

But Many Standouts Miss Champions Meet

Ford, Fields Impressive

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Michigan's top prep track stars were conspicuous by their absences at the 19th annual Champions Track and Field get together, but some "lesser lights" and local heroes gave the crowd something to cheer about.

The meet, staged under the 80-degree plus weather of yesterday afternoon at Kalamazoo Central, didn't get off to a very auspicious start as the first events were run off nearly an hour late. And attractions such as Ypsilanti's Dane Fortney, Don Hubbard of Ann Arbor Huron and Bruce Petoskey of Jackson were not in the competition as it was hoped they would be.

But Ken Delore of Grosse Pointe North, Tom Clark and Brian Ford of Kalamazoo Central, Mike Burns of Carson City Crystal, Nat Durham of Farmington, and Terry Fields and Dan Erler of Comstock gave good accountings of themselves and impressed the gathering of around 300 track enthusiasts.

Delore, a short brown-haired bullet, ripped off times of :9.6 in the century and :21.9 in the 220 to establish himself as perhaps the state's second most proficient sprint ace, bar only Mt. Morris' Roy Young.

The thick-muscled Ford came up with a put of 57 feet, 2 inches, far below his best effort, but it was still a satisfying effort for the K-Central star. Ford bettered an old nemesis, Bob Elliot of Ann Arbor Pioneer, who had three times earlier this spring bested the senior Maroon Giant.

Clark used his long striding legs to pull in a fourth in the 100 (:10.2) and a second (:22.7) to Delore in the 220.

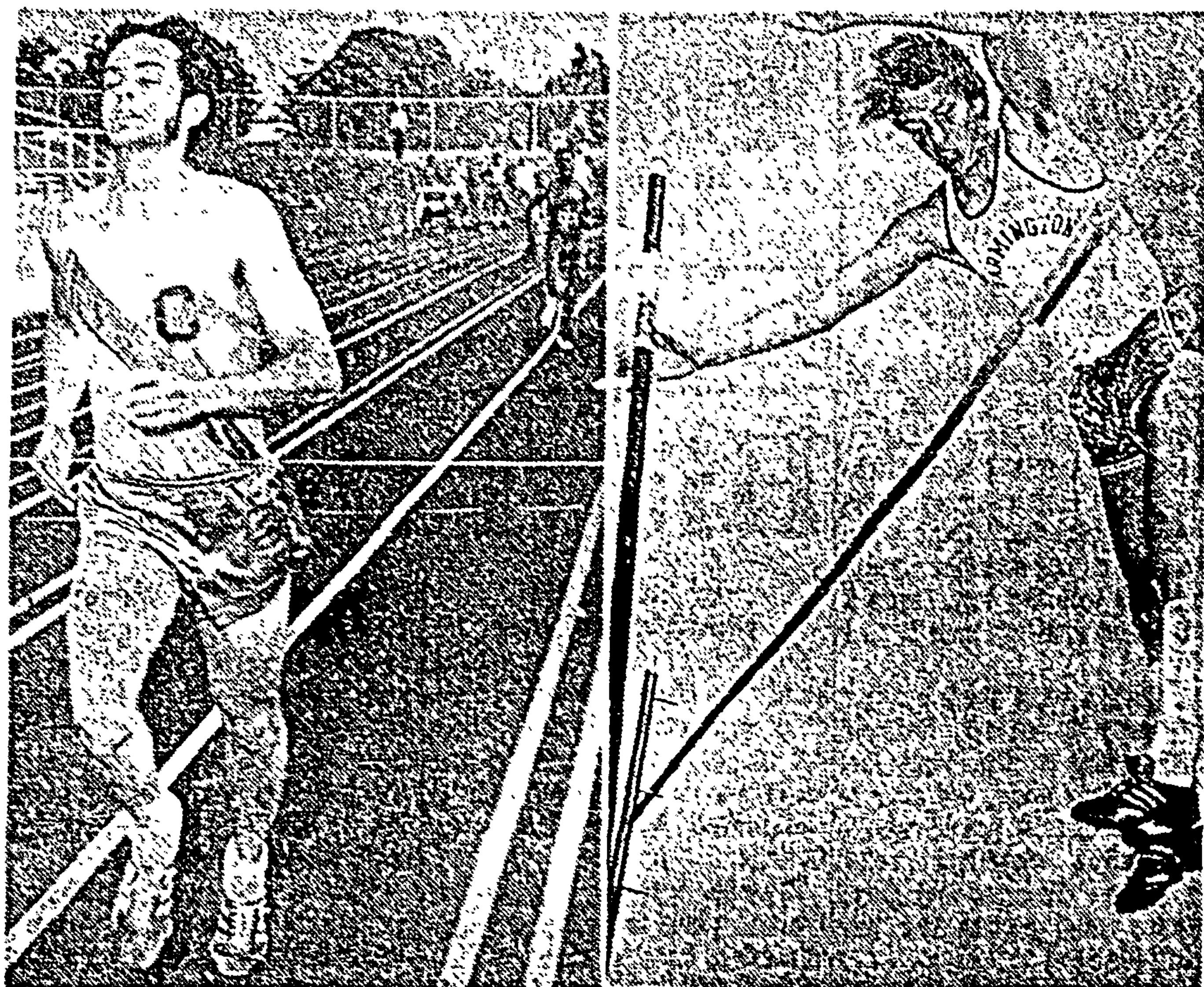
Burns turned on the fandom by sprinting the last 200 yards, pulling from third to first place in the mile ahead of Amos Brown of Detroit Northern, who holds the state's best time this year, and St. Joseph bulwark Tim Tobin.

