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Panthers win 22nd straight Class D U. P. track crown

MARQUETTE — As late as last week, there was area southbelch to the effect that Coach Web Morrison's mighty Pickford Panthers were finally going to more than meet their match in the Class D portion of the U. P. track finals at Marquette Saturday.

However, the talkers faded into the woodwork as the finals were on Saturday, and the Panthers rolled easily to their 22nd consecutive U. P. Class D title with a convincing 16 point margin over nearest rival Crystal Falls Forest Park at 62-46.

Other teams in order of finish were: Wakefield with 30, Bessemer 18, Ironwood Catholic 12, Engadine 11, Ewen-Trout Creek 11, DeTour 10, North Dickinson 7, Chassell 7, North Central 6, White Pine 6, Republic 5, Nat'l Mine 4, Rapid River 4, Dollar Bay 2.

The Panthers rode the crest of five firsts, four seconds and five third place finishes to pick up their title. To no one's great surprise, Gary Cottle, Dana Hill, Jim Skinner and the mile and 440 relay teams posted victories in their specialties. Cottle won the shot put with a toss of 47-6½, while Hill was winning the pole vault at 12'6" and Skinner ran the two mile in 10:00.6. None were especially good times or distances for the athletes performing, but were good enough to win.

Steve Andrejzak brought home second place finishes in the 880 and the pole vault. Bill Ames finished runner-up in both hurdles events. Paul Raynard got a third in the shot put for Pickford while Dana Hill was third in the 440, Mike Ordway third in the 440 and Joe Bakerwas third in the low hurdles. Baker also had fifths in the 100 and 220 yard dashes and a fourth in the long jump.

Crystal Falls one man track team, Mark Flood, took home firsts in the long jump, high hurdles and the low hurdles Flood also had a second in the 10K yard dash. His times were 41.2 in the high hurdles, 29.2 in the lows and 10.7 in the 100. His long jump distance was 22'1½".

Fred Kicisto of Ironwood Catholic had firsts in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. His 100 time was 10.6 while 23.8 won the 220.

Engadine's Tom Fillman won the 440's second best in 53.9. Mark Johns of Wakefield won both the 440 and 880's first heats with times of 53.3 and 2:01.6 respectively.

DeTour got third place performances from Don Stefanski in the high jump and pole vault while Larry Cross was third in the second heat of the 880. Stefanski also had a fifth in the long jump. Gary Roberts of Engadine had fourths in the 100 and the low hurdles. Andy Lasing of Engadine was fifth in the high jump.

Results

880 Relay—Crystal Falls, Wakefield, Pickford, Republic, Engadine, 1:36.9; Shot Put—Cottle (P), Hyttinen (NM), Raynard (P), Jorob (CP), Waters (ETC), 45'; High Jump—Leskela (ETC), Burla (Bess), Stefanski (Det), Carlisle (ETC), Lasing (Eng), 5'; Long Jump—Flood (CP), Bartola (CP), Peak (ND), Baker (P), Stefanski (De), 22'½"; Mile—Carr (NC), Riutala (CP) Shawbitz (IC), Kirkish (DB), Jalkanen (Ch), 4:34.7; 880 (First)—Johns (W), Peak (ND), Hill (P), Koleau (W), Falcik (NC), 2:01.6; (second)—Soumis (Ch), Andrejzak (P), Cross (De), Makela (W), Bramstrom (Per), 2:03.5.

