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Carsonville Places Sixth

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CARO — Carsonville of the North Central Thumb League scored 25½ points in the Class D State Track Meet, finishing in sixth place while Unionville of the Western Thumb Association placed first for the second successive year with a total of 83¾ points.

Finishing far behind were Kinde North Huron, 38th with 2¼ points, and Caseville 41st with one point. Both are also from the NCTL.

Carsonville took three seconds in the meet, with Jim Lechnyr taking the runner-up spot in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. His time in the 100 was :10.35, and his 220 clocking read :22.8.

Rick Gough took the other second for the Carsonville crew in the 880 yard run, finishing in 2:01.9. The timing places him fifth in the Blue Water Area Honor Roll, bettering the previous high of 2:04.6 by Gough earlier in the season.

Gough also placed in a tie for sixth place in the 440 yard dash with a time of :53.0.

The Carsonville 880-yard relay team finished ninth in the time of 1:35.35, which is the ninth best area time.

Kinde's points came from Charlie Greene and Paul Binder. Greene placed in a tie for eighth in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-3, while Binder's :10.75 time in the 100 was good for seventh place.

Dave Quinn of Caseville long jumped 19-feet-9 for eighth place.

Prep Track

CLASS D WINNERS

HIGH JUMP—Joe Gort, Bridgman. 6-feet; POLE VAULT — Bill Sebert, Dowagiac Union, 11-feet-6 (new records and mark of 10-feet-11¼ set by Sebert in 1971); LONG JUMP — Al Sprenger, Dowagiac, 21-feet-11; HIGH HURDLES — Jim Avedisian, Unionville, :15.8; 220 DASH — Don Carter, Grosse Pointe University School, :22.6; 440 DASH — Terry Belzer, Unionville, :53.9; SHOT PUT — Mike Bowers, Unionville, 47-feet; LOW HURDLES — Mike Gann, Unionville, :26.2; 880 RELAY — Unionville, 1:32.9; 880 RUN — Lloyd Wiles, Mendon, 1:59.3 (new record - breaks old mark of 1:59.5 set by Jim Hall of Ithaca in 1961); MILE RUN — Brad Courtney, Mendon, 4:31.5; 100 DASH — Chester Hundley, Covert, :10.1; TWO MILE RUN — Brad Courtney, Mendon, 10:14.0; MILE RELAY — Unionville, 3:32.9; 440 RELAY — Dowagiac, :45.0.

CLASS A

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Oak Park High School coach Al Delidow arrived at Flint's Houston Stadium with just five trackmen Saturday, but that was enough to walk off with the first Class A track and field state championship in the school's history.

The Redskins went into the last event with 21 points, trailing Saginaw High by a single point. The final event was the 440-yard relay, a new event this year.

Oak Park's Tony Craighead, Henry Staton, Dave Caplon and Mike Rollins captured the event with a time of :42.9 to pick up 10 points and the state title.

Oak Park's fifth man, Adolph Mongo, was used in the 880-yard relay, in which the Redskins finished second to pick up nine points.

In addition to the two outstanding relay performances, the Redskins got a second-place finish from Rollins in the 100-yard dash and a fourth-place finish from Craighead in the 220-yard dash.

CLASS A WINNERS

SHOT PUT — Bob Ferguson, Flint Northwestern, 47-feet-9 (new record - breaks old mark of 47-feet-8 set by Jon Gustenhaut of East Lansing, 1971); 880 RELAY — Detroit MacKenzie, 1:28.2; 880 RUN — Dane Fortney, Ypsilanti, 1:52.6; POLE VAULT — Nat Durham, Flint Northern, 14-feet (new record - breaks old mark of 13-feet-6 set by Dave Lilner of Grand Haven, 1967); MILE RELAY — Detroit Pershing, 3:19.8 (new record - breaks old mark of 3:20.5 set by Ecorse in 1971); 220 DASH — Reggie Jones, Saginaw, :21.6; LONG JUMP — Clarence Ray Davis, Pershing, 22-feet-1; HIGH HURDLES — Paul Zelinski, Allen Park, :14.6; MILE RUN — Dave Wood, Grand Rapids Union, 4:13.1; 100 DASH — Reggie Jones, Saginaw, :09.8; 440 DASH — Clarence Ray Davis, Pershing, :48.6; LOW HURDLES — Paul Shard, Rockford, :19.6.

CLASS C

MT. PLEASANT — Detroit St. Martin DePorres won three events, piled up 58 points and captured the team title in the Class C State High School Track Championships held here Saturday.

The Eagles' Dan Abrams won both the 100 and 220-yard dashes to key the performance of the Detroit parochial school. Battle Creek St. Philip finished second with 46½ points and Muskegon Christian was third with 33.

The top finish by a Blue Water Area school was New Haven's third-place in the 440-yard relay. A Rocket quartet of Roy Walker, Don Sims, Tom Henson and Craig Smith ran a :45.7 to place third behind Decatur and Battle Creek St. Philip.

Jerry Steigerwald of Brown City tied for sixth in the pole vault at 11-feet-10. Almont's Chuck Trott unloaded a heave of 46-feet-11¼ to take seventh in the shot put.

