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Marks Fall As Northern Wins Relays

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Fresh honors in track and field are becoming scarce for coach Woodrow Thomas and his Northern High Team.

The Eskimos overwhelmed a field of 90 other schools Saturday in the seventh annual Schafer Relays for their fourth major track conquest of the spring.

Previous triumphs had come in the Spartan Relays, the Ecorse Relays and at Belleaire, O.

Only a State championship, which comes up in two weeks, and a possible national high school record in the 800-yard relay, appear as future possible conquests.

AND THE national schoolboy record of 1:23.4 held by White Plains (N.Y.) High is within the reach of Northern.

Saturday more than 2,000 sun-baked fans watched a 12 1/2 mile relay of Bill Nance, Brad Rogers, Tyrone Kelly and Marshall Dill speed to a 1:21 victory and at least two of the handoffs were of the shoddy variety.

Then Dill came back with the 100-yard dash. Running in an electrifying performance in to a slight head wind he was clocked in 9.4 seconds, four tenths of a second better than the existing state record.

THE 12 1/2 mile relay time was the fastest ever recorded by a Michigan high school foursome. The previous mark was 1:27.5 set by Northwestern in 1968.

Dill's 9.4 in the century equaled Herb Washington's best time as a shooboo.

Nance also came back to rack up a record 48.3 in the 400 and Northern got other victories from its shuttle hurdle relay team. Its mile relay team, from Dill in the 128 and Amos Brown in the two-mile.

Northern amassed a record 49 points to 31 for second place Grosse Pointe North, its only real challenger on this bright afternoon.

But Northern wasn't the only school to get into the record book.

ROGER BLANCHARD, a pole vaulter from Redford Union who has been working at the sport since he was seven years old, soared 14 feet 6 1/2 inches, six inches higher than he had ever cleared the bar previously.

That effort tied the existing state record shared by Dave Leimer of Grand Haven and Larry Biskner of Pontiac Waterford.

The high jump went to Curley Gardner of Willow Run who set a record when he hit six feet 6 1/2 inches. Mackenzie's John Ross took home a record with a long jump effort of 22 feet 6 1/2 inches.

Colons Knot ABA Playoffs

LOUISVILLE — (UPI) — Louie Dampier scored the last four points Saturday to lift the Kentucky Colonels to a 128-125 overtime victory over the Utah Stars and even their American Basketball Association championship series at two games each.

The Colonels, handicapped by the loss of their entire front line on fouls, wasted an 18-point lead in the second half as the Stars tied the contest at 119 in regulation play on a foul shot by Red Robbins.

Dampier, who led the Colonels in scoring with 32 points, took complete charge in the final minute of the overtime to

TWO-MILE RUN:—Amos Brown, De- troit, 12:08.4; Bill Nance, Northern High, 12:09.2; Brad Rogers, Northern High, 12:10.1; Tyrone Kelly, Northern High, 12:11.0.

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