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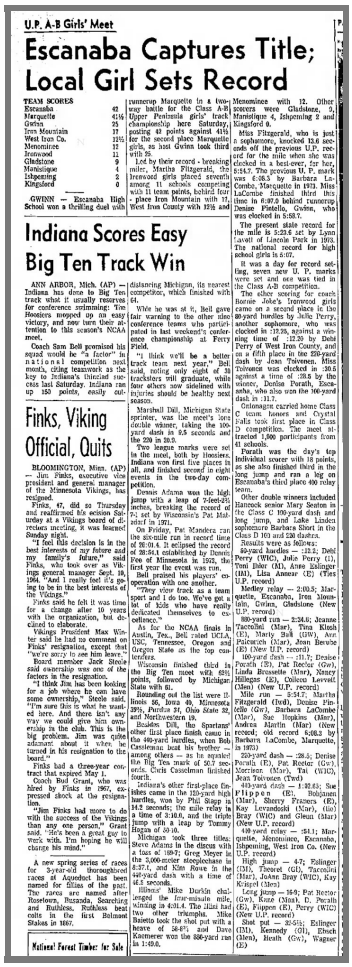

U.P. A-B Girls' Meet

Escanaba Captures Title; Local Girl Sets Record

TEAM SCORES

Escanaba	48
Marquette	41½
Gwinn	25
Iron Mountain	17
West Iron Co.	12½
Menominee	12
Ironwood	11
Gladstone	9
Manistique	4
Ishpeming	2
Kingsford	0

GWINN — Escanaba High School won a thrilling duel with runnerup Marquette in a two-way battle for the Class A-B Upper Peninsula girls' track championship here Saturday, posting 48 points against 41½ for the second place Marquette girls, as host Gwinn took third with 25.

Led by their record - breaking miler, Martha Pfitzgerald, the Ironwood girls placed seventh among 11 schools competing with 11 team points, behind first - place Iron Mountain with 17, West Iron County with 12½ and Menominee with 12. Other scorers were Gladstone, 9, Manistique 4, Ishpeming 2 and Kingsford 0.

Miss Pfitzgerald, who is just a sophomore, knocked 13.6 seconds off the previous U.P. record for the mile when she was clocked in a best-ever, for her, 6:14.7. The previous U. P. mark was 6:36.3 by Barbara LaCombe, Marquette in 1973. Miss LaCombe finished third this time in 6:37.5 behind runnerup Denise Pistello, Gwinn, who was clocked in 6:33.7.

The present state record for the mile is 5:23.6 set by Lynn Lavoit of Lincoln Park in 1973. The national record for high school girls is 5:07.

It was a day for record setting, seven new U. P. marks were set and one was tied in the Class A-B competition.

The other scoring for coach Norene Jeke's Ironwood girls came on a second place in the 440-yard hurdles by Julie Perry, another sophomore, who was clocked in :73.95, against a winning time of :72.20 by Debi Perry of West Iron County, and on a fifth place in the 220-yard dash by Jean Tolvanen. Miss Tolvanen was clocked in :30.5 against a time of :28.8 by the winner, Dorine Purath, Escanaba, who also won the 100-yard dash in :11.7.

Gulonagan carried home Class C team honors and Crystal Falls took first place in Class C competition. The meet attracted 1,000 participants from 41 schools.

Purath was the day's top individual scorer with 18 points, as she also finished third in the long jump and ran a leg on Escanaba's third place 400 relay team.

Other double winners included Hancock senior Mary Seaton in the Class C 100-yard dash and long jump, and Lake Linden sophomore Barbara Short in the Class D 100 and 220 dashes.

Results were as follows:

60-yard hurdles — :73.2; Debi Perry (WIC), Julie Perry (I), Toni Baker (Mi), Anne Eslinger (MI), Lisa Annear (E) (Tie). (U.P. record)

Medley relay — 2:09.5; Marquette, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Gwinn, Gladstone (New U.P. record)

880-yard run — 2:34.6; Jeanne Tacchelli (Mar), Tina Kluth (E), Marty Bell (GW), Ann Palcewski (Mar), Joan Berube (E) (New U.P. record)

100-yard dash — :11.7; Denise Purath (E), Pat Reeter (Gw), Linda Brossette (Mer), Nancy Hillegas (E), Colleen Leveal (Chen) (New U.P. record)

Mile run — 5:54.7; Martha Fitzgerald (Ird), Denise Pistello (Gw), Barbara LaCombe (Mar), Sue Hopkins (Mer), Andrea Martin (Mar) (New record; old record 6:03.2 by Barbara LaCombe, Marquette, in 1973)

220-yard dash — :28.5; Dorine Purath (E), Pat Reeter (Gw), Morrison (Mar), Tai (WIC), Jean Tolvanen (Ird)

