

Furst Anchors Winning Mile Relay Prep Track Stars Shine

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) — High school track stars from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan managed two unofficial national prep records and several other strong performances Saturday in the first annual Tri-State Champions Track and Field Meet.

Ohio won the team title with 133 points, followed by Indiana with 139 and Michigan with 134. But the team totals took a back seat to individual competition.

Jimmie Williams of Gary, Ind., West High School, who missed the Indiana state finals

with a hamstring injury, got things off and running with a 13.3 clocking in the 120-yard high hurdles. That bested the current national record by two-tenths of a second, but a wind measured at 4.9 miles per hour will keep the record from becoming official.

Later in the day, Indiana's two-mile relay team of Chad

Curtis of Warsaw, Dave Anplh of Hammond Tech, Phil Williams of Greenwood and Phil Barker of Vincennes combined for a 7:39.3 clocking, well under the national standard of 7:41.3. However, the Hoosier quartet won't go into the record book because they are not from the same schollmichigan athletes, while not breaking records,

finished first in several categories.

Mike McGuire of Farmington was tops in the two-mile run with a time of 9:07.7 and Jim Stokes of Flint Kearsley topped all competitors in the pole vault, soaring to a 15-foot-six-inch height, a full half foot above his closest rival.

Tom Dults of Hastings won the mile run in a time of 4:11.9, seven tenths of a second faster than Dearborn's Dan Visscher, who was second.

Michigan also took first in the mile relay as Gary Burks, Kenneth Williams, Rick Westphal and Dave Furst clocked 2:15.5, beating Indiana by seven tenths of a second.

Furst, Michigan's Class B 800 and 440 champion from Niles Brandywine, ran a 49.5 anchor leg on the relay after placing second in the half mile in 1:54 flat — just one tenth off his all-time area record.

Williams was named the meet's outstanding track performer, while Stan Johnson of Sandusky, Ohio, was picked as the outstanding field performer after winning the discus and the shot put. Johnson threw the discus 170-feet, 7-inches and heaved the shot 98.3.

About 2,500 spectators showed up at Fort Wayne Northrop's Spuller Field despite threatening weather.

Tiger Tracks

Chico-1, Stan Johnson, Sandusky, Ohio, 137.7; 2, Bob Gaskari, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 136.5; 3, Eric Smith, Zanesville, Ohio, 135.2. Non-scoring since Michigan schools don't yet have event in their program.

Two-mile-1, Mike McGuire, Farmington, Mich., 9:07.7; 2, Bill Donohewski, Riverside, Mich., 9:09.1; 3, Jay Anagnost, Upper Arlington, Ohio, 9:13.5.

400 relay-1, Ohio (Terry Carter, Robert Henning, Don Harris, Robert Roers), 4:11.9; 2, Michigan (Steve Cannon, Kent Thompson, Steve Dault, Doug Hensler), 4:12.0; Indiana (Willie Knox, Rod White, Randy Dorkson, Elery Dinko), 4:13.1.

High hurdles-1, Jimmie Williams, Gary, Ind., West, 13.3; 2, Fred Kostelny, Marion, Ohio, Middletown, Ohio, 13.4; 3, Dave Hedges, Youngstown, Ohio, 13.5.

800-1, Phil Barker, Vincennes, Ind., 1:54.1; 2, Dave Furst, Niles, Mich., 1:54.5; 3, Jim Burks, Hillsboro, Ohio, 1:54.7.

Shot put-1, Stan Johnson, Sandusky, Ohio, 98.3; 2, Harry Wankenburg, Cleveland, Ohio, 97.5; 3, Paul Budzinski, Detroit, Mich., 97.0.

100-1, Robert Henning, Cleveland, Ohio, 15.2; 2, Terry Carter, Mansfield, Ohio, 15.3; 3, Rod White, Gary, Ind., 15.4.

Long jump-1, Anthony Allan, Indiana, 201.1; 2, Rick Murray, Elkhart, Ind., 199.0; 3, Willie Rodgers, Columbus, Ohio, 197.5.

