

Boys Upper Peninsula Track

Rapid River Edges North Central

There was a feeling the Rapid River boys would need every point they could get in order to repeat as Upper Peninsula Class D track and field champions.

North Central had been nipping at Rapid River's heels all season.

The season-long battle concluded at the Upper Peninsula championships with Rapid River prevailing 51-46, securing the decision by winning the 1600 relay—the day's final event—by more than four seconds over runner-up North Central.

The Jets finished second to Rapid River for the second straight year.

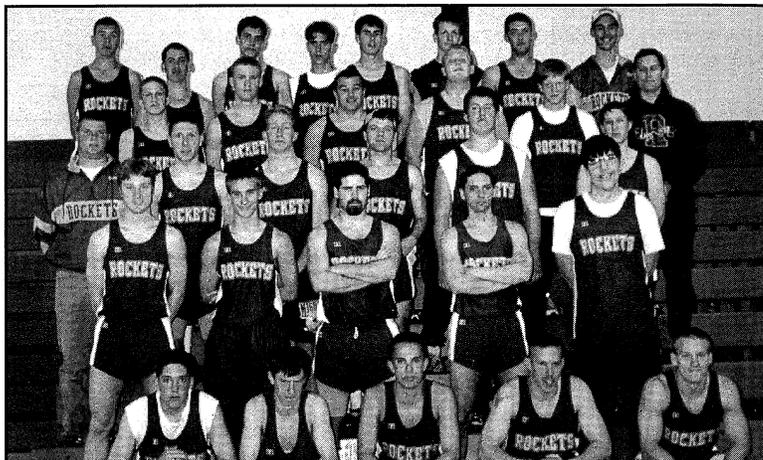
Rapid River's relay teams proved to be the difference, as the Rockets began the day with a victory in the 3200 relay, and later finished second to North Central in the 800 relay before capping the meet with their win in the 1600.

North Central's Curtis Grondin was outstanding, capturing his third straight 1600 crown in 4:45.6, and his first 800 championship at 2:05.85. He also placed second in the 400 with a school-record 53.38 and placed third in the long jump.

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| Team Scores | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Place | School | Score |
| 1 | Rapid River | 51.00 |
| 2 | Powers-North Central | 46.00 |
| 3 | Pickford | 25.00 |
| 4 | Ontonagon | 19.00 |
| 5 | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 17.00 |
| 6 | DeTour | 16.00 |
| 7 | Bessemer | 15.00 |
| 8 | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 13.00 |
| 9 | White Pine | 12.00 |
| 10 | Baraga | 11.00 |
| 11 | Engadine | 8.00 |
| 12 | Cedarville | 7.00 |
| 13 | Brimley | 7.00 |
| 14 | Wakefield | 6.00 |
| 15 | Carney Nadeau | 4.00 |
| 16 | Ewen-Trout Creek | 4.00 |
| 17 | Rock-Mid Peninsula | 4.00 |
| 18 | Eben Junction-Superior Central | 3.00 |
| 19 | Iron Mountain-North Dickinson | 2.00 |
| 20 | Painesdale-Jeffers | 1.00 |
| 21 | Chassell | 1.00 |

RAPID RIVER 1997 CLASS D CHAMPIONS



FIRST ROW: L to R — Mike Wilbee, Mike Holmgren, Nathan Wolf, Joe Smith, Chad Parrett. **SECOND ROW:** Josh Kniss, Todd Stage, Phil Arreola, Dean Hardwick, Kevin Miller. **THIRD ROW:** Assistant Coach Dave Lundquist, Cory Bruno, Chris Sherwin, Zach Nutt, Jake Kuchl, Doug Lippold. **FOURTH ROW:** Gary Hardwick, Andy Schoenenberger, Ron Harris, Andrew Brunette, Casey Madison, Head Coach Steve Ostrenga. **FIFTH ROW:** Kory Decremer, Ben Cartwright, Eric Lundin, Darrin Kuchan, Adam Cole, Adam Rushford, Josh Pike, Kyle Frisk.

Class D Track Finals Held at Kingsford High School May 24, 1997

| SHOT PUT | | | |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Place | Name | School | Distance |
| 1 | Aaron Fezzey | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 45-9 |
| 2 | Chad Parrett | Rapid River | 44-0 |
| 3 | Randall Faustin | DeTour | 43-5 |
| 4 | Craig Paquin | Powers-North Central | 42-9 1/2 |
| 5 | Jason Clinesmith | Ontonagon | 41-11 3/4 |

| HIGH JUMP | | | |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Place | Name | School | Height |
| 1 | Damien Waara | Baraga | 5-10 |
| 2 | Chris Golembeski | Bessemer | 5-10 |
| 3 | A.J. Klop | Pickford | 5-10 |
| 4 | Josh Haske | Cedarville | 5-8 |
| 5 | Kyle Frisk | Rapid River | 5-8 |

| POLE VAULT | | | |
|------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Place | Name | School | Height |
| 1 | Jim Linn | Wakefield | 11-6 |
| 2 | Nathan Galer | Pickford | 10-0 |
| 3 | Matt Storey | Pickford | 10-0 |
| | Ryan Frazer | Ontonagon | No Height |
| | Derek Holzberger | Lake Linden-Hubbell | No Height |

| LONG JUMP | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Place | Name | School | Distance |
| 1 | Casey Blenkhorn | Pickford | 19-0 1/2 |
| 2 | Seann Duffin | Carney Nadeau | 18-10 1/2 |
| 3 | Curtis Grondin | Powers-North Central | 18-8 1/2 |
| 4 | Matt Barron | Rock-Mid Peninsula | 18-7 |
| 5 | Jeff Burge | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 18-7 |

| DISCUS | | | |
|--------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Place | Name | School | Distance |
| 1 | Chris Sherwin | Rapid River | 140-9 |
| 2 | Ben Outwater | Engadine | 130-3 |
| 3 | Justin Wilcoxon | Engadine | 120-9 |
| 4 | Casey Caswell | Rock-Mid Peninsula | 116-3 |
| 5 | Robert Taylor | Brimley | 114-9 |

