

# Northern's Benton Clears 15 Feet in Pole Vault

By LEN HOYES

Roy Young had his inning in his final Flint area fling and Brian Coles became the only individual double winner but the real drama of the Greater Flint Track and Field Invitational came more than an hour after most of the crowd had departed Houston Stadium Tuesday night.

Barry Benton, a slim pole vaulter from Northern High, gave one final lunge and cleared 15 1/4 to attain what is believed the greatest height by a prep in Michigan.

That climaxed a great meet run in 70-plus temperatures which produced four records for the third annual affair before 785 paid fans.

Many of them came to watch Young and he didn't disappoint by making up 12 yards on the anchor leg of a record-setting 880 relay team and winning the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds. But a swollen knee, which hampered the Mt. Morris speedster last week, again cropped up and he scratched from the 220.

A year ago Young won three individu-

al events and helped a winning relay team so Wednesday's effort was below par for him. Coach Al Doty explained, "He said the knee was bothering him so he went home early."

Then Coles, Northwestern junior, took over. He won the high hurdles in 14.6, one-tenth off the meet record, and the lows in 20.0, shaving one-tenth from a two-year-old record.

## NBA Royals Sign Guard

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UPI)— Frank Schade, a 6-1 playmaker guard with Eau Claire's small college national basketball championship team this past season, has signed a professional contract with the Kansas City Royals of the National Basketball Association, it was announced.

## Dallas Booters Win

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Tornado, defending North American Soccer League champion, nipped Monterrey, a first division Mexico team, 1-0, Wednesday night at Texas Stadium.

Added to a 6-6 1/2 high jump record by Northwestern's Reggie Ferguson, that was more than enough for the price of admission.

But those who stayed saw much, much more.

Benton was locked in a duel with Corunna's Terry Hart, the Class B state champ. They had the field to themselves after 14-0 and each cleared 14-4. When Hart failed three times at 14-8, Benton was home free.

Just four days earlier Benton had been deprived of first place in the Class A state meet when Farmington's Nat Durham cleared 15-0 on his final effort.

After clearing 14-8, Benton went for the 15-foot barrier — which is believed the sole property of Durham.

Twice he missed, the second time narrowly; but the third time he cleared the bar easily. The official measurement gave him the No. 1 spot in Michigan by three-fourths of an inch.

Benton missed three times trying for 15-3.

Victories were spread among 10

teams with Northwestern and Grand Blanc taking three and Mt. Morris two.

Don Gamble, Karl Gunther and Tim

## A Decade Ago

Ten Years Ago Today in Flint Area Sports . . . Dick Filer's seventh-inning single, a foot inside the third base line, provided Central High with a 2-1 victory over Saginaw and the Saginaw Valley Conference baseball championship . . . Kearsley and Beecher remained tied for first place in the Big Eight Conference baseball race as the Hornets downed Mt. Morris, 6-1, and the Bucs dumped Clio, 5-2.

## Jeanette Earns \$450

Flint's Jeanette Robinson finished 19th with 4,720 pins Wednesday to take 19th place in the U.S. Women's Open bowling championship in Denver. She won \$450.

Tucker were Young's partners on a 1:29.9 relay team which cut one-half second from the record. Southwestern's 440 relay team of Mark Carrington, Lucian Adams, Tom Moore and Rick Patton claimed an automatic meet record of 42.9 for a new event.

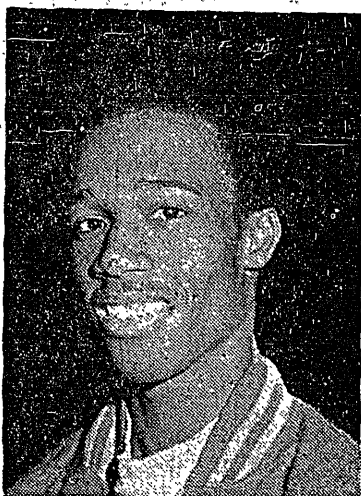
The most stirring race of the program was the 880 where five men were twentieth of a second apart. Clio's Dave Gembel was the winner in 1:57.2.

Grand Blanc's winners were Jim Wetenhall (52-1/4) in the shot put, Dan Vallaire (4:27.7) in the mile and the mile relay team of Vallaire, Brad Jeffrey, Craig English and Tom Griggs in 3:24.2.

Other winners were: Beecher's Vince Adams at 20-11/4 in the long jump; Kearsley's Greg Wilson at 9:41.5 for two miles, Duane Hill's 22.2 for Central in the 220 and Dave Hartley's 50.4 for Corman in the 440.

Hartley's tremendous finish won the 440 and he also finished strong to get second place in the mile relay.

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Barry Benton  
Best Vault by State Prep

## The MINT LINE



By Doug Mintline

Mauri Rose admits it was fun kissing Carole Landis.

It was a fringe benefit in one of his championship Indianapolis 500 races.

"They always brought somebody from Hollywood to spruce up the race," says Rose, a General Motors employee before and after his daredevil days as three-time Indy king.

Some of us always believed that Indy and other race champs drank a quart of milk in the winner's circle.

Few of us can remember Barbara Britton as one of the lovely Hollywood types. It goes back to 1948.

That was Rose's last year as Indy champ and also was the occasion when he refused to kiss Miss Britton.

It's important to understand she really wasn't Miss at all. Not even Ms. She was Mrs.

Her husband, a doctor, chatted with Rose before the 1948 race.

