

# 8 Records Smashed at Bellaire

## As Warren Harding Claims Title



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### Steubenville High Takes 4th Place

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Records, instead of rain, fell at Bellaire Saturday. Victimized by deluges in the previous two years at the Bellaire Relays, the cinder stars were finally presented with a dry day by the weatherman and responded with a sensational show as eight meet records were smashed and another equalled during the torrid action.

Warren Harding became the first three-time champion in the 13-year history of the colorful spiked-shoe extravaganza as the Presidents remounted the throne where they had last perched in 1960.

Despite the absence of their ace weight-tosser, Tony Capers, who did not participate because of a shoulder dislocation, the Warren Harding thinclads garnered 37 points to finish fourth in front of two Cleveland schools, St. Joseph and John F. Kennedy, which shared runner-up honors.

Steubenville gave the valley representation among the powers of the sport as the Big Red finished fourth, with 30½ points, followed by Cleveland Glenville's defending champions, with 27. Then came Zanesville, with 17; Newark, 15; Euclid, 13; Cleveland Heights, 12; Gahanna Lincoln, 10½; Worthington, 10; Dayton-Roosevelt, 8; Detroit (Mich.) East and Columbus Eastmoor, 6 apiece; Dayton Chaminade and Akron Buchtel, 5 apiece; Boardman and Rocky River 4 each; Mansfield Senior, Canton McKinley and Warren Kennedy, 3 each; and Martins Ferry and Mayfield, 2 apiece.

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events was Harding's Tom Perry, with eight points, via a first in the broad jump and fourth in the high jump. Perry achieved a meet record in the broad jump when he got off a leap of 23 ft. ¾ in., thus nosing out his arch rival, Don Osby, defending state champ from Steubenville, by three-quarters of an inch. This was the third time this season, in four meetings, that Perry has topped Osby.

The shot put, in which Capers was unable to defend the title he won last year, furnished the other record-maker in the husky Detroit-East muscleman, Giulio Catallo, who powered the 12-pound ball 60 ft. 9½ in.

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## Sims Vaults to Victory at Bellaire



Flying over the crossbar goes Steubenville star Dwight Sims, who won top honors in the pole vault at Bellaire Relays when he cleared 13 ft. 3 3/8 in. Although Sims did not set a meet record, his feat marked an all-time record for an Ohio Valley area pole vaulter, the former valley standard of 12 ft. 11 1/2 in. having been set by his since-graduated teammate, Bob Marciniak, last year. (N-R Photo, Hepburn)

### PENN RELAYS

# Patrick Finds 2d Relay Effort Too Much for Him

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dave Patrick anchored Villanova to the four-mile relay championship at the Penn Relays Saturday, but couldn't quite pull off a valiant attempt to lead the Wildcats to victory in the two-mile relay.

Just two hours and 15 minutes after his 4:10.3 mile leg in the four-mile relay, the lanky blond runner prevented a final challenge from Michigan's Ron Kutchinski on the final straightaway of the two-mile event.

But up on the outside moved Fordham's Jack Fath. Fath took the lead some five yards from the finish and Patrick, in a final desperate lunge, collapsed across the finish line and had to be carried off the track.

Fordham's time for the two-mile relay was 7:21.4, best in the world this year and one of a myriad of records set at this 73rd annual carnival, which ended its two-day run in bright,

65-degree weather before a crowd of 34,982.

In all 10 meet records were broken, and another was tied. Many of the competitors credited this to the new, springy track that got its first workout at the meet.

In the big college mile relay event, Rice's sophomore-laden team scored a 40-yard victory over second-place North Carolina State and finished in 3:06.9, better than its Friday qualifying time that had set a meet record by two-tenths of a second.

The victory made up for some disappointment for the Owls, who had been the fastest qualifiers in the 440 and 880-yard relays as well as the mile Friday, but lost out in both the shorter events. The 440 went to defending champion Florida A&M in 40.6, a meet record, and the 880 was won by Johnson C. Smith in 1:24.5.

Other events in which records fell included the 120-yard high hurdles, won by Erv Hall of Villanova in 13.6, the 2-mile run,

which fell to Sam Bair for the second year in a row in 8:46.2 and the javelin, which went to George Mischis of Tennessee with a throw of 248-10 1/2.

Another record was set by Tennessee in the sprint medley with a time of 3:17.8, and, on Friday, records went to Winston-Salem's Leon Coleman who won the 440-yard hurdles in 51 flat, Villanova, which took the distance medley at 9:39.9 and Art Swartz of South Carolina, who defended his discus championship at 179.9.

The one record tied was in the 100-yard dash where Clarence Ray of Kentucky State won in 9.5.

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In the mile, it was Joe Andry, of Cleveland St. Joseph, who checked in with a 4:21.1—a half-second under the performance of Glenville's Jim Gilbert in the 1962 Bellaire meet.

