

Michigan Prevails In Tri-State Test

By Bill Rogers

Team Michigan had all its "heavy artillery" on display while destroying track-field aggregations from Ohio and Indiana at the second Tri-State Champions meet at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Wolverine state squad had jumpers, sprinters, hurdlers, weight men — you name them — in abundance. It was simply no match for Michigan, which came prepared to make up for its third-place finish in 1974.

Ohio, champion in the inaugural meet (Malabar's Terry Carter scored 18½ points), was woefully weak in the dashes and had to be content with second place. Ohio's finest sprinters are underclassmen, and this meet is for seniors only. Wait until next year!

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For the record, Michigan tallied 183 points, Ohio netted 126 and Indiana trailed with 115. Michigan athletes captured 10 gold medals, while Ohio was finishing ahead in four events and Indiana garnered a pair of firsts. Three boys from each state participated in each event.

Voted track star of the meet was Dwayne Strozler (remember him?) of Flint (Mich.) Powers Catholic. The husky speedster duplicated his Mansfield-Mebeck Relays victory in the 100-yard dash with a fine 9.6 clocking into a brisk and chilly wind and then topped off his excellent day with a brilliant 21.1 in the 220-yard dash, which was run around a curve.

Two weeks ago, Strozler

champion in the highs and the 180-yard low hurdles, finished second (14.3), and then came back later to grab third-place points in the low sticks with a 19.7 effort.

Madison teammate Greg Fuqua snared fourth in the 440-yard dash and ran the anchor leg in Ohio's second-place mile relay quartet, while Ontario's Craig Hunt took sixth in the high jump with a 6 feet, 7 inch clearance.

Ohio's victories came in the discus (James), two-mile run (Pete Kummant of Amherst Steele), mile run (Kevin Ryan of Cleveland St. Joseph) and pole vault (Les West of Dayton Wayne). James and West are Mansfield-Mebeck Relays champions.

Steve Elliott of Pontiac (Mich.) Central actually won the mile run, but was disqualified for pulling out in front of another runner early in the race. Elliott won the Michigan Class A meet this year with a state record 4:08.2.

Steve Pinkowski of Hammond, the Indiana state meet champion and winner at the Mansfield-Mebeck Relays in April, failed to show, supposedly "saving himself" for a national meet. His teammate, Rudy Chapa, who won the two-mile event at Mansfield in the record time of 8:59.2 and is the national leader with a clocking of 8:51.0, is only a junior.

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High School's Spuller Field again in 1976 for the annual affair. No changes are scheduled in the format, although Illinois and Kentucky officials have asked to join the party.

Mansfield-Mebeck Relays in April, Tri-State Champions Meet in June — each outstanding in its own way!

TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

At Ft. Wayne, Ind.
(Scoring: 10-8-4-2-1)
(Relays: 10-8-7)
1, Michigan, 183; 2, Ohio, 126; 3, Indiana, 115.

TRACK EVENTS

Two-mile run—1, Pete Kummant, Amherst Steele, 9:50.4; 2, Mike Ma-Fick Bennett, Jackson, Mich., 9:53.5; 3, Tom Hammond (Ind.), Ind., 9:54.5; 4, Jack Sinclair, Grosse Ile, Mich., 9:55.4; 5, Bob Slater, Cleveland Heights, 9:52.0; 6, Tim Kaough, Hammond, Ind., 9:39.5.

440-yard relay—1, Michigan (Bill Copeland, Detroit Couley; Harlan Hacketty, Detroit Cass Tech; Russell Bailey, Inkster; Dwayne Strozler, Flint Powers Catholic), 46.7; 2, Indiana, 42.5; 3, No points, Ohio disqualified. (Record: Old record of 41.8 set by Ohio in 1974.)

120-yard high hurdles—1, Greg Roberts, South Bend (Ind.), LaSalle, 14.1; 2, Jeff Jenkins, Mansfield Madison, 14.3; 3, Arnett Chisholm, Taylor Center, Mich., 14.4; 4, Mike Whitehead, Cincinnati Princeton, 14.5; 5, Ed Pender, Inkster, Mich., 14.3; 6, Matt Phillips, Lawrence (Ind.) Central 14.8. (Record: Winning time in 1974 was wind-aided.)

