

GR Catholic Dethrones PC at CMU Indoor

Jones, O'Neal Take First

MOUNT PLEASANT— It had to happen. Some team had to knock off Pontiac Central one of these years. And, it was done in style.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central, riding the record-breaking pole vaulting of Chris DeWildt and two wins of hurdler Chris Casselman, dethroned the Chiefs here Friday night in the 21st annual Central Michigan University Indoor Invitational at Finch Fieldhouse going away.

Grand Rapids had six firsts and a second in the 13 events to pile up 42 points, nearly twice as many as second place Flint Kearsley at 22½. Barry Hages led Bay City Central to third with 20, while Midland was fourth at 18 and Saginaw High fifth with 17.

Douglas MacArthur took 11th with 8½ points, Arthur Hill 12th with seven and Mount Pleasant 13th with six. The six-time defending champion Chiefs were a disappointing seventh tied with Traverse City at 13 points.

DeWildt set the only record of the meet with a 14-8 effort in the pole vault to top the old mark of 14-1 set by Eugene Lee of Flint Northern in 1967. It was not a very strong field as the times and distances were disappointing for the most part.

Casselman won twice for Grand Rapids with an 8.0 in the 65-yard highs and 7.4 in the 65 lows.

Saginaw High's surprising Trojans came away with two firsts and could have finished higher in the team standings had it not been for a pulled hamstring muscle to 440 runner Mike Thomas. Lady Luck wasn't much better for Robert Stevens who fell while running in a hurdles event and had nine stitches in his forehead. He was reported all right at the end of the meet and came back with the team.

Junior Reggie Jones and senior Cal O'Neal supplied the Trojans with their firsts. Jones, who has the potential to be one of the state's top sprinters this season, had a first in the 60-yard dash with a bad knee at 6.4 seconds. O'Neal won the shot put with a toss of 54-9. Both joined Larry Foster and Robert Walker for a fourth in the six-lap relay at 2:01.4. Foster also took a third in the long jump at 20-10¼.

"Reggie's worst event is the 60 dash. By winning it he should improve on his confidence and be ready to push himself a bit further for the outdoor events coming up. We'll bring him

along carefully because you have to be careful with a knee, but he did a fine job under the conditions and it being early in the season," said track coach Claude Marsh.

"I'll tell you that Cal O'Neal is some athlete. In fact, considering athletics, academics and attitude I'd say he's one of the most outstanding in the state," Marsh said.

O'Neal has accepted a full ride at University of Michigan after debating between the Wolverines and MSU.

Jim Jones had a third in the high jump at 6-0 and Curt Thon at sixth at 5-10 for the Hillites. John Deering was second in the two mile at 10:05.1. Coach John McCarger praised Jones and Deering and got a good look at some promising sophs.

"The youngsters did about what we expected. They got a good baptism and should improve steadily," said McCarger.

Marc DiMercurio got a second for MacArthur in the 880 at 2:07.8; Bill Yeo took a third in the 440 at 54.0 and George Romero fifth in the mile.

Team Totals:

1. Grand Rapids Catholic Central 42; 2. Flint Kearsley 22½; 3. Bay City Central 20; 4. Midland 18; 5. Saginaw High 17; 6. Flint Northern 16; 7. (tie) Pontiac Central 13; Traverse City 13; 9. (tie) Bay City Handy 10; Pontiac Northern 10; 11. Saginaw MacArthur 8½; 12. Saginaw Arthurhill 7; 13. Mount Pleasant 6; 14. (tie) Muskegon Mona Shores 3; Waterford Township 3; 16. (Tie) Muskegon 2, Owosso 2; 18. Waterford Kettering 1.

Two Mile — 1. Jim Barkley, GR Catholic Central; 2. John Deering, Arthur Hill; 3. Dave Meredith, Bay City Central, T—10:09.1.

Long Jump — John Smith, Pontiac Northern; 2. Barry Hages, Bay City Central; 3. Larry Foster, Saginaw High, D—20-10¼.

Shot Put — 1. Cal O'Neal, Saginaw High; 2. Bill Przygodski, GR Catholic Central; 3. Bill Kile, Mount Pleasant, D—54.9.

High Jump — 1. Greg Hoops, Kearsley; 2. Mike Rhoades, Kearsley; Jim Jones, Arthur Hill, D—6-1.

65 High Hurdles — 1. Chris Casselman, GR Catholic; 2. Barry Hages, BC Central; 3. Mike Stuparek, Midland, T—8.0 seconds.

440 Dash — 1. Rich Weatherford, GR Catholic; 2. (tie) Mark Prescott, Kearsley and Bill Yeo, MacArthur, T—53.7.

Medley Relay — 1. Traverse City; 2. Bay City Handy; 3. Flint Northern, T—5:58.7.

60 Dash — Reggie Jones, Saginaw High; 2. Dale Humphrey, Pontiac Central; 3. Lucky Smith, Pontiac Central, T—6.4 seconds.

Mile — 1. Tom Levensgood, Handy; 2. Robert Kelly, Flint Northern; 3. Wayne Lechman, Kearsley, T—4:28.5 (Ties Meet Record of John Castello, Pontiac Central in 1948).

65 Low Hurdles — Chris Casselman, GR Catholic; 2. Dale Humphrey, Pontiac Central; 3. Barry Hages, Bay City Central, T—7.4.

880 Run — Bruce Johnson, Bay City Central; 2. Marc DiMercurio, MacArthur; 3. Steve Gregory, Midland, T—2:05.5.

Six-Lap Relay — 1. Grand Rapids Catholic; 2. Pontiac Northern; 3. Midland, T—1:57.9.

Pole Vault — 1. Chris DeWildt, GR Catholic Central; 2. Ray Lohner, Traverse City; 3. Jim Stolkes, Kearsley, D—14-8 (Meet Record: Breaks old mark of 14-1 set by Eugene Lee of Flint Northern in 1967).



Adolph Rupp's Successor

University of Kentucky president Otis Singletary uses his hand to introduce Joe Hall as the Wildcats new head basketball coach. Hall, assistant coach under Rupp for the past seven years, Friday was given a four-year contract. Rupp, who had been head coach at Kentucky since 1931, reached the school's mandatory retirement age of 70 last September and will officially retire June 30. (AP Wirephoto).

Hall Succeeds Rupp As Kentucky Coach

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The University of Kentucky conceded it was "no surprise to anybody" Friday when Joe B. Hall was named to succeed Adolph Rupp as head basketball coach.

Hall, 43, had been an assistant under Rupp since 1965 and for more than three years was the No. 1 Rupp aide.

He becomes head coach July 1 when the 70-year-old Rupp officially steps down.

"I will not attempt to replace Coach Adolph Rupp, as I feel he will be a part of Kentucky basketball forever," Hall told a news conference.

"I wish to thank Coach Rupp for giving me my start at the University of Kentucky and for

all that I have learned from him.

"I hope to continue the Kentucky style of basketball and will most certainly take advantage of Coach Rupp's offer to me for future advice and counsel."

Rupp, whose teams during his 42-year tenure won more games than these of any college coach in the history of the sport, was forced into retirement last Monday by the University's Athletics Board.

To the last, Rupp fought retirement. He was not present at the news conference at which his successor was presented nor at the one at which his retirement was announced.

Just three years ago, Hall left Kentucky for St. Louis University, but returned a couple of days later when Rupp

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