



### Rob Johnson's Record-Zapping Flight

As the officials look on, Port Huron Central long jumper Rob Johnson stretches and prepares to come down beyond the 22-foot mark to take first place and set a 19-year-old record during Saturday's Class B state track meet at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Johnson's record leap of 22-feet-4 1/2 inches came on his last jump of the afternoon and snipped the previous state standard of 22-feet-0 1/2, recorded by William Prewitt of Willow Run in 1953. Johnson also ran a 19.0 in

the 400-yard dash to place second. Central, led by Johnson, scored 15 points and tied Otsego for seventh in the team standings. Times Herald photos by chief photographer Ralph Polovich.

## Rob Rips Record

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EAST LANSING—Winning is soooooo fun.

### Class B

Late Saturday afternoon, with a hot May sun falling slowly in the West and long, soft shadows creeping out from Michigan State's Spartan Stadium, the Port Huron Central junior "bit the nose."

Racing down the red, Tartan-colored runway on his final long jump in the Class B State Track Championship, Johnson soared into the sky and plopped down into the sand 22-feet-4 1/2 inches from the white line that marked his leaping takeoff.

A state championship. A state record.

Smiles all around. Soul slaps and power grips. Just beautiful.

The record-shattering jump by Johnson wiped out the 14-year-old mark of 22-feet-2 1/2 inches set by William Prewitt of Willow Run in 1953. Needless to say, the leap also eclipsed the old area mark of 22-feet-1 1/2 set by Johnson in 1971.

The win in the long jump and a fine 19.0 second-place finish in the 400-yard dash helped Johnson and Central to 15 points and a tie for seventh with Otsego in the team standings.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, aided by the relay running of Port Huronite Jack Campbell, scored in the team title with 4 1/2 points. Mt. Morris and its super-sprinter, Roy Young, placed second with 36 points while Eccles totaled 27 1/2 to finish fourth.

Campbell competed in the long jump and ran on Cranbrook's second-place 800-yard and first-place mile relay teams.

"I just wanted that record," said Johnson after his long jump victory. "I was going for it in that last jump whether I was leading or not."

But Rob was leading. After topping the field in the early-afternoon preliminaries with a leap of 22-feet-8, he grabbed a quick lead in the three-jump final round.

Rob got off a leap of 22-feet-8 on his first attempt. But then he fouled on his second jump. "I wasn't worried about the foul," commented Johnson. "I was getting good height and distance."

But he was worried about Mt. Morris' Young. Earlier in the year at the Marysville Relays, Young had easily beaten Rob. And he had also gone beyond the 23-foot barrier this season, something Rob hadn't done since last May.

He was really worried about Young. He was my competition," said Rob. But after winning both the 100 and 200-yard dashes, the best Young could do in the

in 48.6, running in the last fourth heat. Monk also copied the 800-yard run in a record-breaking 1:53.8 and anchored his team's winning mile relay team.

Carr also scored in the shot put where Al Michalak out-corked a toss of 33-feet-9 1/2 to place third. Algernon's Dean Farrah placed seventh in the shot at 31-feet-11.

Anchor Boy's Steve Schehr ran a 20.8 to place fifth in the low hurdles.

A Vassar 400-yard relay team of Mike Smith, Jon Swinton, George Reeves and Dan James placed fourth in 1:47.

**CLASS B WINNERS**  
100-YARD DASH: Roy Young, Mt. Morris, 1:53.8. 200-YARD DASH: Roy Young, Mt. Morris, 1:48.6. 400-YARD DASH: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 1:19.0. 800-YARD DASH: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 2:00.0. 1,000-YARD DASH: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 3:00.0. 1,500-YARD DASH: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 4:30.0. 2,000-YARD DASH: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 6:00.0. 500-YARD WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 1:45.0. 1 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 4:00.0. 2 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 8:00.0. 3 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 12:00.0. 4 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 16:00.0. 5 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 20:00.0. 6 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 24:00.0. 7 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 28:00.0. 8 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 32:00.0. 9 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 36:00.0. 10 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 40:00.0. 11 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 44:00.0. 12 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 48:00.0. 13 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 52:00.0. 14 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 56:00.0. 15 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 60:00.0. 16 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 64:00.0. 17 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 68:00.0. 18 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 72:00.0. 19 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 76:00.0. 20 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 80:00.0. 21 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 84:00.0. 22 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 88:00.0. 23 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 92:00.0. 24 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 96:00.0. 25 MILE WALK: Jack Campbell, Cranbrook, 100:00.0.

