on the third lap and won going away from Amos Brown of Detroit Northern. That was the only time all afternoon anybody took anything away from the overpowering Detroiters.

"I really wanted this one," puffed the 17-year-old Baker after the race.

As a sophomore he startled the state with a fine time in the Huron relays. But a week later he was finished for the season when a leg fracture was revealed after he had practiced all week and run two miles in the Central Michigan Invitational.

**LAST YEAR** he suffered a sprained foot in the Mott Relays and was virtually done for the season. He never got back in shape to run in the regional which qualified for the state meet.

But this was another year. Baker wasn't disappointed by his time of 4:35 for the first mile. He had hoped to be about 4:28 but he said, "I really didn't know how I stood because this was my first experience in this meet. I just was happy to be ahead."

**BAKER RAN** a planned

race, unmindful of Brown dogging him for more than four laps. When the lead stretched to 20 yards going into the final lap it was apparent that Baker was the winner. The only item to be decided was the record and he got it.

Baker is the first Kearsley trackman to win a championship in Class A although others won in Class B and Class C. "I'm really happy that David was the one to break the ice," beamed Coach Don Marsh.

That left Central to carry the rest of the Flint area load.

**BARNETT WAS** second in the 220 and fourth in the 100, Fred Bellairs tied for fourth in the pole vault and Ted Klopf was seventh in the shot put.

The Indian had a shot at third place but blew it because their annual malady struck. They dropped the baton in the 880 relay and were so far behind at the end of three legs that Barnett didn't run in order to save himself for more productive possibilities.

Mike Blanchard was seventh in the 100 and Doug Gibbs tied for seventh in the high jump for Northwestern's points. Zeno Tremain of Beecher was sixth in the mile and Swartz Creek's Jim Burns was seventh, the latter earning his school's first points in the Class A meet.

**IT'S A** good thing the Flint area had no solid contenders for the team crown. It would have been a shame to see the title bid shot down by Detroit Northern and a real live marshal — Marshall Dill.

He was the ace on a day of seven broken records and another tied.

Dill broke a 46-year-old record in the 100-yard dash, lowering the mark to 9.6, and lowered the 220 record to 20.6. He also anchored the 880 relay to a record 1:27.0.

**THE DETROITERS** also

won the mile relay in 3:23.7 and were second in the 440 and two-mile.

Other records were set in the shot put (62-1), 440 (48.0), long jump (23-11) and tied in the high jump (6-8).

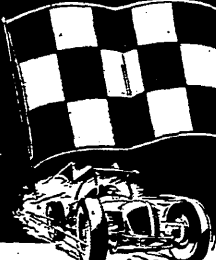
Perhaps the most significant mark to tumble was the 23-3/4 long jump of Hayes Jones who later became an Olympic star.

Detroit Northern's total was the best since Pontiac

Central's 61 in 1956.


East Lansing was second with 32, a figure which would have won the last two years. Grand Rapids Catholic was third with 20 1/2. Pontiac Central was fifth with 18.





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