

But Marsh Happy With Trojans Performance

Midland Edges Saginaw High

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Saginaw High lost a 68-55 dual track meet to cinder power Midland Tuesday at the SHS track but Trojans' coach Claude Marsh was far from disappointed over the outcome.

One big reason is that nobody has defeated Midland in a dual or triangular meet since 1968 and the Chemics are being touted as a major threat to repeat as Saginaw Valley Conference (East) Champions this season.

Marsh had some other reasons to be happy, including sprinter Reggie Jones and shot putter Cal O'Neal. "For the first meet, I was real pleased with our over-all performance. I thought we did real well considering we were coming off Easter vacation and some chilly weather. Jones and O'Neal both did fine jobs. I think the effort of the entire team will be a stimulus for the rest of the season," Marsh commented.

Jones won the 100-yard dash in 10.1 seconds, just a tenth of a second off the time that earned him fourth place in the state meet last season, and took the 220 in 22.7 in addition to running the anchor leg on the winning 880-yard relay team.

"I think Jones has, with some work, a good chance to get under 10 seconds this season. He, like O'Neal, is a hard worker and very coachable", Marsh said.

O'Neal won the shot put with a fine 51-5/8 effort which bested the 50-5 throw that earned him third place in the Valley meet last season.

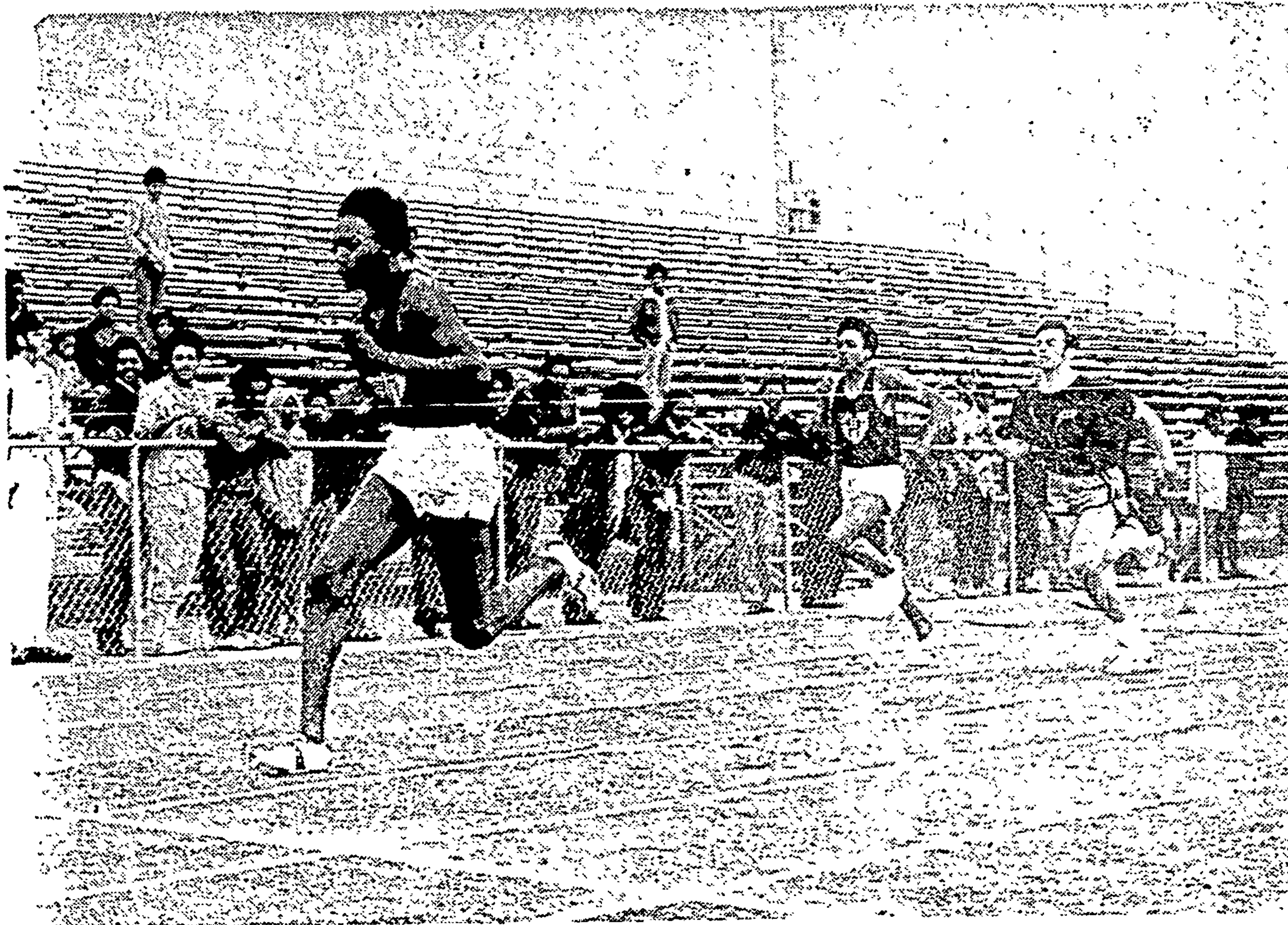
Marsh was pleased by the performance of sophomore Larry Foster who placed second in the long jump and 100-yard dash and third in the 220.

"That was a real good effort for a sophomore and I'm sure Larry will help us in future meets", Marsh commented.

Robert Walker also drew praise for his win in the 440 and for running a leg on the 880 relay team.