New Haven, Brown City and Almont are all members of the Southern Thumb Association.

Unity of the Western Thumb Association finished tied for ninth in the 880-yard relay at 1:34.6.

CLASS C WINNERS

POLE VAULT — Tom Gloss, Farwell, 13-feet-6; LONG JUMP — Scott Davis, Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 21-feet-1½; 120 HIGH HURDLES — Al Boser, Detroit St. Martin DePorres, :14.6; TWO MILE RUN — Tim Karns, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 9:54.7; 220 DASH — Jon Bennett, Cassopolis, :23.1; 880 RELAY — Shelby, 1:33.1; 880 RUN — John Bennett, Cassopolis, 1:56.3; MILE RELAY — Mike Burns, Carson City Crystal, 4:03.8 (new record - breaks old mark of 4:03.9 set by Burns in 1971); 100 DASH — Dan Abrams, St. Martin DePorres, :10.1; LOW HURDLES — Gary Vaurio, Ontonagon, :19.5 (new record - breaks old mark of :19.6 set by Gordon Hoops of North Branch, 1966); SHOT PUT — Mike Moon, Clinton, 52-feet-4½; 440 DASH — John Bennett, Cassopolis, :53.2; HIGH JUMP — Mike Mitchell, Battle Creek St. Philip, 6-feet-2½; 440 RELAY — Decatur, 1:44.6.

Simmons' Hit Helps Cards Down Cubs, Hooton 3-2

By The Associated Press

Bob Gibson failed once again to record his first victory of the season Saturday but, without him, the St. Louis Cardinals pulled off a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning to defeat the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

Loser Burt Hooton entered the ninth with a four-hitter but gave up a one-out single to Ted Sizemore. Carmen Fanzone then threw away Matty Alou's bunt toward third and Sizemore scored the tying run.

An intentional walk to Joe Torre brought up Ted Simmons. He cracked a game-winning single to center that gave the victory to Moe Drabowsky, who had taken over in the ninth for Gibson, seemingly en route to his sixth defeat.

A walk, Jose Cardenal's triple and a passed ball gave the Cubs their runs in the second inning and Matty Alou homered for the Cards in the seventh.

The Pittsburgh Pirates stretched their winning string to five games as Dock Ellis and Bruce Kison teamed to shut out the Montreal Expos 6-0 on six hits. Manny Sanguillen smacked a two-run single for the Bucs and Willie Stargell clouted his eighth homer of the year.

Terry Crowley cracked a single, double and three-run homer to power the Baltimore Orioles over Milwaukee 6-0. Crowley drove in four runs while Jim Palmer and Grant Jackson teamed to shut out the Brewers on five hits.

Mike Epstein belted a three-run homer and Ollie Brown keyed a two-run sixth inning with his first American League hit to pace the Oakland Athletics to a 5-1 Broberg blanked the Twins on just two hits before being relieved in the ninth after surrendering the Twins' lone run on Rod Carew's double.

In the only other afternoon action, Boston's game against the Yankees in New York was rained out.

In the first half of a twinight doubleheader at Philadelphia, the New York Mets won their ninth in a row, beating the Phillies 3-1 on Tommie Agee's tie-breaking two-run double in the eighth inning. Unbeaten Jon Matlack scattered five hits in recording his fifth triumph.

In night contests, California faced the White Sox in Chicago, Cincinnati was at San Diego and Houston played in Los Angeles.

Little Leaguers

All of the Little Leaguers, their managers, and many of their parents were on hand to witness the opening-day ceremonies of the Little League season Saturday at the LL Park.

Sam Kromer, the Athletic Director of the St. Clair County Community College, served as master of ceremonies, while Father Robert Koenig of the St. Joseph Parish gave the invocation.

A flag-raising, national anthem, and pledge of allegiance followed, proceeded by the Little League Creed stated by the players.

Then the league officers, managers, and coaches were introduced, and the opening-day battery of Mayor Oliver "Scotty" Hanton and City Recreation director Joe Marshall threw the first ball out.

The first pitch was thrown by Eric Schuman of Coca-Cola, whose team was beaten by the Optimist Early Birds 3-2 as Tom Schultz threw a six-hitter, homered and tripled.

In the Evening Minor League, M&N handed Sheriff Meharg an 11-4 setback. Citizen Federal bombed the Medica 25-3, and Dawn Donuts ripped Murray-Zimmer 16-5.

Patriots Send

had 15 strikeouts in Modern Motors' 6-3 decision over Fogcutter. Jim Reid homered and collected three hits for MacTaggart's which dumped the Oldtimers 12-6. Mark Patterson fanned 14 and Don Moore drove home a pair of runs for McDonalds in its 3-2 victory over Shell.

Gary Bonin had a four-hitter, and Allen Cureton drove home four runs as Beard & Campbell rolled over Cosgrove 10-3. Bob Bair edged Shellcross Optical 4-3, Watson Brothers blanked Optimist 4-0 while Michigan National Bank beat the Elks by the same score, and Bombabeller edged Bowl-O-Drome 8-3.

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