### Part of the Buildup

"It was the thing to do," Rose now admits. "It was part of the buildup."

When mentioned the other night by Ed Cole, General Motors president, as the guy who refused to kiss a Hollywood star, Rose told why it was so.

"It seems so silly," the doctor husband had told Rose. "Why are we here? Just for some stupid jerk to kiss my

til I won," Rose explained. "But once I knew I was the winner, I thought about it. That's why I went so many extra laps."

Finally, Rose rolled into the winner's circle, not for a drink of milk, but for a kiss in front of cameras for Miss Britton and the Indy Speedway.

Earlier, Rose had told Miss Britton's doctor husband, "You know, doc, it isn't all that bad. You have an expenses paid trip from Hollywood. You get to see the races. And a kiss from your wife isn't that much to expect."

Yet once knowing he was entitled to the winner's circle, Rose again recalled how Miss Britton's husband said, "What a trip just so some stupid jerk can kiss my wife."

### Frustrated PR Director

After pondering the issue while cruising around the oval, Rose had his mind made up as he coasted into the winner's circle.

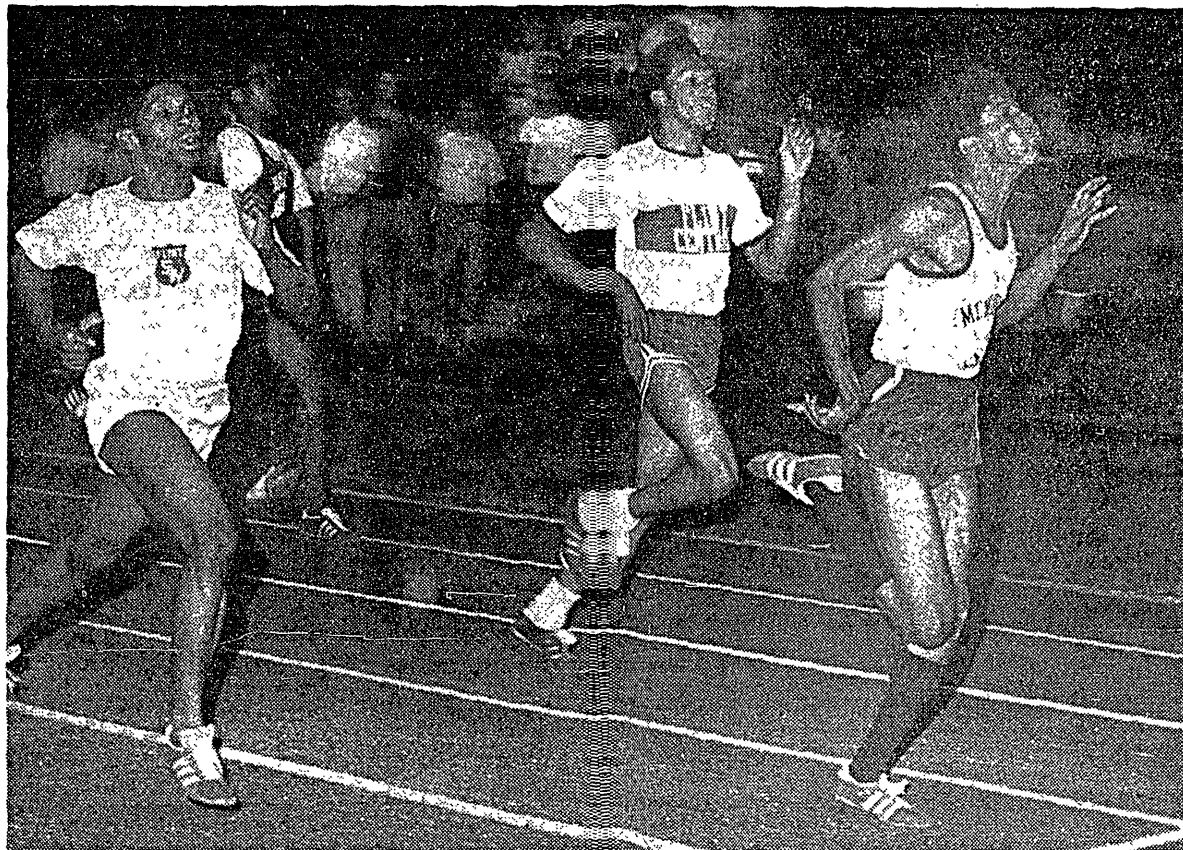
"Give Miss Britton a kiss, the Indy public relations director instructed.

"No," Rose replied.

"What do you mean, no?" the PR man asked with a paled expression.

"The photographers are here. The commercials are at stake. The nation expects it."

"Too bad," Rose grinned.



—Journal Photo by BARRY EDMONDS  
BY A YARD — Mt. Morris' Roy Young churns to a 9.9 victory Wednesday night in the 100-yard dash at the Greater Flint Invitational. He was one-tenth faster than Southwestern's Mark Carrington (left) who was second, Central's William Chatman was fourth. Young also anchored a record-setting 880 relay team before retiring with a swollen knee.

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Tournament Baseball  
Greater Flint Invitational Tournament  
At Lincoln Park  
Friday's games — Swartz Creek vs. Owosso 4 p.m., Lapeer vs. Southwestern 6 p.m., Powers Catholic vs. Davison 8 p.m.  
Sunday's games — Byron vs. Bentley 6 p.m., Flushing vs. Fenton 8 p.m.