1996 Track and Field Final Results—Boys U.P. (Concluded)

Class D

| 3,200-METER RELAY | | |
|-------------------|--|---------|
| Place | School—(Competitors) | Time |
| 1 | Rapid River (Todd Stage, Andy Schoenenberger, Cole Adam, Eric Lundin) | 8:44.16 |
| 2 | DeTour | 8:52.59 |
| 3 | Ewen-Trout Creek | 8:54.88 |
| 4 | Ontonagon | 8:56.57 |
| 5 | Pickford | 8:57.50 |

| 110-METER HURDLES | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Richard Hanna | Pickford | 16.29 |
| 2 | Chris Zablocki | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 17.06 |
| 3 | Kurt Miller | DeTour | 17.07 |
| 4 | Jeff Richard | Iron Mountain-North Dickinson | 17.18 |
| 5 | Kyle Frisk | Rapid River | 17.36 |

| 100-METER DASH | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Mike Razmus | White Pine | 11.60 |
| 2 | Josh Kniss | Rapid River | 11.87 |
| 3 | Damien Waara | Baraga | 11.88 |
| 4 | Chad Parrett | Rapid River | 11.91 |
| 5 | Andy Begalle | Bessemer | 11.92 |

| 800-METER RELAY | | |
|-----------------|--|---------|
| Place | School—(Competitors) | Time |
| 1 | Powers-North Central (Nicholas Charles, Andrew McPherson, Jacob Gorzinski, Brian Bouty) | 1:37.72 |
| 2 | Rapid River | 1:37.82 |
| 3 | Brimley | 1:39.40 |
| 4 | Bessemer | 1:39.42 |
| 5 | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 1:40.08 |

| 1,600-METER RUN | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Curtis Grondin | Powers-North Central | 4:45.60 |
| 2 | Norman Siren | Ontonagon | 4:46.66 |
| 3 | Josh Palmer | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 4:47.73 |
| 4 | Mike Holmgren | Rapid River | 4:50.44 |
| 5 | Kent Holombo | Chassell | 4:52.50 |

| 400-METER RELAY | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| Place | School—(Competitors) | Time |
| 1 | Rapid River (Chad Parrett, Nathan Wolf, Joe Smith, Josh Kniss) | 47.13 |
| 2 | Powers-North Central | 47.59 |
| 3 | Bessemer | 47.63 |
| 4 | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 47.94 |
| 5 | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 48.00 |

| 400-METER DASH | | | |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Mike Hammill | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 52.77 |
| 2 | Curtis Grondin | Powers-North Central | 53.38 |
| 3 | Andrew McPherson | Powers-North Central | 54.98 |
| 4 | Zach Nutt | Rapid River | 55.20 |
| 5 | Dan Kilpela | Painesdale-Jeffers | 55.21 |

| 300-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Brian Bouty | Powers-North Central | 42.58 |
| 2 | Kurt Miller | DeTour | 42.63 |
| 3 | Chris Zablocki | Lake Linden-Hubbell | 42.75 |
| 4 | Brad Millon | Cedarville | 43.94 |
| 5 | Justin Wilcoxon | Engadine | 44.63 |

| 800-METER RUN | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Curtis Grondin | Powers-North Central | 2:05.85 |
| 2 | Norman Siren | Ontonagon | 2:06.31 |
| 3 | Eric Lundin | Rapid River | 2:07.37 |
| 4 | Nathan Galer | Pickford | 2:07.41 |
| 5 | Dustin Pitrone | Bessemer | 2:07.99 |

| 200-METER DASH | | | |
|----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Mike Razmus | White Pine | 23.86 |
| 2 | Andy Begalle | Bessemer | 24.04 |
| 3 | Robert Taylor | Brimley | 24.12 |
| 4 | Damien Waara | Baraga | 24.27 |
| 5 | Nicholas Charles | Powers-North Central | 24.37 |

| 3,200-METER RUN | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Place | Name | School | Time |
| 1 | Norman Siren | Ontonagon | 10:39.14 |
| 2 | Mike Holmgren | Rapid River | 10:41.49 |
| 3 | Thomas Verbrigghe | Eben Junction-Superior Central | 10:44.38 |
| 4 | Josh Palmer | Crystal Falls-Forest Park | 10:47.45 |
| 5 | Adam Sworski | Powers-North Central | 11:03.00 |

| 1,600-METER RELAY | | | |
|-------------------|--|---------|--|
| Place | School—(Competitors) | Time | |
| 1 | Rapid River (Zach Nutt, Todd Stage, Nathan Wolf, Andy Schoenenberger) | 3:43.01 | |
| 2 | Powers-North Central | 3:47.41 | |
| 3 | Cedarville | 3:47.44 | |
| 4 | DeTour | 3:47.49 | |
| 5 | Ewen-Trout Creek | 3:51.95 | |