

# Flint Northern Wins Huron Relays Crown

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YPSILANTI — Track trophies are a dime a dozen at Flint Northern High School, but coach Norb Badar and his Vikings will have to find room for a new one Monday.

Northern, setting a record in the sprint medley and capturing two other events, won the 11th annual Huron Relays here Saturday with 33 points. An hour before the long program ran out of gas it was obvious Northern was going to take home the title.

Badar couldn't even remember the last time his team had won here in his 23 year career as head coach. There are three state Class A titles during his regime and those are the big moments in his long tenure as coach. "I left we did reasonably well for this early in the sea-

son." Badar told his squad later. "We set that record in the sprint medley, where Keith Young gave us the big start on the quarter-mile leg and where Michael Bowen wrapped it up for us with that 1:30 half mile as the anchor man."

Pontiac Central finished second with 36 points, followed by Grand Blanc (34), Grosse Pointe North (29), Jackson (29) and Menfield, O., (21).

William Copeland, Willie Turner and Steve Elliott were among the more impressive winners.

Copeland, a senior at Cooley, who suffered through much of last season with a pulled muscle, bested both Harlan Huckleby of Cass Tech and John Brown of Flint Northwestern in a photo finish in the 60-yard dash.

Copeland was clocked in 6.2 seconds, only one-tenth off the meet record held by Herb Washington and Ralph Smith, two of the best sprinters to come out of Flint in the past decade.

TURNER, from Flint Southwestern, set a record of 46 feet 6 1/2 inches in the high jump.

"When we get outdoors you'll be hearing more from this young man," said Badar. "He's going to be a real good one."

Elliott, the Pontiac Central distance star who has visions of running the mile in the 1976 Olympics, turned to the two-mile here and won handily in 9:20, although he missed a record.

Peter Kummant came out of Amherst, O., to turn in a record effort of 4:18.1 on the mile.

LONG JUMP — 1. Terry Thomas, Flint Southwestern, 20.5; 2. Steve Turner, Grand Blanc, 19.5; 3. Steve Elliott, Pontiac Central, 18.5; 4. Steve Turner, Grand Blanc, 18.0.

100 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 1:14.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 1:14.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 1:15.0; 4. Jackson, 1:15.5; 5. Menfield, O., 1:16.0.

200 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 2:30.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 2:30.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 2:31.0; 4. Jackson, 2:31.5; 5. Menfield, O., 2:32.0.

400 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 5:40.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 5:40.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 5:41.0; 4. Jackson, 5:41.5; 5. Menfield, O., 5:42.0.

800 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 11:30.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 11:30.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 11:31.0; 4. Jackson, 11:31.5; 5. Menfield, O., 11:32.0.

1,600 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 23:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 23:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 23:01.0; 4. Jackson, 23:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 23:02.0.

3,200 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 46:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 46:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 46:01.0; 4. Jackson, 46:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 46:02.0.

6,400 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 92:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 92:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 92:01.0; 4. Jackson, 92:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 92:02.0.

12,800 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 184:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 184:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 184:01.0; 4. Jackson, 184:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 184:02.0.

25,600 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 368:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 368:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 368:01.0; 4. Jackson, 368:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 368:02.0.

51,200 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 736:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 736:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 736:01.0; 4. Jackson, 736:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 736:02.0.

102,400 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 1472:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 1472:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 1472:01.0; 4. Jackson, 1472:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 1472:02.0.

204,800 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 2944:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 2944:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 2944:01.0; 4. Jackson, 2944:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 2944:02.0.

409,600 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 5888:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 5888:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 5888:01.0; 4. Jackson, 5888:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 5888:02.0.

819,200 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 11776:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 11776:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 11776:01.0; 4. Jackson, 11776:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 11776:02.0.

1,638,400 YARD RELAY — 1. Flint Northern, 23552:00.0; 2. Grand Blanc, 23552:00.5; 3. Grosse Pointe North, 23552:01.0; 4. Jackson, 23552:01.5; 5. Menfield, O., 23552:02.0.

## This Week in Sports

# Big Week For Pistons

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The final pair of home games for the Detroit Pistons will be big ones (probably sellouts), the final action before the playoffs . . . if the Pistons make it to post-season play.

The Red Wings are at home just once and — couldn't you guess? — the hockey game once again goes head-to-head with basketball for the sports dollar. It's happened regularly all season, so why not in the final week as well?

### WEDNESDAY

The last regular-season chapter in what has become a bitter rivalry will unfold at Cobo Arena when the Chicago Bulls meet the Pistons for the ninth time this season. The Bulls are in the playoffs for certain, while the Pistons may or may not have a playoff slot locked up by gametime. Old Carl Walker's moves never fail to amaze, and the tactics of Jerry Sloan and Norm Van Lier seldom fail to inflame the Cobo crowd. It'll be the rubber game of the season series, with the Pistons having taken three of four at Cobo while the Bulls were winning three of four at Chicago.

The Red Wings suddenly find themselves facing an unlikely situation: the lowly Washington Capitals now have a winning streak on the road. The Caps' streak is only one game, but since it's the only game they've won on the road all season (they won at California last Friday night qualifies as a streak). The Wings have just one to play at Olympia after this one, and only two altogether. Danny Grant is running out of time in his quest for a 50-goal season.

### THURSDAY

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the culturally deprived center, may be playing his last road game in a Milwaukee uniform when the Bucks visit Cobo in the regular-season finale for the Pistons. The Bucks have one game left after this one, a home test against Chicago. Abdul-Jabbar wants to be traded to either Los Angeles or New York, those oases of intellectual enlightenment and culture — not to mention big endorsement dollars. Why, his goggles could become as famous as Joe Namath's mustache. The Pistons have taken two of three from Milwaukee at Cobo this season, but have had little success across the lake.

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