

# Miler Jim Tobin Sparkles

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Good things come in small packages.

Just ask Jim Tobin, St. Joseph's pint-sized miler ace who literally ran off with the Gazette's trophy for the outstanding performer in the annual Champion of Champions'

meet Saturday. The meet, held in the 80-degree heat of Waldo Stadium, was sponsored by the Kalamazoo Jaycees and run off in conjunction with the Michigan Federation meet.

Tobin, who scales 5-7 and 135 pounds, gutted out a 4:16.8 time, just five - tenths of a

second off the state's best of the year, to win his specialty by edging out last year's winner, Jeff Dixon of East Grand Rapids.

Other stars in the prep extravaganza included sprinter Bob Eubank of Grand Rapids Union, who won both the 100 and 220-yard dashes; Mt. Cle-

mons' Ron Gatherright, the state Class A shot put champ; hurdlers Joe Schneider of Wyandotte and Paul Sherd of Rockford; high jumper Mark Freeman of Warren Fitzgerald; and Tobin's teammate, two mile whiz Steve Norris, whose 4:16.3 time in the mile is the only mark to top Tobin's effort this spring.

Greater Kalamazoo claimed its share of luminaries. Kalamazoo Central's Brian Ford finished second to Gatherright with a G-K best of 59-2 1/4, while teammate Robert Scott was third.

K-Central's John Borsos went out fifth in high jump competition, while the Maroon Giant's mile relay crew placed sixth.

Portage Northern's snappy mile relay team came out on top of a strong field with a blistering time of 3:22.2, which was a state seasonal record effort. Russ Powers overcame an early lead by Detroit Lutheran West and Tim Cashen ran a track-burning anchor leg.

Among area contestants, Niles' Lewis Garner was second in the high jump and third in the long jump; Paw Paw's Bob Harrison was fifth in the 440-yard dash; and Tom Mitchell was third in both the 100 and 220 representing Allegan.

Long Jump — 1. Carton Daniels, Ann Arbor Huron; 2. McAleenan, East Grand Rapids; 3. Garner, Niles; 4. Johnson, Parkside; 5. Searer, Grand Haven. Distance — 22 ft. 11 1/2 in.

880-yd. Relay — 1. Grand Rapids West Catholic; 2. Ecorse; 3. Flint Beacher; 4. Detroit Catholic Central. Time — 1:29.8.

880-yd. Run — 1. Don Keswick, Fenton; 2. Marshall, Lakeview; 3. Smith, Lumen Christi; 4. Clark, Grand Ledge. Time — 1:55.3.

120-yd. High Hurdles — 1. Joe Schneider, Wyandotte; 2. Romstead, Warren Fitzgerald; 3. Jorgensen, Greenville; 4. Coonce, Quincy; 5. Langley, Oscoda. Time — 1:14.5.

Mile Run — 1. Tim Tobin, St. Joseph; 2. Dixon, East Grand Rapids; 3. Williams, Howell; 4. Tamminga, Grand Rapids Central Christian; 5. Tremain, Flint Beecher. Time — 4:16.8.

100-yd. Dash — 1. Bob Eubank, Grand Rapids Union; 2. Sherd, Rockford; 3. Mithcell, Allegan; 4. Nebrodowski, Wyandotte; 5. Kelly, Detroit Northern. Time — 10.2.

Shot Put — 1. Ron Gatherright, Mt. Clemens; 2. Ford, Kalamazoo Central; 3. Scott, Kalamazoo Central; 4. Middledorf, Harper Woods Lutheran West; 5. Pryzgodski, Grand Rapids Catholic Central. Distance — 60 ft. 4 1/4 in.

440-yd. Dash — 1. Tom Bruger, Reading; 2. Zech, Coloma; 3. Miles, Ecorse; 4. Costello, Lutheran West; 5. Harrison, Paw Paw. Time — 1:49.6.

180-yd. Low Hurdles — 1. Paul Sherd, Rockford; 2. Kelly, Detroit Northern; 3. Romstead, Warren; 4. Irwin, Wayland Union; 5. Selmer, St. Joseph. Time — 1:19.2.

High Jump — 1. Mark Freeman, Warren Fitzgerald; 2. Garner, Niles; 3. Dungy, Jackson Parkside; 4. Aeschilman, Dexter; 5. Borsos, Kalamazoo Central. Height — 6 ft. 7 1/2.

Two Mile Run — 1. Steve Norris, St. Joseph; 2. Brown, Detroit Northern; 3. Barkley, Detroit Catholic Central; 4. Petoskey, Jackson Time — 9:19.7.

220-yd. Dash — 1. Bob Eubank, Grand Rapids Union; 2. Nebrodowski, Wyandotte; 3. Mitchell, Allegan; 4. Bruger, Reading; 5. Suddarth, Ecorse. Time — 22.0.

Mile Relay — 1. Portage Northern (Chuck Evans, Russ Fender, Russ Powers, Tim Cashen); 2. Detroit Cherry Hill; 3. Detroit Lutheran West; 4. Ann Arbor Huron; 5. Detroit Catholic Central. Time — 3:22.2.

Pole Vault — 1. Ed Kretschmer, Bloomfield Hills Lasher; 2. Blanchard, Detroit Redford Union; 3. tie between Taylor, Ann Arbor Huron and Keenedy, Warren Fitzgerald; 5. Janowak, Flint Kearsley. Height — 14 ft. 7 1/4 in.

