

J. MARSHALL, SHADYSIDE, WARWOOD REPEAT 16 Records Fall In OVAC Track Meet

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Sixteen meet records were smashed and another equalled in the giant, two-day Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track and field meet, which concluded Saturday at Bellaire's Nelson Field with John Marshall High, Shadyside, and Warwood repeating as team titlists.

John Marshall won the triple-A crown and Warwood took the single-A diadem for the second straight year while Shadyside mounted the double-A throne for the seventh successive season, a particularly satisfying triumph to veteran Tiger coach Jack Berger, who is retiring from his duties with the spiked-shoe sport at the end of the campaign.

Scoring in all but five events, Fred Tweedie's Monarchs piled up 68 points in the triple-A competition while host Bellaire finished second in a 13-team field with 50 markers and

Stuebenville was third, with 30 counters, followed by Wintersville, with 26, and Oak Glen, with 24.

John Marshall took first place in five events while Shadyside won seven of the double-A events as the Tigers accumulated 64 points to runnerup Magnolia's 43. Toronto was third in the 12-team Class AA race with 33 counters and St. John's Central, with 29, and Cadiz, with 25, rounded out the top five.

Paced by the sparkling efforts of record-breaking Randy Beihl, Don Minder's Warwood squad bagged 64 counters while Linsly Institute took the runnerup trophy with 45. Paden City, led by the Gatian twins, garnered 36 for third place while Shenandoah was fourth, with 28, and Cameron and Buckeye North tied for fifth in a 10-team scramble with 23 each.

Records fell all over the place but nobody had a bigger

hand in them than Beihl, the versatile Warwood junior. On Friday he achieved two single-A standards with a 6 ft. high jump and 12-1 pole vault. Then on Saturday he beat teammate Ron Jewell, defending W. Va. double-A state champion, to the wire in the 440 to register a meet record clocking of 51.2. And he finished off his big effort with a strong anchor leg for the Viking mile relay team, which also established a meet record.

The weather was sunny but cool and it must have been conducive to some excellent times by sprinters. Robert Gatian, of Paden City, was timed in a brilliant 21.9 in a 220 around the curve and that's not only a Class A mark but also the best time for the furlong ever turned in by a dashman from any sized school in an OVAC meet. His twin brother, Richard, was second in a sharp 22.1.

Robert Gatian also won the

Class A 100 and he and his brother helped Paden City to victory in the 880 sprint relay.

Dominating the triple-A sprints was Herb Fletcher, Steubenville speedster who not only repeated in the 100, where he did 10.1, but copped the 220 in 22.3 and whizzed a strong anchor leg to bring the Big Red baton home on top a hair ahead of Bellaire.

However, the top scorer in triple-A was Derrick Kaufman, of Wintersville, with 15 points. Kaufman took both the high and low hurdles, was fourth in the high jump, and ran a leg for the second-place Warrior shuttle quartet, which chased across an Oak Glen foursome that registered a fine 58.5 clocking.

Fletcher and Kaufman were the only individual double winners in triple-A. Class AAA record-breakers were Wheeling's Damon Clark, who wiped out his own meet mark in the two-mile run with time of 9:49.4; John Marshall high jumper Jim Amedro, who cleared 6 ft. 3 1/2 in.; Steubenville's Mike Brown, with a sizzling 1:58.9 in the 880; and the John Marshall 440-yd. sprint relay quartet, clocked in 44.7.

Other winners for J. Marshall were Carl Pettit in the discus throw, Mike Wilson in the mile run, and the Monarch two-mile relay team.

Bellaire won the mile relay



HERB FLETCHER

Big Red sprint champ

and also had victors in the pole vault, in Jim Johnston, and in the long jump, where Bill DeGuzzo got off a leap of 21 ft. 3 1/2 in. Other triple-A titlists were Tim Ott, Brooke, shot put, and Rex Marshall, Steubenville, 440.

Kevin Wilson, rangy St. John's Central star, topped the double-A individual scoring

with 16 3/4 points as he captured the high and low hurdles, was second in the long jump, and anchored a third-place shuttle team. He was the only individual winner of more than one double-A event.

Lone double-A record to fall was in the high jump, where Don Moore, of Buckeye South, cleared 6 ft. 1 1/4 on Friday.

Shadean victories were by Jim Kovalo in the shot put, Steve Magyar in the 220, and by the Tigers' two-mile, 880 and 440 sprint relay and shuttle hurdle relay quartets. Cadiz won the mile relay comfortably over the Shadeans while other double-A wins were by Bill Jackson, Meadowbrook, in the discus throw; Dave Hahn, Magnolia, long jump; Bob Koscoe, Union Local, 100-yd. dash; John Anderson, River, mile run; Jim West, Cadiz, 440; Dave Yasho, Jefferson Union, pole vault; and Bill Snively, St. John's, 880.

Warwood took six events and figured prominently in the record-smashing. Not only did Beihl and his buddies on the mile relay quartet hit the record book but Doug Lewton got in when he did the 880 in 2:04.4 to win by a tenth-second over Linsly's Terry Ciechowski and also beat Mingo's John Schoorcraft. Earlier Schoorcraft had supplanted Lewton as Class A mile champ in a finish so tight that

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OVAC Track Results

CLASS AAA

TEAM SCORING—John Marshall 68, Bellaire 50, Steubenville 30, Wintersville 26, Oak Glen 24, Brooke 18, Martins Ferry 15, Triadelphia 14, St. Clairsville 13, Wheeling 12, Steubenville Central 9, East Liverpool 5, Neilston 4.

