

Pontiac Central Takes Mott Relays Crown

Trojans Win 2 Events, Set Record

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FLINT — Saginaw High didn't come close to winning the fifth running of the C. S. Mott Relays, but the Trojans provided the crowd with the most exciting and top performance of the meet.

Saginaw High's 440-yard relay team of Reggie Carter, Bob Chapman, Larry Foster and Reggie Jones turned the tape at a record-setting time of 43.2 seconds here Friday night at Northwestern to win the last race, though it wasn't much of a race at all.

"It's just tremendous," cheered Saginaw High Track Coach Claude Marsh. "We really didn't expect anything like this tonight with the cold weather and wind. It was just an amazing time and they all ran well."

Carter replaced Mike Thomas, who came up lame while running a leg of the 880 relay. Even with Thomas limping through his leg of the 880 relay, the Trojans managed a fifth with a time of 1:34.0.

The other Trojan points came from Bob Chapman and Willie Dawkins, who combined to win the high jump relay



Chapman, Dawkins With High Jump Gold

Pontiac Central took the team championship with four firsts and 62 points. Trailing Pontiac were Flint Kearsley in second, Flint Northern third, and Flint Northwestern and Ann Arbor Huron tied for fourth. Saginaw High came in eighth with 21 points.

Eisenhower, the only other Saginaw team entered, placed in one event. The Commanders took second in the four mile relay at 18:44.6. Bill Singer, Kevin Taylor, Brian Becker and Paul Singer made up the Eisenhower foursome.

The Trojans' record-setting performance breaks up into four outstanding

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TEAM TOTALS

1. Pontiac Central 62; 2. Flint Kearsley 46; 3. Flint Northern 36; 4. (Tie) Flint Northwestern 31; and Ann Arbor Huron 31; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer 27; 7. Grand Blanc 22; 8. Saginaw High 21; 9. Pontiac Northern 16; 10. Flint Carman 14; 11. (Tie) Flint Central and Oak Park 10; 12. (Tie) Birmingham Brother Rice and Saginaw Eisenhower 8; 13. (Tie) Lansing Everett and Flint Powers; 17. Waterford Kettering 5; 18. (Tie) East Lansing, Flint Southwestern, Lansing Sexton 4; 21. Clio 1.

880 Relay — Pontiac Central, 2. Oak Park, 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, T — 1:31.1
Four Mile Relay — Ann Arbor Huron, 2. Saginaw Eisenhower, 3. Flint Northern, T — 18:27.3
High Jump Relay — Saginaw High; 2. Flint Northern; 3. Flint Northwestern, D — 12.3.
Long Jump Relay — Pontiac Northern; 2. Ann Arbor Huron; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, D — 42.7.
Pole Vault Relay — Flint Kearsley; 2. Flint Powers;

times. Each of the runners ran 110 yards. Carter recorded an 11.3 from the blocks, Chapman had a 10.8, Foster 10.9 and Jones anchored the win at 10.2. Jones ran with a heavily taped left leg and was limping a little after the race, but it didn't hamper him at all during the actual running.

Chapman was one of four high jumpers to hit 6-2 in the meet. Dawkins was right behind at 6-1. Their mark of 12-3 was six inches shy of the record.

One other record was set and another tied. Pontiac Central's shuttle hurdle relay team won with a 56.5 clocking. The old mark was 56.6 by Pontiac Northern in 1970.

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3. Waterford Kettering, D — 23.6 (Ties Record set by Flint Kearsley in 1972).
Shot Put Relay — Flint Northwestern; 2. Pontiac Central; 3. Flint Kearsley, D — 16:04.
Shuttle Hurdle Relay — Pontiac Central; 2. Flint Central; 3. Flint Carman, T — 56.5 (Record Breaks mark of 56.6 by Pontiac Northern in 1970)
Sprint Medley Relay — Pontiac Northern, 2. Flint Northern; 3. Flint Northwestern, T — 2:27.5.
Two Mile Relay — Flint Kearsley; 2. Grand Blanc, 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, T — 8:10.5.
C.S. Mott Relay — Pontiac Central; 2. Flint Carman, 2. Flint Northern, T — 1:37.2.
Distance Medley Relay — Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2. Birmingham Brother Rice; 3. Lansing Everett, T — 10:49.5.
Mile Relay — Grand Blanc, 2. Flint Kearsley, 3. Flint Northern, T — 3:31.5.
440 Relay — Saginaw High, 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 3. Pontiac Central, T — 43.2 (Record Breaks mark of 43.7 by Oak Park in 1972)

Flint Kearsley's 25-6 effort in the pole vault tied its own record of a year ago. Jim Stokes was the prime reason for the Kearsley win there with a 14-0 effort.

Marsh was quite pleased with his sprinters' showing in the meet, but feels more could be accomplished in the few weeks left to the season.

"The kids are working very hard, but the ones from the basketball team are trailing a lot of other teams by a month. With all the injuries and sore muscles we've had things haven't been going well," said Marsh.

The Saginaw Valley League meet will be held Friday in Midland and the Chemics are the team the Trojans must beat to get the crown.

"There is no end to the potential on this team if we can just get everyone healthy and some warm weather to work with. The big ones are coming up, so we'll just have to be ready," said Marsh in a challenge to his Trojans.



VICTORY STRIDE — Saginaw High's premier sprinter Reggie Jones crosses the finish line of the 440 relay with hands held high in victory. He ran the last leg with Reggie Carter, Bob Chapman and Larry Foster speeding before him. They combined to set a Mott Relays record in the event at 43.2 seconds. It was also a school record, since last year the Trojans' best was 43.7 in the event.

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Eastland Lanes Misses Mark

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A remarkable string was stopped here Friday night at the American Bowling Congress championships.

After finishing in the top ten of the Regular Team Division for two years in a row, Ron Hodder's Eastland Lanes team from Essexville, Mich., recorded a 2,982 pinfall, which ranks as the 11th best of the 1973 event, thus finishing any chance of becoming the first team to bowl their way into the top ten three years running.

Hodder led the team with a 640 series. He was followed by Caro's Merle Holloway with 616, Saginaw's Bill Strike with 609, Bay City's Larry Doyle 571 and Caro's Jim Dunevant with 546.

The team was fourth in the 1971 ABC at Detroit's Cobo Hall and followed that up by finishing sixth in the 1972 ABC at Long Beach, Calif.