After anchoring Cleveland Heights to a new all-time Ohio schoolboy record in the four-mile relay Friday night at the Cleveland West Tech meet, Dick Roski, who is the state champion at the two-mile distance, was clocked in 9:39 for his specialty as he edged St. Joe's Jim Slusser in a tight finish. This automatically counted as a record, since the two-mile run was being contested in the Bellaire meet for the first time.

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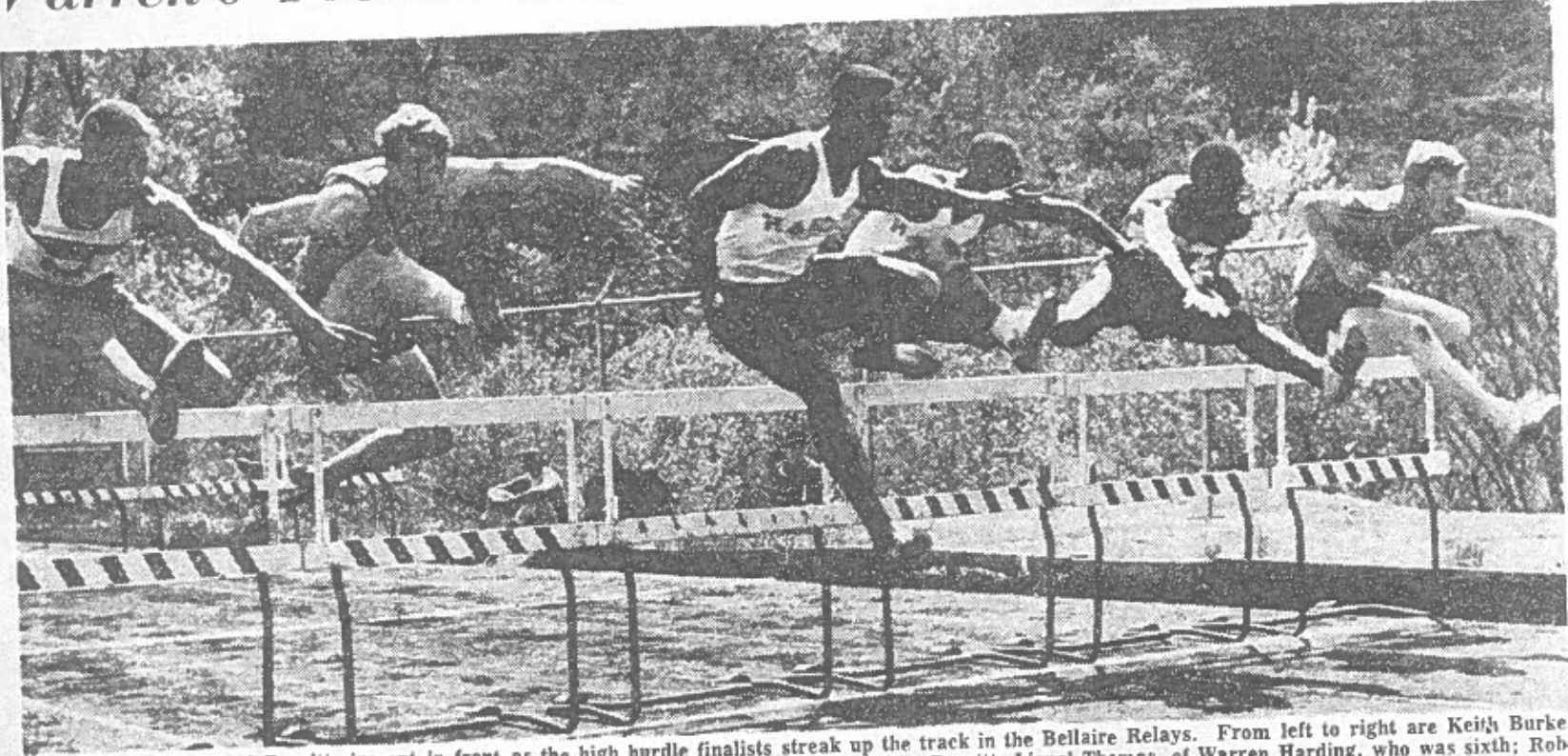
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Warren Harding's Al Provitt zips out in front as the high hurdle finalists streak up the track in the Bellaire Relays. From left to right are Keith Burke, of Steubenville, who finished fourth; Elliott Drysdale, of Cleveland Heights, who was fifth; Provitt, Lionel Thomas, of Warren Harding, who was sixth; Robert Johnson, of Cleveland J. F. Kennedy, who was third; and Ron Bock, of Euclid, who was second. Provitt was clocked in 14.5 secs. to equal the meet record. He also took first place in the low hurdles and anchored Harding's record-smashing shuttle hurdle relay foursome as the Presidents copped the Bellaire meet title. (N-R Photo, Hepburn)