## Hoosiers Win Big Ten Title

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Indiana's Hoosiers, amassing 19 points in the 220 dash, rallied to retain their team crown while six individual meet records were fashioned and one tied, in the 71st Big Ten outdoor track and field championships Saturday.

Indiana wound up with 110 3/4 points, 20 points ahead of indoor champ Wisconsin which collected 90 3/4. Illinois was third with 76 1/2, followed by Michigan State, 73, and Michigan, 51.

Lee LaBadie of Illinois failed in an expected bid to shatter the four minute mile, but still ran away from an 18-man field to set a meet record of 4:01.5. This shaved 2.1 seconds off the mark of 4:03.5 by Minnesota's Gary Bjorklund, who skipped a mile defense but set an impressive meet record in retaining his 3-mile crown.

Indiana captured only two individual firsts compared with four by surprising Illinois.

With 13 of the two-day meet's 18 events remaining, the Hoosiers lagged behind the Illini. But the Hoosiers picked up 19 points with a one-two finish in the 220-spring won by defending champion Mike Goodrich and defending shot put champion Bob Winchell retained his title as Indiana picked up 14 more points in that event.

Indiana's 440-yard relay team contributed another first as favored Ohio State's quartet misfired on the third baton exchange while holding a substantial lead.

One of the day's notable records was a 7-1 high jump by Wisconsin's Pat Madzdorf who dethroned last year's winner, John Mann of Michigan.

3,000 METER STEEPLECHASE — 1. Don Timm, Minnesota, 8:43.8, new record, old record, 9:00.5, Fred Lands, Wisconsin, 1969; 2. Steve Kelley, Indiana 8:55.8; 3. Rich Gross, Illinois, 9:01.9; 4. Randy Kilpatrick, Michigan State, 9:02.9; 5. Jim Press, Indiana 9:04.1; 6. Larry Cobb, Illinois, 9:04.8.

440-yard relay — 1. Indiana (Mike Goodrich, Mike Miller, Gary Powell, Larry Highbaugh), 4:05.2, Michigan State, 4:09.3, Purdue, 4:14.4, Wisconsin, 4:19.5, Iowa, 4:19.6, Minnesota, 4:21.1.

660-yard run — 1. Bob Castleman, Michigan State, 1:18.3; 2. Mark Winzenreid, Wisconsin, 1:18.5; 3. Skip Kent, Wisconsin, 1:19.4; 4. Al Cornwell, Michigan, 1:20.0; 5. Glen Close, Indiana, 1:20.0; 6. Eric Chapman, Michigan, 1:20.4.

120-yard high hurdles — 1. Godfrey Murray, Michigan, 13.8; 2. Dick Taylor, Northwestern, 14.2; 3. Wayne Hartwick, Michigan State, 14.3; 4. Greg Pivovar, Illinois, 14.3; 5. John Morrison, Michigan State, 14.3; 6. Greg Johnson, Wisconsin, 14.6.

Mile Run — 1. Lee LaBadie, Illinois, 4:01.5, new record, old record, 4:03.6, Gary Bjorklund, Minnesota, 1970; 2. Don Vandrey, Wisconsin, 4:04.5; 3. Phil Pyatt,



## Broncs Get Solid-Swinger In Southpaw Mike Squires

There isn't much Mike Squires can't do on a baseball diamond.

The sturdy five-foot-ten, 180-pound southpaw pitches, plays first base and the outfield and, above all, he swings the quick bat.

Mike makes contact at the plate. There's no doubt about it. He hit .454 this spring for Kalamazoo Valley Community College's powerful ball club and .492 for the same team one year ago.

Last summer, Squires batted a ringing .392 in 13 post-season games for Kalamazoo Old-Timers' national (AABC) finalists.

While at Kalamazoo Central he batted .375 as a junior and .361 as a senior.

So, in four years of high school and college baseball he's never dropped below .300. Throw in city federation ball, too.

**As a prep, Squires had an 11-0 pitching record over two seasons at K-Central.**

Western Michigan baseball fans, then, can be excused for getting excited over the fact that Squires has signed the national letter of intent with the Broncos. When practice resumes in the fall at Hyames Field, Squires will be there.

Mike squelches a rumor going the rounds that he has a sore arm. "I had what you might call a tired-sore arm early this year. I overworked myself in practice then pitched a game the next day. It was my own fault. I'm o.k. now, though."

This summer, when the Old-Timers take the field in defense of their city federation title, Mike Squires will be there — on first base, or in the outfield, or on the mound. He will play anywhere. He likes the game that much.

## Ziegler Tops MAC

Gene Ziegler, the little leadoff batter for Miami of Ohio, is the 1971 batting champion in the Mid-American Conference.

Ziegler hit .382 for all games in addition to drawing 33 bases on balls.

Western Michigan's sophomore catcher Tom Vanderberg, who led the MAC for the first half of the season, slipped to ninth place with a .326 average. Vanderberg was injured in the first game of the non-conference series with Louisville on May 15 and the enforced idleness didn't help him.

**Miami catcher Don Eversman was the fielding leader with a perfect percentage in 221 chances, while Western's junior first baseman Bruce Mierkowicz, who handled 371 chances, was second with a .995 mark.**

In pitching, Doug Diamond of MAC champion Ohio U., led in earned run average with 1.00. He had a 10-0 record for the season.

Western's Tom Zahn was fifth in ERA at 1.48, missing a chance to lower that mark when an injury kept him out of the Kent State series.

Buddy Schultz, the talented Miami southpaw, dominated in strikeouts with 112 for the year.

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