880-yard run—1, Keith Young, Flint (Mich.) Northern, 1:53.4; 2, Jay Miranda, Cleveland West Tech, 1:53.5; 3, Mark Butler, Toledo Rogers, 1:54.0; 4, Joe Marquy, Highland, Ind., 1:55.4; 5, Ken Birven, Livonia (Mich.) Stevenson, 1:56.4; 6, Steve McDonald, Bedford, Ind., 1:57.8. (Record: Old record of 1:53.8 set in 1974 by Phil Barker of Vincennes (Ind.) Lincoln.)

100-yard dash—1, Dwayne Strozler, Flint (Mich.) Powers Catholic, 9.6; 2, William Pointer, Gary (Ind.) West, 10.8; 3, Bill Copeland, Detroit (Mich.) Couley, 10.1; 4, Lee Ben, Toledo Liberty, 10.1; 5, Arnett Chisholm, Taylor Center, Mich., 10.1; 6, Derek Laing, Indianapolis (Ind.) North Central, 10.1. (188 FHSQR set in 1974 by Bob Bergings of Cleveland Colwell.)

440-yard dash—1, Robert Rockingham, Gary (Ind.) West, 46.3; 2, Mike Walton, Detroit (Mich.) East Catholic, 46.4; 3, Mike Smith, Middletown, 49.1; 4, Greg Fuqua, Mansfield Madison, 49.3; 5, Mark Derneritt, Plymouth (Mich.) Salem, 49.4; 6, John Hester, Indianapolis (Ind.) Northwest, 49.4. (Record: Old record of 46.4 set in 1974 by Jack Taylor of Canton McKinley.)

Mile run—1, Kevin Ryan, Cleveland St. Joseph, 4:15.2; 2, Jeff Randolph, Midland, Mich., 4:15.3; 3, Eric Bart, Ann Arbor (Mich.) Pioneer, 4:17.4; 4, Mark Vande Ruyter, 4:18.5; 5, Mike Smith, Madison, Ind., 4:18.4; 6, Brad Jacobson, Harding, Ind., 4:26.2.

220-yard dash—1, Dwayne Strozler, Flint (Mich.) Powers Catholic, 21.1; 2, Russell Bailey, Inkster, Mich., 21.9; 3, William Pointer, Gary (Ind.) West,

chilly wind and then topped off his excellent day with a brilliant 21.1 in the 220-yard dash, which was run around a curve.

Two weeks ago, Strozier won both events in the Class B state meet with times of 9.5 and 20.8. If not for the strong wind Strozier quite possibly could have threatened the national record of 20.6 at Ft. Wayne. He's that good.

Outstanding field performer was Cortland-Lakeview's Steve James, who hurled the discus 191 feet, 9 inches, a distance surpassed by only two high schoolers this year. Longest throw reported nationally is 194 feet by an Oregon senior. Since the discus is not thrown in Michigan high school meets, the event was considered only an exhibition and points were not scored. Next year it will be a scheduled event in Michigan.

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Madison's Jeff Jenkins was beaten in the 120-yard high hurdles by fast-finishing Greg Robertson of South Bend (Ind.) LaSalle (14.1). Jenkins, the Ohio Class AAA

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Mike Winsor of Middleton (Mich.) Fulton, second at Mansfield, triumphed in the high jump by defeating Mike Whitehead of Cincinnati Princeton, two-time Ohio-Class AAA champion, in a jump-off, after both had tied at 6 feet, 9 inches. Eric Wagner of Lorain Brookside also cleared 6-9, but finished third on the basis of misses.

In one of the finest races Keith Young of Flint (Mich.) Northern edged Jay Miranda of Cleveland West Tech in the 880-yard run by virtue of a driving finish that started with 200 yards to go. Miranda, who usually wins the close ones, could not hold off Young, the Michigan Class A champion (1:51.3). Young strained to a 1:53.4 finish, while Miranda was on his shoulder in 1:53.5.

Eight meet records were set and a ninth tied despite the cold weather and stiff wind that gusted directly into the faces of the hurdlers and sprinters.

Meet officials plan to return to Ft. Wayne Northrop

Cincinnati Gets Big Ace

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Gary Yoder, a junior college All-American last season at the College of Southern Idaho, has signed a letter of intent with the University of Cincinnati.

The 6-4, 185-pound guard, a

native of Topeka, Ind., averaged 18 points and eight assists a game this past season.

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"Yoder will add great strength to our guard position," said Bearcat boss Gale Catlett.