Marsh pointed out that the Trojans did not have the services of Mike Thomas, a strong long jumper and 440 man who had a 53 seconds clocking last season, or Robert Chapman, who was fourth in the Valley in the low hurdles. Both missed the meet because of injuries.

Midland ace Mike Stuparek led the Chemics as he won the low hurdles in 22.7 seconds and captured the long jump.



FAMILIAR SCENE — Saginaw High sprint star Reggie Jones snaps the string during a dual track meet against Midland High Tuesday at the SHS track. Jones also won the 220 yard dash and ran a leg on the winning 880-yard relay team. (Saginaw News Photo by Lee Watrous.)

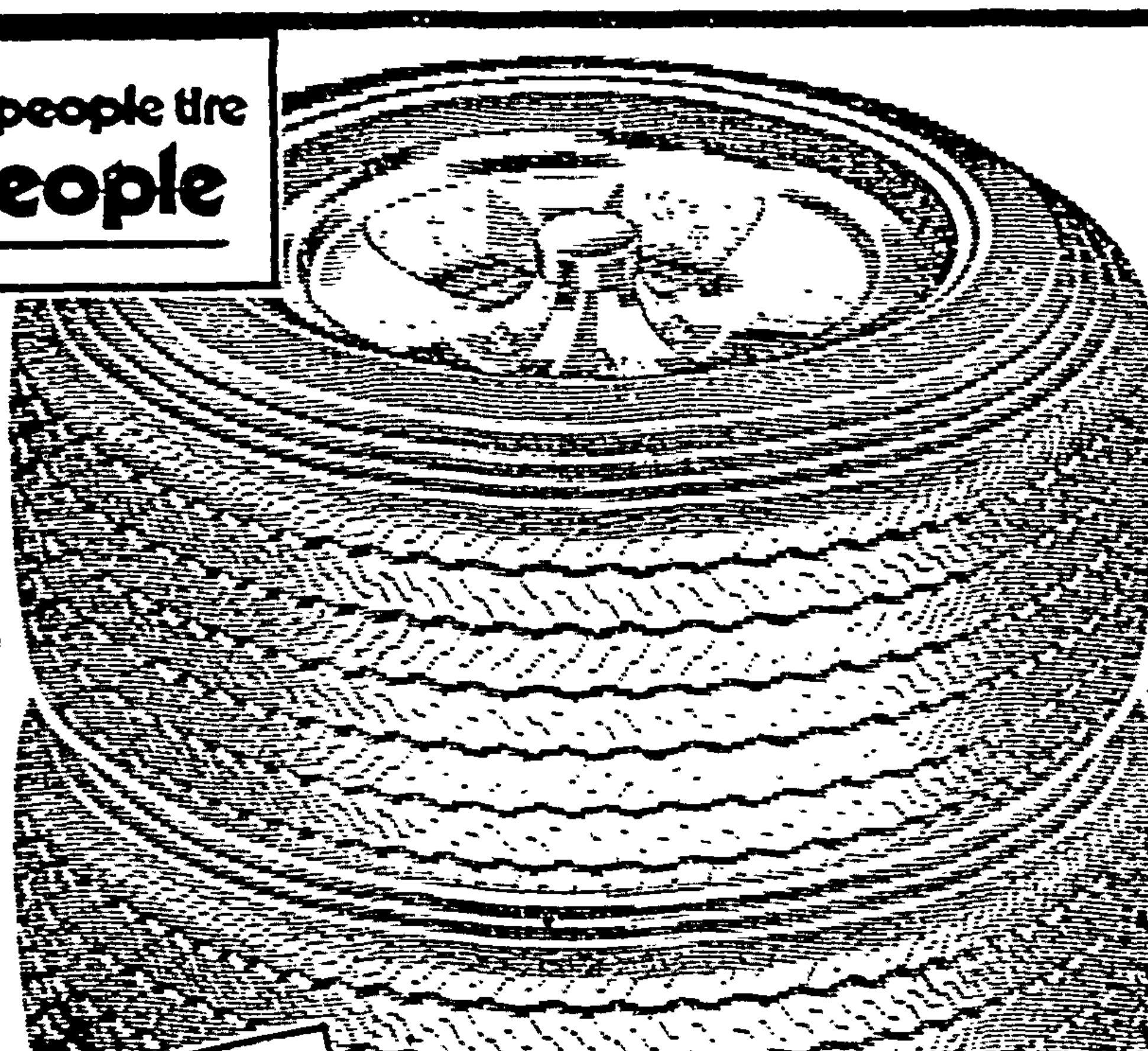
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The winners:
880-yard relay: Saginaw High (Larry Foster, Robert Walker, Calvin O'Neal, Reggie Jones), 1:33.6; 440-Yard Run: Bill Eyre, Midland, 2:06.7; High Hurdles: Sam Higgins, Midland, 16.7 seconds; Mile Run: Steve Gregory, Midland, 4:53.9; 100-yard Dash: Reggie Jones, Saginaw High, 10.1 seconds; 440-Yard Dash: Robert Walker, Saginaw High, 53.8 seconds; Low Hurdles: Mike Stuparek, Midland, 22.7 seconds; Two-Mile Run: Mark Scharveg, Midland, 10:35; 220-Yard Dash: Reggie Jones, Saginaw High, 22.9 seconds; 440-yard relay: Midland (Greg Chase, Dick Smith, Jeff Messler, Kim Aultman), 45.8 seconds; Mile Relay: Midland, 3:40.7; Shot Put: Cal O'Neal, Saginaw High, 51-5/8; High Jump—Thorner Pruitt, Saginaw High, 55; Long Jump — Mike Stuparek, Midland, 20-8; Pole Vault — Brian Bolley, Saginaw High, 11-0.