High Hurdles—Flood (CP) Ames (P), Carlisle (ETC), Rozenbaack (WP), Ferguson (ND), 15.7; 100—Kicisto (IC), Flood (CF), Begalle (Bess), Roberts (Engl), Baker (P), 10.6; 440 (First)—Johns (W), Hunter (CF), Ordiway (P), Bawks (W), Peak (ND), 53.3; (second)—Fillman (Eng), Velie (W), Gill (CF), Andrejzak (P), Makela (W), 53.9; Low Hurdles—Flood (CF), Ames (P), Baker (P), Roberts (Eng), Parkinson (Reg), 20.7; Pole Vault—Hill (P), Andrejzak (P), Stefanski (D), Evans (WP), Boyer (BR), 12'6"; Two Mile—Skinner (P), Kotila (CF), Koivu (W), Johnson (IW), Pelosaari (Ch), 10:00.6; 220—Kicisto (IC), Begalle (Bess), Re (Bess), Martin (Rep), Baker (P), 23.2; Mile Relay—Pickford, Wakefield, Forest Park, White Pine, North Central, 3:35.5; 440 Relay—Pickford, Bessemer, Rapid River, Wakefield, North Dickinson, 46.8.

WINNERS AGAIN — Pickford's winning mile relay team of (l. to R) Mark McDonald, Steve Andrzejak, Bruce Bawks and Dana Hill admire the plaque emblematic of victory at the U.P. finals in that event. The Panthers swept to their 22nd consecutive U.P. Class D track crown at Marquette Saturday. Other firsts for Pickford went to Gary Cottle in the shot put, Jim Skinner in the two mile run, Hill in the pole vault and the 440 relay team.

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Tigers open lead in AL East by downing A's 4-3

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DETROIT (AP)—Joe Coleman hates to pitch in rainy weather.

He gets muddy feet and a stiff arm.

Maybe he doesn't realize it, but the muddy field at Tiger Stadium Monday night helped bring the Detroit pitcher his ninth victory and the Tigers' fourth straight triumph.

What proved to be the game-winning hit against Oakland was a routine grounder by designated hitter Gates Brown in the fifth inning. The ball, heading for first baseman Gene Tenace's mitt, unfortunately bounced high over his head to drive in the fourth Detroit run in the 4-3 triumph.

A hunk of mud on the raised-seeded field was the likely culprit.

But a couple other items helped assure the American League East-leading Tigers of winning their 10th game in the last 12. One was the continued pitching stamp of Oakland's John "Blue Moon" Odom and a baserunning boo-boo by Oakland's Bill North, who leads the league in stolen bases with 16.

With Detroit ahead 4-3 in the eighth, North singled and stole second. But when Sal Bando hit a grounder to shortstop Ed Brinkman, North tried for third and was tagged out. On a ball hit to the left side of the infield a runner in second is almost always supposed to hold.

However, it isn't North who wound up in Manager Dick Williams' doghouse. It was Odom, whose record tumbled to 2-8.

"Concerned? I'm concerned enough that we're going to put him in the bullpen," Williams said of Odom, whose last previous appearance against the Tigers was last October when he won the AL playoff finale against Detroit.

North, who represented the tying run, opened the eighth with a single off Coleman. Believers Chuck Seelbach and John Hiller came on to relieve the next three batters and Hiller finished up with his ninth save by getting pinch hitter Angel Mangual to hit into a force out in the ninth with the tying run on third.

"I have pitching on a day like this, with a rain delay," said Coleman, one of the winningest pitchers in the majors this season, "I've been more muddy...I never pitch well on a day like today."

He started to stiffen up in the second inning," Martin said. "He can't get loose in this kind of weather."

Detroit jumped on Odom for two quick runs as Norm Cash homered in the second inning following a leadoff walk to Sims.

The Tigers made it 4-0 with two runs in the fifth. Singles by Rich Reese and Mickey Stanley with two outs put runners on first and third. A wild pitch by Odom brought Reese home, then Brown bounced his single over Tenace's head to score Stanley.

Ted Kubiak's leadoff double in the ninth started the A's three-run rally off Coleman. North followed with a single and Kubiak scored on a wild pitch.

Joe Rudi batted North to third and Bando singled him in. Then, after a ground out by Reggie Jackson, designated hitter Deron Johnson singled Bando home.

In the ninth, Tenace walked with two outs. Rich McKinney singled, sending pinch runner Bert Campaneris to third. But Hiller got Mangual to end the game by forcing McKinney at second.