Fields clocked :9.8 for the 100, his and Greater Kalamazoo's

fastest this year. Erler took second in both the long jump (21-6) and 180 low hurdles.

Other luminaries of note who did show up were Mike Cason of Detroit Kettering, who turned in a 1:57.2 in the 880, well off his co-state best time but still good enough to win; hurdler Paul Zolynsky of Allen Park had a :14.3 in the highs, tying his second-in-the-state best; high jumper Chuck Durant of Portland, who had gone 6-9 and re-

corded a 6-6 Saturday; and shot putters Ed Tyler of Oxford and George Przygodski of Grand Rapids Catholic. Tyler had previously orbited a 60-1 effort, but like Elliot, fell behind K-Central's Ford this particular day. The most interesting matchup of the day featured Durham and Barry Benton of Flint Northern in the pole vault. Durham's 15-0 top won the state meet and established a record, while Benton had gone 15¾. Durham won yesterday at 14-9.



MIKE BURNS, LEFT, CARSON CITY CRYSTAL, HITS TAPE FIRST IN MILE RUN

State Pole Vault Champ Nat Durham, Farmington, Soars 14-9 In Champions Meet

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Results Of Champions Meet

880-yd. Relay — 1. Allen Park (John Zolynski, Bob Fletcher, Roger Piche, Donny Trionfi); 2. Comstock; 3. Highland Park; 4. Covert. Time — 1:13.3
 880-yd. Run — 1. Mike Cason, Detroit Kettering; 2. Bennett, Cassopolis; 3. Dennis Otsego; 4. Boyer, Loy Norrix. Time — 1:57.2
 120-yd. High Hurdles — 1. Paul Zilinsky, Allen Park; 2. Wolf, Constantine; 3. DeBruin, Wyoming Lee; 4. Netly, Lansing Everett. Time — 14.3
 Mile Run — 1. Mike Burns, Carson City Crystal; 2. Brown, Detroit Northern; 3. T. Tobin, St. Joseph; 4. Bartels, South Haven. Time — 4:14.45
 100-yd. Dash — 1. Ken Delore, Grosse Pointe North; 2. Fields, Comstock; 3. Carrington, Flint Southwestern; 4. Clark, Kalamazoo Central. Time — .96
 440-yd. Dash — 1. Todd Murphy, Ann Arbor Pioneer; 2. Timmons, Farmington; 3. tie between Arnold, Bridgeport, and Bennett, Jackson. Time — .49
 180-yd. Low Hurdles — 1. Gary Vuerink, Muskegon West Michigan Christian; 2. Erler, Comstock; 3. Neely, Lansing Everett; 4. Weaver, North Farmington. Time — 19.9
 Two Mile Run — 1. Kurt Holland, Trenton; 2. Baker, Mendon; 3. Dawe, Franklin; 4. Daxdater, Flint Southwestern. Time — 9:40
 Shot Put — 1. Brian Ford, Kalamazoo Central; 2. Elliot, Ann Arbor Pioneer; 3. Tyler, Oxford; 4. Przygodski, Grand Rapids Catholic. Distance — 57 ft. 2 in.
 High Jump — 1. Chuck Durant, Portland; 2. Higgs, Portage Northern; 3. tie between Lee, Lansing Everett, and Myers, Bullock Creek. Height — 5 ft. 6 in.
 440-yd. Relay — 1. Flint Southwestern (Mark Carrington, Dave Daxdater, John Thomas, Rich Patton); 2. Allen Park; 3. Highland

Park; 4. Comstock. Time — 43.2
 220-yd. Dash — 1. Ken Delore, Grosse Pointe North; 2. Clark, Kalamazoo Central; 3. Waters, Hillsdale; 4. Zilinsky, Allen Park. Time — 21.9
 Mile Relay — 1. St. Joseph (Brian Hudson, Pat Tobin, Tim Tobin); 2. Three Rivers. Time — 3:27.8
 Long Jump — 1. Pinkert, Highland Park; 2. Erler, Comstock; 3. Harding, Covert; 4. Leibbrandt, Loy Norrix. Distance — 22 ft. 7 in.
 Pole Vault — 1. Nat Durham, Farmington; 2. Benton Harbor; Flint Northern; 3. DeWitt, Grand Rapids Catholic Central; 4. tie between Wantsten, Muskegon Mona Shores, and Blocker, Eau Claire. Height — 14 ft. 9 in.

Northern, Irish Win

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the finals by trimming Comstock in a morning game, 5-3, then scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning to erase a 1-0 Allegan lead and pull out the title victory.

Jeff Lemley of Allegan struck out 12 in the championship game and doubled in his team's only run in the first inning before losing the heartbreaker.

In other district play around the area, Centreville blanked Tekonsha, 2-0, and then host Climax-Scotts, 1-0, behind Bill Balk's four-hit pitching, to win Class D honors; Union City won the Class C Springfield district by shutting out Colon, 7-0; and Martin edged first Saugatuck, 5-4, then Covenant Chris-

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