Pole vault-1, Jim Stokes, Flint, Mich., 15.0; 2, Tom Rich, Upper Merion, Ohio, 14.5; 3, Murry Sittler, Ft. Wayne, Ellettsville, Ind., 14.0.

400-1, Jack Taylor, Canton, Ohio, 1:00.0; 2, Rick Westphal, Thurston, Mich., 1:00.5; 3, Ben Hayden, Detroit, 1:01.0.

Mile-1, Tom Dults, Hastings, Mich., 4:11.9; 2, Dan Visscher, Dearborn, Mich., 4:12.4; 3, Jeff Claretto, Terre Haute, Ind., 4:14.1.

200-1, Willie Knox, Ft. Wayne, 29.5; 2, Terry Carter, Mansfield, Ohio, 29.7; 3, Doug Hemminger, Ann Arbor, 29.8.

400-1, Robert Henning, Cleveland, 1:00.0; 2, Steve Scherzer, Ellettsville, Ind., 1:00.5; 3, Rick Phillips, Ft. Wayne, 1:01.0.

Low hurdles-1, Harold Henning, Cleveland, Ohio, 18.2; 2, Marlon Gates, Middletown, Ohio, 18.3; 3, Fred Kostelny, Marion, Ohio, 18.4.

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DETROIT (AP) — Battling Billy Martin's back, but the Detroit Tigers — on the surface, at least — don't seem to be too concerned.

Ex-Detroit Manager Martin returns to Tiger Stadium tonight for the first time since being fired last Sept. 2 by General Manager Jim Campbell.

Martin, who has a penchant for getting plenty of publicity because of his hot temper, now manages the Texas Rangers, in town for a three-game series which begins tonight.

"I'm not going to say anything against Billy," Campbell said. "I'm a professional and there's no way anyone is going to get me to say anything bad about him."

Detroit Manager Ralph Houk, asked for his opinion of the local buildup of Martin's return, said with a shrug: "I didn't realize he was building him up. I'm more worried about Burroughs than Billy."

Rangers' outfielder Jeff Burroughs is among the leading hitters in the American League with a .310 average, 12 homers and 53 runs-batted-in.

Jim Northrup, Tiger outfielder often at odds with Martin over being platooned during his tenure in Detroit, sloughed off the return.

"I wouldn't let one person upset me," Northrup said. He said he didn't have any more incentive against Texas than any other team. Bill Freehan, the catcher who became Houk's regular first baseman three days ago, said

"there's been too much made" of Martin's return.

He said he expected big crowds for the series, "just as was the case in Minnesota when Billy was with us."

Martin also used to manage the Minnesota Twins. Campbell would not predict how many persons would attend the game tonight, which is Family Night. Last year Detroit averaged 35,000 persons each Family Night.

Texas, which was mired in last place last year, has a 29-27 record — two triumphs better than Detroit — and is second in the West Division. The Tigers are third in the East.

Tiger attendance hit 324,742 Sunday with the crowd of 42,491. That is 48,965 more than after the same number of dates (20) last year. The season is one-third over.

Houk said he's "just going to play it by ear" on when to pull ailing Willie Horton from the lineup. Horton is the Tigers' big hitter but is playing with a painful leg injury which Houk thinks might be torn cartilage.

"I don't think it'll get any better," Houk said. "If it does it will surprise me."

He said Horton probably would play all year with the ailment, but will be replaced in late innings if Detroit has a good lead.

Al Kaline singled in a run Sunday to give him 1,538 RBIs for his career, putting him 17th on the all-time list, one ahead of Joe DiMaggio.

Brennan, Arnold Are Now Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians signed pitchers Tom Brennan and John Tom Arnold — their first and third choices in last week's free agent draft — to contracts Sunday.

The Indians' top choice was Brennan, a 21-year-old right-hander who won 44 and lost six in four years with the NAIA champion Lewis College team.

Arnold, a 17-year-old south-paw, compiled a record of 137 strikeouts in 62 2-3 innings at Eppingham High. In one extraordinary game struck out 31 of 39 batters to face him.

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