Kravis-Barrett Tourney scores

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Antlers in finals at Petoskey

PETOSKEY — Antlers Bar got the slowpitch season off to a solid start by winning three straight games and moving into the finals of the Petoskey Memorial Day Tournament here.

The finals, to be played Monday, were rained out and will be set for this Sunday at 2 p.m. Antlers will meet the as yet undecided winner of the loser's bracket in the finals.

Antlers defeated U. S. Plywood of Gaylord 10-2 in its first game, downed Adobe House 24-23 in a game that featured 29 home runs in its second outing and got past Traverse City All-Stars 13-6 in the third contest. Don Kucharczyk hit two round trippers in the win over Gaylord, while Pat Thompson unloaded one and Al Whisenant had another.

Bob Erickson clouted two round trippers in the victory over Adobe-House of Alpena. Solo blasts went to Ron LaLonde, Dick Campbell, Don Gillenwater, Kucharczyk, Thompson and Mac LaBlanc. Campbell, Gillenwater, Pat Grebeau, Whisenant and LaBlanc cracked single homers in the 13-6 win over Traverse City.

Fudge Du Locke, the SSPAA's other entry in the Petoskey classic, was ousted in three games, winning over Petoskey 13-1 before losing two straight by scores of 11-9 and 26-12.

Walther in serious condition after Indy wreck

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — "How much longer are we going to let this go on?" fumed Gary Bettenhausen, speaking the wreckage of David "Salt" Walther's '77 McLaren-Offy in the Speedway's Gasoline Alley.

"We'll keep on having serious injuries and deaths until we pull cages on these cars. I've been fighting for them for a long time. The drivers are 99 per cent in favor of them. Still nothing is done.

"Look how many deaths we've had from cars that land upside down. I'm one of the few guys to walk away from such a wreck. But the guys are just too scared or something to go for cages."

SAHA meets

There will be an important meeting of the Sault Amateur Hockey Association and all interested area hockey fans this Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Room of the Sault Savings Bank. Discussion will center around the proposed plan submitted by C.'ic' 'Whic' Mc-Naughton for the SAHA to assume complete control responsibility for the Sault indians hockey club. The team proposed would be coached by Ron Barkley of the Sault and would be conceivably made up entirely of Michigan Sault Stars. This session is open to the public. Officers and board members must be present.

Lakers score golf victory

Lake Superior State College's golf Lakers defeated Alpena Community College 341-364 here Saturday for their second victory in six outings this season.

Pete Smith led the Lakers with a 37-37-86 to earn medalist honors for the match.

Other members of the Lakers' squad and their scores: Chuck Schmidt 39-46-94, Dave Cooper 45-43-98, Dick Moulton 47-47-94, and Tom Hoopfer 46-46-92.

John Craichead was the top golfer for Alpena Community College with a 44-41-85.

The Lakers will close out their season June 2 with a home match against Northwestern Michigan College.

Devils' tennis team bows out

MARQUETTE — Rain delayed second round action in the U.P. high school tennis finals Saturday but Sault High's youthful Blue Devils team was eliminated from further competition before the rains came Friday afternoon.

Kevin Cooper, Mike Gerrish and Tom Shaw all registered first round singles victories before bowing out in the second round. The doubles team of Duncan Hollingsworth and Brian Marra won one match before losing out in the second round as did the doubles team of Dave Ottoson and Jim Reed. Tom Slough and Bruce Barker lost to the Kingsford doubles team in opening round action.

"We've had a good year," said coach Tim Bullock after the meet. "We have a young team and can't expect to do much better than we have against the western U.P. teams which have been in existence for years. We just don't see the good competition. We'll be back next year intact."

Bowling

There will be an organizational meeting of the Arcade Mixed Doubles bowling league tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcade Bowling Lanes.

