



Groves' Dean Dodge (Photograph by Douglas Bauman)

Country Day runners capture league meet

By GEORGE PAWLUS

Detroit Country Day School (DCDS) won its Metro Conference opener in a romp as the Yellow Jackets won every event en route to a 94½-24½ win at Harper Woods Thursday.

Junior Dave Merritt and senior Harry Davis led the route. Merritt won the high jump, long jump and the low hurdles. Davis took first in the 100 and 200 while finishing second to Merritt in the long jump. Both ran legs in Country Day's winning 400 relay.

The win was the first for Coach George Browne's Yellow Jackets following two non-league dual meet losses.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, Country Day will host a triangular meet with Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Madison Heights Bishop Foley providing the opposition.

DCDS 94½, Harper Woods 24½

Running Events
Two mile - 1. Jan Reniers (CD) 11:27.3;
2. Williams (HW); One mile - 1. Dave Merritt (CD) 4:55.7; 2. Dvornick (HW); 800 - 1. John Zinkel (CD) 2:07; 2. Mike Paschall (CD); 400 - 1. Duncan Brown (CD) 53.3; 2. Mike Ciochem (CD); 200 - 1. Harry Davis (CD) 23.7; 2. Jones (HW); 100 - 1. Harry Davis (CD) 10.3; 2. Allen (HW); 180 yard hurdles - 1. Dave Merritt (CD) 20.7; 2. Mike Young (CD); 120 high hurdles - 1. Mike Young (CD) 15.6; 2. Williamson (HW).

Field Events
High jump - 1. Dave Merritt (CD) 54; 2. John Zinkel (CD); Long Jump - 1. Dave Merritt (CD) 20.2; 2. Harry Davis (CD); Shot put - 1. Sherif Gouda (CD) 41.6; 2. Thompson (HW); Pole vault - 1. Bob Pastor (CD) 12.0; 2. Eric Goldstone (CD).

Team Relays
One mile - 1. John Zinkel, Sherif Gouda, Duncan Brown, Mike Slorun (CD) 3:46; 2. Harper Woods; 800 - 1. Eugene Williams, Chris Yelder, Robert Orr, Keith Jackson, (CD) 1:50.7; 2. Harper Woods; 400 - 1. Dave Merritt, Harry Davis, Jeff Fill, Hillel Maisel (CD) 48.2; 2. Harper Woods.

Birmingham Groves ran its unbeaten string to three, defeating Royal Oak Dondero 78-45 Thursday in a Metro Suburban Association (MSA) meet at Groves.

The Groves athletes in the field events made the win easy as they collected 30 of the 36 points.

Dean Dodge emerged as a double winner, taking the pole vault and high jump.

The win boosted Coach Tom Kearney's team's record in the MSA to 2-0. Groves will take a breather from the MSA season Tuesday afternoon when the Falcons visit North Farmington for a nonleague dual meet.

Groves 78, Dondero 45

Running Events
Two mile - 1. Doug Bink (G) 10:28; 2. Ed Strohach (G); One mile - 1. Joel Morgan (G) 4:40; 2. Maple (D); 800 - 1. Marty Downes (G) 2:15; 2. Mosley (D); 400 - 1. Dave Cover (G) 52.4; 2. Kent Anderson (G); 200 - 1. Verne (D) 23.2; 2. Gaudin (G); 100 - 1. Verne (D) 10.2; 2. Gaudin (G); 180 yard hurdles - 1. Verne (D) 20.4; 2. John Kluemper (G); 120 high hurdles - 1. Kim Kluemper (G) 15.3; 2. Steve Schell (G).

Field Events
Long Jump - 1. George Pearce (G) 18.7; 2. Dave Cover (G); High Jump - 1. Dean Dodge (G) 64; 2. Bro (G); Shot put - 1. Sam Johnson (G) 40.6; 2. Mark Vajda (G); Pole vault - 1. Dean Dodge (G) 12.0; 2. Charles Pearce (G).

Team Relays
One mile - 1. Dondero 3:43.2; 2. Norm Shrevebury, Kent Anderson, Kurt Miller, Marty Downes (G); 800 - Keri Topouzian, Kim Kluemper, Kent Anderson, Dave Cover (G) 1:54.5; 2. Dondero; 400 - 1. Dondero 46.6; 2. Keri Topouzian, Dean Dodge, Mike Brunson, Chris Gregorich (G).

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook was the host school for a triangular meet Wednesday which had Detroit Catholic Central and Pontiac Catholic as the opposition.

Coach Ben Snyder's Cranbrook Cranes barely nudged out Catholic Central -70-69 to run their record to 4-2.

The Cranes won six events but picked up enough seconds and thirds to come out ahead. Mike Manhart won the low hurdles and the high jump to lead Cranbrook.

The Cranes' next meet will be another triangular Tuesday at Country Day with Bishop Foley also in attendance.

Cranbrook 70, Cath. Cent. 69

Pen. Cath.
Running Events
Two mile - 1. McQueen (CC) 12:14.3; 2. Garner (CC); One mile - 1. Scott (CC) 4:28.3; 2. Vince Guile (CC); 800 - 1. Peter Hissinger (CC) 2:07.8; 2. Murphy (CC); 400 - 1. Mike (CC) 51.1; 2. Greg Mack (CC); 200 - 1. O'Brien (CC) 24.2; 2. Scott (CC); 100 - 1. Nate Wimp (CC) 10.2; 2. O'Brien (CC); 120 high hurdles - 1. Mike Manhart (CC) 14.8; 2. Carroon (CC); 180 high hurdles - 1. Garbath (CC) 16.2; 2. Mike Manhart (CC).