## Bee Bee Bee A Big Surprise

BALTIMORE (AP) — Bee Bee Bee, a longshot owned and trained by a couple of polo players and ridden by a 45-year-old Oklahoma whose game is solitary, smashed the Triple Crown bid of Riva Ridge Saturday with a front-running victory in the \$157,000 Preakness.

The victory was stunningly easy for the Maryland-bred colt who only eight months ago was racing at Timonium, a minor league track some six miles from Pimlico, where the Preakness was held.

The fourth-place finish was a stunning setback for Riva Ridge. Meadow Stables' 1971 two-year-old champion and winner of eight stakes including the Kentucky Derby, who went to the post as the 1-5 favorite to gain the winner's circle and go into the Belmont Stakes next month with a good chance of winning the Triple Crown.

"If Riva Ridge is all right, we're going into the Belmont," said a disappointed Mrs. John Tweedy, who operates Meadow Stables for the Cheney family. Mrs. Tweedy and her trainer Lucien Laurin had been quietly confident of Riva Ridge's chances in the Preakness and several hours before the race, Laurin scratched Riva Ridge's stable mate, Upper Case.

"If we felt we needed him, we would have run him," said Laurin before the race. As for Bee Bee Bee, William S. Farish, his 25-year-old owner, said, "We haven't made up our minds about his next race but he is nominated for the Belmont."

Bee Bee Bee also had been nominated for the Derby but trainer Del Carroll said he felt the son of Better Bee-Paula hadn't shown enough to earn a start in the Derby.

But Bee Bee Bee showed plenty Saturday under what Carroll called "a heady ride and a real horseman's ride," by jockey Eldon Nelson, a card-playing honor who had failed to win in three previous Preakness rides.

Nelson put Bee Bee Bee into the lead after the first quarter-mile and the pair stayed there for a 1 1/4 length victory over Paul R. Struan's No Le Hance, also the Derby runner-up. Paul Mellon's Key to the Mint was another 4 1/2 lengths back and a neck in front of Riva Ridge. Festive Mood, Esiger Exchange and Hant's Image completed the finish at the end of 1 3/4 miles timed in 1:29.24 over a sloppy track.

Farish, a Houston resident and president of a corporation involved in international mining and exploration, struck racing gold when Bee Bee Bee—one of 20 horses he purchased from William S. Miller—picked up first money of \$125,200, which is some \$50,000

more than he had earned in 16 previous career starts.

Bee Bee Bee's backers also struck it rich as he paid \$20.40, \$13.80 and \$4.80, the longest Preakness payoff since 1956 when Display paid a winning price of \$40.70.

No Le Hance returned \$3.40 and \$2.40 while Key to the Mint was worth \$3.60 to show.

"He didn't give me his usual response," said Riva Ridge's jockey, Ron Tarcotte. "I was laying right where I wanted to be, but he couldn't do it."

"My horse was really rolling," said Phil Rubincio, who rode No Le Hance. "I didn't think the winner would hold on."

But Bee Bee Bee not only held on, he left little doubt during the stretch run that he was going to be the winner.

### Nahorodny Unstoppable!

## Skippers Split, Must Win Today

Special To The Times Herald  
IOWA CITY, Iowa — Bill Nahorodny took the wrappings off of his new George Herman "Babe" Ruth model Astro-duck Stagers Saturday, and the result was instant success for the St. Clair County Community College baseball team.

He came up in the seventh inning with two men out

and was definitely outshone by The Hammer. Chuck Peirillo led off the game for the Skippers with a long home run. After Bob Semano walked, Nahorodny slugged a two-run shot. In the third, Nahorodny smacked a solo homer.

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### A Medal-Winning Smile

Rob Johnson of Port Huron Central gives the camera the old "say cheese" smile while displaying the medals he won in Saturday's Class B state track championships in East Lansing. The Cougar junior set area and state records in winning the long jump, 22-feet-4 1/2, and also placed second in the 400-yard dash.



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