CLASS AA

TEAM SCORING—Shadyside 64, Magnolia 43, Toronto 33, St. John's Central 29, Cadiz 25, Meadowbrook 24, Jefferson Union 19 1/2, River 17 1/2, Buckeye South 12, Union Local 10, Barnesville 7, Wheeling Central

CLASS A

TEAM SCORING—Warwood 70, Linsly 49, Paden City 37, Shenandoah 28, Cameron and Buckeye North 23 each, Mingo 22, Weirton Madonna 16, Bridgeport 12, Bealsville 5, Skyvue 3.

HIGH JUMP—1. Randy Beihl, War., 6 ft. (meet record bettering mark of 5-10 by Jerry Walker, Cadiz, in 1963); 2. Edwards, Buckeye N., 5-8; 3. Winkler, Linsly, 5-8; 4. Clark, Shen., 5-6; 5. Morris, Cam., 5-6.

16 Records Broken In OVAC Meet

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both ruiners were awarded the same time, 4:38.4. However, since Schoolcraft was the winner, he will alone be credited with a meet record in that event.

Linsly got into the record-breaking act prominently with meet marks in both the two-mile relay (8:29.4) and 440-yd. sprint relay (46.3).

Shenandoah, a first-year member of the OVAC, provided record-breakers in the Class A two-mile run, taken by Phil Forshey in 9:44.4, and long jump, where Joe Wheeler went 20 ft. 4 1/4.

John Lamantia, Weirton Madonna, equalled the "A" long hurdle mark of 21 flat.

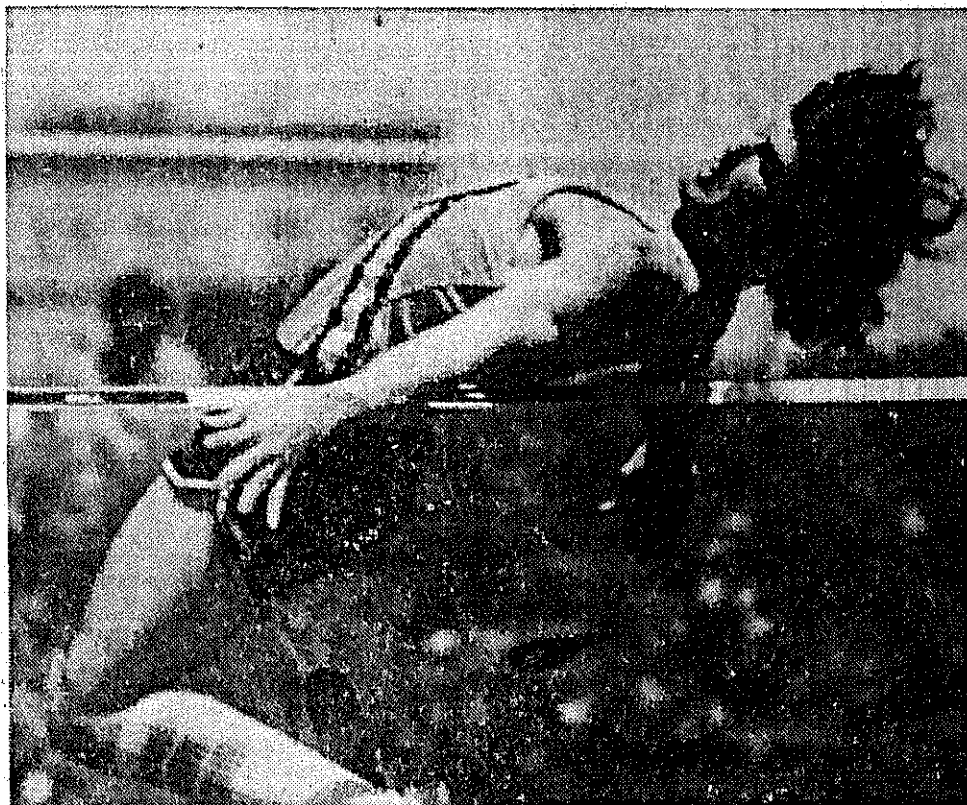
Steve Doe, Warwood, had the best discus throw of the day at 142-6. Other Class A winners were Darrell Leach, Shenandoah, in the shot put; Jim Godez, Linsly, high hurdles; and the Cameron shuttle hurdle relay foursome.

Belhl was credited with a total of 20 1/2 points for the Vikings.



That's Robert Gatian, on the left, and Richard Gatian, on the right. Or is it Richard on the left and Robert on the right? Matt Mumley, who took the picture, says it's Robert at left and Richard at right. Anyhow, the look-alikes from Paden City had a big day in the OVAC track meet Saturday. Robert won the 100 in 10.4 and subsequently captured the 220 in 21.5

secs., best time ever recorded by a sprinter in the furlong at the OVAC meet, regardless of school size. And the race was run on a curve too! Richard was second in the 220 in 22.1, also bettering the old meet mark, and was fourth in the 100. And the Gatian twins teamed up to help the Wildcats to victory in the 880-yd. sprint relay.



High Jump Record Set

West Virginia state triple-A high jump champion Jim Amedro, of John Marshall High School, skims over the bar at 6 ft. 3 1/4 in. to establish a Class AAA OVAC record in the giant meet concluded Saturday at Nelson Field in Bellaire. Amedro, using the Fosbury Flop style

of jumping, bettered a previous meet standard of 6-2, set in 1971 by Dean Young, of Steubenville. The previous week Amedro had established an all-time valley record of 6 ft. 5 1/2 in. at the Clarksburg Relays.

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