St. Joseph, 4:15.2; 3, Jeff Randolph, Midland, Mich., 4:15.3; 3, Eric Bart, Ann Arbor (Mich.) Pioneer, 4:17.4; 4, Mark Tapes, Bayley, 4:18.4; 5, Mike Smith, Madison, Ind., 4:18.4; 6, Brad Jacobson, Harding, Ind., 4:26.3.
220-yard dash—1, Dwayne Strozier, Flint (Mich.) Powers Catholic, 21.1; 2, Russell Bailey, Inkster, Mich., 21.9; 3, Willie Foster, Gary (Ind.), 22.1; 4, 25.8; 4, Bill Cookland, Detroit (Mich.) Cooley, 22.5; 5, Mike Smith, Middletown, 22.5; 6, Lee Bean, Toledo Liberty, 22.5. (Record. Old record of 21.6 set in 1974 by Willie Knox of Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Wayne.)

180-yard low hurdles—1, Dave Sikora, Dearborn (Mich.) Edsel Ford, 19.3; 2, Greg Robertson, South Bend (Ind.) LaSalle, 19.5; 3, Jeff Jenkins, Madeline, Detroit, 19.7; 4, Bill Gester, Inkster, Mich., 19.7; 5, Tim Pickett, Ft. Wayne (Ind.) North, 20.0; 6, Terry Thomas, Flint (Mich.) Northwestern, 20.3.

Two-mile relay—1, Michigan (Mike Helm, Fenton; Steve Banovic, Jackson; Jim Baumgartner, Detroit University; Jerry Wojtala, Treenon), 7:34.4; 2, Ohio, 7:52.8; 3, Indiana, 7:56.2.

4x400 relay—1, Michigan (Greg Anderson, Detroit Southeastern; Keith Young, Flint Northern; Craig Myer, River Rouge; Marlan Huckleby, Detroit Cass Tech), 3:15.4; 2, Ohio, 3:16.4; 3, Indiana, 3:19.2.

FIELD EVENTS

Discus (exhibition)—1, Steve James, Cortland-Lakeview, 191 feet, 9 inches; 2, Joe Johns, Columbus West, 187; 3, Steve James, Cortland-Lakeview, 176-6; 4, Bill Tatot, Sandusky, 172-7; 5, David Wolfman, Wawaseo, Ind., 157-4; 6, John Dorman, Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Concordia, 153-6. (Record. Old record of 197 set in 1974 by Stan Johnson of Sandusky.)

Long Jump—1, Terry Thomas, Flint (Mich.) Northwestern, 22 feet, 9 1/2 inches; 2, Derek Laing, Indianapolis (Ind.) North Central, 22-6; 3, Fred Parker, Jackson (Mich.) Paradise, 22-0; 4, Mike Smith, Marion, Ind., 22-8 1/2; 5, Roger Lyon, Chillicothe Zane Trace, 22-4 1/2; 6, Jeff Thomas, Vandalia, Ind., 22-1. (Record. Old record of 22-1 1/2 set in 1974 by Tony Allen of Indianapolis (Ind.) Washington.)

Shot put—1, Brad Seiden, Chippewa Valley, Mich., 60 feet, 9 1/2 inches; 2, Frank Ryan, Indianapolis (Ind.) North Central, 60-1/2; 3, Marlon Fleming, Livoniaville (Ind.) Reitz, 59-7 1/2; 4, George Doehle, Harding, Ind., 57-1 1/2; 5, Rick Schlaebke, Uniontown Lake, 57 1/4; 6, Bill Reardon, Livonia (Mich.) Churchill, 56-1/2. (Record. Old record of 58-3 set in 1974 by Stan Johnson of Sandusky.)
High jump—1, Mike Winsor, Middleton (Mich.) Fulton, 6 feet, 9 inches; 2, Mike Whitehead, Cincinnati Princeton, 6-8; 3, Eric Wagner, Lorain Brookside, 6-6; 4, Greg Smith, Westfield, Ind., 6-5; 5, Glen Mott, Bloomington (Ind.) South, 6-4; 6, Craig Hunt, Ontario, 6-2.

Pole Vault—1, Les West, Dayton Wayne, 15 feet; 2, Steve Johnson, Fairmont East, 14-1; 3, Nick Powers, Livonia (Mich.) Churchill, 14-6; 4, Kevin Crail, Indianapolis (Ind.) North Central, 14-0; 5, Bob Schmidt, Delaware Hayes, 13-4; 6, Don Wilbur, Muskegon (Mich.) Orchard View, 13-4.