Rudyard wins C, Devils sixth in A-B

MARQUETTE — The Rudyard Bulldogs chalked up their third Class C U.P. track title here Saturday while the Sault High Blue Devils were finishing sixth in Class A-B.

Coach Ray Hamilton's charges ran away with the C portion of the huge meet by winning seven of a possible 17 first places. The Bulldogs tied one U.P. Class C mark and set another along the way.

Mac Irwin surprised everyone by leading out teammate Dan Peffers in Peffers' specialty, the 880 yard run. Irwin tied the Class C record with a time of 2:02.7. Peffers finished a close second at 2:02.9.

The Bulldogs' 440 relay team set a new U.P. mark in that event with a time of 46.0. The old mark was 46.5 held by Houghton — last year's defending champs.

The team point totals in Class C found Rudyard winning handily with 53 points to Houghton's 33, Stephenson's 32, Munising's 28, Ontonagon 24, Hancock 19, St. Ignace 13½, Norway 13, Newberry 11 and L'Anse 10½.

In A-B, it was Escanaba finishing with 65½ points to Iron Mountain's 58, Ironwood's 36½, Menominee's 24, Calumet's 21½, Sault High's 18½, Negaunee's 12, Gwinn's 9 and Manistique's 3.

Barry Green and Randy Dewitt were the individual heroes for the conquering Bulldogs with two first place finishes each. Green won both hurdles events while Dewitt was capturing firsts in the 440 and 880 yard runs. Rudyard's other first came from the mile relay team which toured the course in 3:38.3.

Kurt Hogue of Newberry picked up a first place finish for his team by tossing the shot 49'2½". St. Ignace's Louie Grondin came in third in that event. Mike Bloomer picked up a third for the Indians in the second heat of the 440 while Ed Lester had two thirds for the Saints — one in the high jump and the other in the 440's first heat. Butch Calcaterra scored a third in the 100 yard dash for St. Ignace as well.

Stock car season underway

Fred Page was a dominant figure Sunday afternoon at the Northern Raceway as the 1973 racing season got underway with a grinding of gears, squealing of tires and a limited amount of fender-bending.

Page captured the checkered flag in the super stock feature that saw a starting field of five reduced to three cars before the drivers had completed two laps of the scheduled 12 lap affair.

Pat O'Neill skidded off the asphalt surface after locking bumpers with Jerry Lincombe on the far side of the track, with both cars being sidelined for the remainder of the afternoon, leaving the remainder of the race up to Page, Dennis Aho and Rod Speeds.

In addition to his win in the super stock feature, Page also had the fastest entry in the second super stock heat of the afternoon and placed second in the super stock time trials with a clocking of 15.36. Aho placed second to Page in the super stock feature while Speers crossed the finish line in third position.

In the second super stock heat Page outdistanced Aho and O'Neill to the number one slot, with Aho coming in second and O'Neill third. Fleeing first in the super stock time trials was Aho, while Lincombe finished in third place behind Page. Aho had a winning time of 15.36 to claim top honors while Lincombe's time was 16.58.

The initial super stock heat victory went to O'Neill from Sault, Michigan as he piloted his racer to victory over Aho and Lincombe in an event that saw five cars finish out of the six that started.

The finest and most exciting race of the day saw Roger Slater come from far behind the pack to edge out the Michigan Sault's John Kraus for top honors in the 12 lap stock feature. Slater fell far behind at the starters signal but kept his cool to first pass Buddy Blixt of the Sault, then Kreash for the runner-up spot. Blixt placed third in this race, which left the fans on the edge of their seats throughout.

In hobby stock heats, Ed Kelly placed first in the hobby stock feature, won the first hobby stock heat and had the best time of 17.85 in the time trials. Tom Jackson recorded a time of 17.86 for second place in the time trials while Eric Bauer stopped the clock in 19.08 to finish third.

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Jeff Geske finished second in the pole vault to help the Rudyard team out. Green was second in the long jump.