440-yard dash — 1:02.6; Sue Filippon (E), Bukjanan (Mar), Sherry Frasers (E), Kay Levandoski (Mar), (tie) Bray (WIC) and Gleun (Mar) (New U.P. record)

440-yard relay — :54.1; Marquette, Menominee, Escanaba, Ishpeming, West Iron Co. (New U.P. record)

High jump — 4-7; Fallinger (IM), Theoret (GI), Tacchelli (Mar), Jokes Bray (WIC), Kay Krikgirl (Chen)

Long jump — 16-9; Pat Reeter (Gw), Rose (Mink), D. Purath (E), Fiugen (E), Perry (WIC) (New U.P. record)

Shot put — 31-6½; Eslinger (IM), Kennedy (GI), Ebeck (Chen), Heath (Gw), Wagner (E)

Indiana Scores Easy Big Ten Track Win

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Indiana has done to Big Ten track what it usually reserves for conference swimming: The Hoosiers mopped up an easy victory, and now turn their attention to this season's NCAA meet.

Coach Sam Bell promised his squad would be "a factor" in national competition next month, citing teamwork as the key to Indiana's Big Ten success last Saturday. Indiana ran up 150 points, easily outdistancing Michigan, its nearest competitor, which finished with 64.

While he was at it, Bell gave fair warning to the other nine conference teams who participated in last weekend's conference championship at Ferry Field.

"I think we'll be a better track team next year," Bell said, noting only eight of 31 tracksters will graduate, while four others now sidelined with injuries should be healthy next season.

Marshall Dill, Michigan State sprinter, was the meet's Iora Hardin winner, taking the 100-yard dash in 0.5 seconds and the 220 in 20.5.

Two league marks were set in the meet, both by Hoosiers. Indiana won first five places in all, and finished second in eight events in the two-day competition.

Dennis Adams was the high jump with a leap of 7-feet-2½ inches, breaking the record of 7-1 set by Wisconsin's Pat Matzdorf in 1971.

On Friday, Pat Manders ran the 880-mile run in record time of 30:04.4. It eclipsed the record of 30:04.6 established by Dennis Fox of Minnesota in 1963, the first year the event was run.

Bell praised his players' cooperation with one another.

"They view track as a team sport and I do too. We've got a lot of kids who have really dedicated themselves to excellence."

As for the NCAA finals in Austin, Tex., Bell rated UCLA, USC, Tennessee, Oregon and Oregon State as the top contenders.

Wisconsin finished third in the Big Ten meet with 63½ points, followed by Michigan State with 61.

Rounding out the list were Illinois 56, Iowa 49, Minnesota 39½, Purdue 31, Ohio State 32, and Northwestern 18.

Besides Dill, the Spartans' other first place finish came in the 440-yard hurdles, when Bob Castleman beat his brother — among others — as he equaled the Big Ten mark of 50.7 seconds. Chris Casselman finished fourth.

Indiana's other first-place finishes came in the 120-yard high hurdles, won by Phil Stipp in 14.2 seconds; the mile relay in a time of 3:16.6, and the triple jump with a leap by Tommy Hagins of 50-0.

Michigan took three titles. Steve Adams in the discus with a toss of 169-7; Greg Meyer in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 8:37.1, and Kito Rowe in the 440-yard dash with a time of 46.1 seconds.

Illinois' Mike Durkin challenged the four-minute mile, winning in 4:01.4. The Illini had two other triumphs. Mike Bisetto took the shot put with a heave of 56-8½ and Dave Koomerer won the 880-yard run in 1:49.6.

Finks, Viking Official, Quits

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Jim Finks, executive vice president and general manager of the Minnesota Vikings, has resigned.

Finks, 47, did so Thursday and reaffirmed his action Saturday at a Vikings board of directors meeting. It was learned Sunday night.

"I feel this decision is in the best interests of my future and my family's future," said Finks, who took over as Vikings general manager Sept. 10, 1964. "And I really feel it's going to be in the best interests of the Vikings."

Finks said he felt it was time for a change after 10 years with the organization, but declined to elaborate.

Vikings President Max Winter said he had no comment on Finks' resignation, except that "we're sorry to see him leave."

Board member Jack Steele said ownership was one of the factors in the resignation.

"I think Jim has been looking for a job where he can have some ownership," Steele said. "I'm sure this is what he wanted here. And there isn't any way we could give him ownership in the club. This is the big problem. Jim was quite adamant about it when he turned in his resignation to the board."

Finks had a three-year contract that expired May 1.

Coach Bud Grant, who was hired by Finks in 1967, expressed shock at the resignation.

"Jim Finks had more to do with the success of the Vikings than any one person," Grant said. "He's been a great guy to work with. I'm hoping he will change his mind."

A new spring series of races for 3-year-old thoroughbred races at Aqueduct has been named for fillies of the past. The races are named after Rosebowl, Buzzards, Searcher and Ruthless. Ruthless beat colts in the first Belmont Stakes in 1867.

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