Field Events
Long Jump - 1. Scott (CC) 18.7; 2. O'Brien (CC); High Jump - 1. Mike Manhart (CC) 54; 2. O'Connell (CC); Shot put - 1. CD 67.4; 2. Kevin Morgan (CC); Pole vault - 1. Sweeney (CC) 11.6; 2. Jim Anderson (CC).

Team Relays
One mile - 1. Catholic Central 3:41.4; 2. Peter Hissinger, Jeff Alberts, Chris DeJesus, Vince Guile (CC); 800 - Scott (CC); 400 - Scott (CC); 200 - Scott (CC); 100 - Scott (CC); 180 yard hurdles - 1. Catholic Central 19.1; 2. Pontiac Catholic 48.2; 2. Chris Newman, Bob Wilson, Cam Smith, Nate Wimp (CC).

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook opened its MSA season by defeating Rochester Adams 70-53 Thursday at Adams.

Junior Kurt Doolin and sophomores John Kretschmer and Tom Mahoney all were double winners. Doolin won the long jump and 100 yard - dash.

Cranbrook 70, Adams 53

Running Events
Two mile - 1. Richter (A) 10:11.1; 2. John Tyson (L); One mile - 1. Griffin (A) 4:20.2; 2. Morgan (A); 800 - 1. King (A) 1:51.2; 2. Dimandaro (A); 400 - 1. King (A) 51.2; 2. Paul Skatymski (L); 200 - 1. Brian Dunn (G) 23.7; 2. Paul Skatymski (L); 100 - 1. Kurt Doolin (D); 180 yard hurdles - 1. Tom Mahoney (L) 15.1; 2. Gail (A); 120 high hurdles - 1. Tom Mahoney (L) 14.2; 2. Vail Green (L).

Field Events
Long Jump - 1. Kurt Doolin (L) 50.4; 2. King (A); High Jump - 1. John Kretschmer (L) 51.0; 2. Mark Hand (L); Shot put - 1. Craig Milled (L) 51.0; 2. Whitfield (A); Pole vault - 1. John Kretschmer (L) 12.4; 2. Caulfield (A).

Team Relays
One mile - 1. Adams 3:40.2; 2. Tom Fleming, Bob Catlin, Mike Hagan, Dave Swilum (L); 800 - 1. Mark Doolin, Paul Skatymski, Bill Sherman, Brian Dunn (L); 400 - 1. Adams; 200 - 1. Kurt Doolin, Tom Mahoney, Bill Sherman, Brian Dunn (L) 45.7; 2. Adams.

Area puckster with champions

By JIM BOCHENEK

It would seem a person who has been playing hockey competitively since last August, a span of 84 games, would desire a few weeks off to rest right about now.

But for 13-year-old Gordon St. John, a seventh grader at Detroit Country Day, it would be even more fun if the competition could be a year-round proposition.

Gordon was a member of the Detroit Slator team that recently returned from St. Louis as the national pee wee hockey champion.

Slator defeated Burlington, Mass., 6-0, in the championship contest held at the St. Louis Ice Arena; home of the National Hockey League's Blues.

SLATOR HAD to win five times in 42 hours to take the title and the team met the challenge decisively.

Gardner to play at Oakland

Oakland University basketball coach Gene Boldon has announced that John Gardner, a senior from Southfield-Lathrup, has signed a national letter of intent to attend Oakland University next fall.

Gardner, a 6-8, 200-pound center for the Chargers, averaged 18 points and 15 rebounds per game last year. He was named to the Metro Suburban Activities Association all-league team two consecutive years, and received honorable mention for the Detroit Free Press all-state team.

"John will be the tallest ball player to ever play for Oakland and I'm looking forward to working with him next season," said Bolton.

Coached by Al Hosseck and Ferris Steinhauer, it outscored its opponents, 29 goals to four.

From his left defensive spot, Gordon managed to score only once. However, he was instrumental in keeping the opposition off the score board.

"This is the most exciting thing that ever happened to me," said the youngster.

"I just found out that there were 2,700 teams eligible for the championship and that just made our title seem even more unbelievable."

THE YOUNG ice's father, Gordon St. John, was almost as excited about the championship as his son.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing so the whole family went to St. Louis to watch," St. John said.

St. John said practically every boy on the Slator team has been skating since about the age of four and playing competitively since about the age of six.

"I imagine the boys have been averaging between 75 and 100 games a year," he said.

With so many games being played by schoollage youngsters, isn't studying time hard to find?

"NOT REALLY," Gordon said. "We only play three or four times a week and I find I still have enough free time to do my homework."

The St. John family realistically does not see a professional hockey career in the future of Gordon.

But St. John said the Slator team's success in St. Louis should leave a rich personal impact on Gordon.

"At least," he said, "the team members have learned they can be the best at something and I just hope Gordon carries that thinking over in later life."

O & E seeks statistician

The Birmingham office of the Observer & Eccentric Sports Department is looking for a summer sports statistician. The job entails working eight hours on Mondays and four hours on Tuesdays compiling weekly Little League Baseball and club swimming results.

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