Sault High went with a second place finish in the high jump by Dan Hollingsworth and thirds by John Allison in the low hurdles, Jeff Pierce in the pole vault and Henry Babbitt in the two mile run to gain its sixth place finish in A-B.

Coach Bob McKerrell's squad set four new school records but couldn't break into the winner's circle in the U.P. meet. Allison set a new mark of 21.4 in the low hurdles while Babbitt set a new two mile record of 9:39.9. Freshman miler Larry Babbitt set a new Sault High mile mark of 4:37.4 but still finished fourth. The Blue Devils' 440 relay team scored a new school mark of 46.3 but finished fifth.

Iron Mountain set a new U.P. 440 relay record of 45.2. Escanaba's Wayne Schwalbach took home three first place finishes in the shot put, the 100 yard dash and the 220. Iron Mountain won all three relay events while Steve Merrick of Negaunee won both hurdles events. Glen Sauli of Ishpeming finished just little better than one second ahead of Sault Hiehi's Henry Babbitt who was half a second behind Menominee's Craig Haglund.

Results (Class C)

880 Relay — Houghton, Munising, Ontonagon, 1:39.9; Shot Put — Hogue (N) Sorenson (St.), Grondin (St), 49'2½"; High Jump — Hutcherson (Ont), Preis (St), Lester (St), 6'1" new record; Long Jump — Dauguito (St), Green (R), Beaudoin (St), 20'7"; Mile — Beham (Mun), Dray (Ont), Whitmar (N), 4:28.8; 880 (first) —Irwin (R), Peffers (R), Vivid (Ont), 2:02.7; (second) — Dewitt (R), Nueller (Ont), Gale (H), 2:02.8; High Hurdles — Green (R), Meagher (Ont), Eggleson (Mun), 15.2.

100 — Peterson (Ha), Pottonen (H), Calcaterra (St), 10.5; 440 (first) — Otto (H), Beaudoin (St.), Lester (St), 52.3; (second) — Dewitt R), Sodak (Mun), Bloomer (Mc), 52.5; Low Hurdles — Green (R), Meagher (O), Price (St), 20.6; Pole Vault — Lord (St.) Geske (R), Soles (M), 12'6"; Two Mile — Wong (St), Chamberlain (R), Revello (Ner), 9:33.6; 220 — Peterson (Ha), Otto (H), Witting (Ha), 23.2; Mile Relay — Rudyard, Munising, L'Anse, 3:38.5; 440 Relay — Rudyard, Houghton Hancock, 46.8.

Class A-B

880 Relay — Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Marquette, 1:33.2; Shot Put — Schwalbach (Esc), Hill (N), Flynn (Mar), 52'9½"; High Jump — Hirn (E), Hollingsworth (S), Anderson (I), 6'7"; Long Jump — Blake (Cal), Massolgin (Cal), Atwater (Mun), 21'7"; Mile — Krause (E), Heller (E), Hooper (IM), 4:33; 880 (first), Callow (Men), Wood (Ish), Nosbey (IM), 2:06.2; (second) — Breitzman (E), Wiltenen (Cal), Theurkauf (Men), 2:04.3; High Hurdles — Merrick (Negl, Anderson (I), Woodward (Mar), 15.6; 100 — Schwalbach (E), Calandar (G), Modorson (I), 10.4.

440 (first) — Currier (I), Cudnohufski (IM), Callow (Men), 51.8; (second) — Mariucci (IM), Pagnotte (Negl), McCormick (Mar), 52.3; Low Hurdles — Merrick (Negl, Anderson (I), Allison (S), 20.7; Pole Vault — Sievert (Men), Berg (E), Pierce (S) tie, 12'6"; Two Mile — Sauli (Ish), Haglund (Men), Babbitt (S), 9:38.1; 220 — Schwalbach (E), Calandar (G), Bruno (IM), 23.6; Mile Relay — Iron Mountain — Escanaba, Menominee, 3:31.8; 880 Relay — Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Calumet, 45.3.

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