

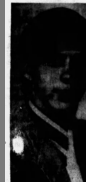
# Area Track Season Superb For Quality

## Four All-Time Records Set

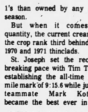
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It is then owned by any past season. The Bear mile relay team of Bill Kuhn, Dave Busch, Bruce Maraschke and Mark Nibbet also posted an all-time record time of 12:47. The fourth all-time record came from Cassopolis great John Bennett in the 800-yard run at 1:24.3.

The four all-time marks are twice as many as produced in any other spring. There were two apiece in 1971, 1970, 1965 and 1961.

The four records are among 16 all-time spots. All-time honor roll includes top five in each event earned this year. Tracksters from 1970 own 17 places and last year's trackside have 14.

Other all-time performances include a fourth by East Clare's Gary Blocker in the pole vault at 13 feet, 3 inches, a fourth in the 800 relay by Niles in 1:31.84, and a fifth by St. Joe's Pat Tobin in the mile at 4:28.0. Tim Tobin, who is headed to the University of Kentucky, set the second best all-time mile mark last year at 4:18.8.

There were no repeat honor roll championships this year, except by St. Joseph and Niles in the mile and 800 relays. Benton Harbor's Willie Lacy was dethroned in the long jump and 200 by Covent's Chester Harding and DeWitt's Tom Creagan, while St. Joe's Nibbet, the defending 800 king, had to settle for fifth in his specialty.

Joining the four all-time records and Bennett's 440 clocking in a season highlight was the 20.3 clocking in the low hurdles by Lakeshore's Chuck West and Niles' Pat O'Toole which raises as the best in three years.

The high jump, long jump and 100-yard dash could be considered as disappointments. The high jump has its worst winning effort in the six-year history of the honor roll, the long jump was without a 20-foot leaper for the first time in five years and the 100-yard dash was without a sub 18 seconds dash for the first time in four seasons.

Making a mythical meet out of the honor roll and using a 64-5-3 scoring system, St. Joe emerges as the team 1972 with 37½ points. Benton Harbor has 42, Niles St. Beavert 37½ and Cassopolis 13. Top individual scorers would be Tobin, Bennett and Blocker with 11 each.

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# First Senior Stars Named

## Sportswriters Awards Banquet June 6

Four outstanding athletes who won a total of 21 letters are the first nominees to be announced for the Berrien County Sportswriters Award, given annually by this newspaper to the county's top senior athlete.

Dave Turley of River Valley, Jim Curran of Niles, Dave Stark of Brandywine and John Raff of New Buffalo are the first names to be entered on the roster of prep stars who will be

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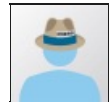
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