

# Flint Northern sprinter stars

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Michael Miller, one of the finest college prospects in the new high school track season, has the distinction of turning in the best performances in the state for two events.

The Flint Northern senior already has accounted for a 100-yard dash clocking of 9.5 seconds and a 220 time of 21.3, both wind assisted.

"Miller has to be ranked one of the best prep sprinters ever to compete in the state," said Bruce Waha, the Michigan State assistant coach who, for the 18th straight year is compiling the weekly Detroit News' track listings of the best high school efforts throughout the state.

"At this stage of his career, Miller would be considered even superior to another former outstanding Flint sprinter, Dwayne Strozier (of Flint Powers), now competing for Arizona."

**ANDRE WILLIAMS** of Ann Arbor Huron has the season's second best 100 effort, a wind-assisted, nonwinning time of 9.9 while three others have posted 10.0 — John Long of Grosse Pointe North, Anthony Battle of Flint Southwestern and Dennis Valine also of Ann Arbor Huron.

Marshall Dill set the present state Class A 100 record of 9.6 in 1971 for Detroit Northern and Reggie Jones tied the mark for Saginaw in 1973. Recognition for a state record is only given in state title meets. Jones, who underwent knee surgery a year ago, now is attempting a comeback

as a Tennessee senior.

Dill, who starred for Michigan State, also set the current 220 state Class A record of 20.6 seconds for Northern in the same 1971 state meet.

Miller's 220 peak is four-tenths of a second faster than the wind-assisted 21.7 chalked up by Steve Lovasik of Dearborn Edsel Ford and one-tenth of a second slower than Lovasik is Anthony Battle of Flint Southwestern.

Another prominent athlete in The News' initial track listing of the season is Mike Petsch of Redford Union. He has had the best shot put performance at 61 feet, 3 inches indoors. The husky Petsch also has tossed the discus 149 feet, 10 inches that ranks third best so far behind Dave Kielty's 163-7 for Livonia Churchill and Dave Walmroth's 162-8 for Southfield.

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES** will be seeking its fourth consecutive title in the 14th annual Birmingham Brother Rice Relays. A field of 17 schools will compete in the 14-event program of five field event relays and nine running relays.

The pole vault will start the competition at 9:30 a.m. and the running relays will begin at 1 p.m. The course is located at Lahser and West 14½ Mile Road in Birmingham.

Coaches are urged to call in their teams' best performances for The News' weekly listing of individual and relay events to Waha at (area code 517) 546-6200 before 2 p.m. daily or at 546-9487.