

Alton Runners Successful In Southwestern Defense

By JIM BELL Telegraph Sports Writer

Track championships and Alton are beginning to become synonymous. Old hat, in a word. Saturday, for instance, the expected ruled as the Redbirds ran away with the Southwestern Conference Relays title for the second straight year. They piled up 83 points, trailed by East St. Louis, 66; Belleville West, 48 1/2; Granite City, 45; Collinsville, 35; Edwardsville, 26 1/2; and Wood River, 18. And indications are that there'll be no end to their reign in the immediate future. Alton's sophomores gave an impressive inkling to the foregoing by rushing away to more points than the varsity, 87, in coping their division. What was surprising about the sophie event was the poor showing of East St. Louis' Flyeds, a perennial title contender and Alton's biggest challenger. The Flyer sophs wound up

5th in the seven-team competition. Granite City trailed Alton's sophomores with 47 points, followed by Belleville West, 43 1/2; Wood River, 37; East St. Louis, 33; Edwardsville, 26 1/2; and Collinsville, 12. Only two records were set during the day, on in each division. Belleville West's distance medley relay foursome of Ernie Sabo, Bob Nickle, Larry Handley and Bruce Perry established the new mark of 11:7.8, shading Alton's 1961 mark of 11:16.5. Pole vaulter Steve DeSerhilla of Alton registered a new sophomore mark, soaring an impressive 12 feet to erase the 1963 mark of 11-6. DeSerhilla's vault also matched Doug Mendenhall's winning mark in varsity competition, another factor that was particularly pleasing to Coach Jim Wigger of the Redbirds. In successfully defending their title, the Redbirds rolled up seven first of a possible 14. Three of their blue ribbons came in rewarding relay events—the 880, mile and 400. The 880 foursome was composed of Jim Merkle, Jim Scruggs, Gerry Wilson and Gail Murphy. Their winning time was 1:32.102,7 off the 1964 established record. Alton's mile relay team of Charles Ross, Bob Rogers, Oscar Wallace and Milt Johnson outraced East St. Louis in the time of 3:24.101,8 off the 1967 record. The important part of the mile relay victory was the participation of injured Wallace, who was withheld from his specialty—the long jump—and the hurdles. "Oscar turned in a fine leg for us," said Wigger, "and

is seemingly coming along in recovering from his leg injury. He should be going strong in a few days." Despite Wallace's absence, George Gilcrest has filled in adequately, winning the last two long jump events in which he participated. Gilcrest was first in the Alton Relays and also led the conference field with a leap of 21 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Bob Rogers of the Redbirds also finished third in the event with a distance of 21 feet, 5 inches. Murphy gave the Redbirds another first in the 100, taking the event in 10.4. Alton's 480 low hurdle shuttle crew of Ed Morris, Bob Rogers, Tom Horsley and Don Sackman took that event in 55.6. The seventh blue ribbon came in the 400 relay with Merkle, Scruggs, Wilson and Murphy turning in a winning time of :43.8. It was Alton's fifth impressive performance of the year. The Redbirds finished strong in St. Louis Army events and won the Alton Relays and Mineral Area Track and Field meet besides Saturday's defense of the Southwestern Conference Relays title. Today, Alton takes on one of its toughest opponents of the season when it faces Kirkwood, Mo., in dual meet at Florissant Valley Community College. The meet begins at 4 o'clock and will be run on an all-weather tartan track.

TEAM TOTALS Alton 87, Granite City 47, Belleville West 43 1/2, Wood River 37, East St. Louis 33, Edwardsville 26 1/2, Collinsville 12. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS HIGH JUMP—1. Carpenter, ESL; 2. Bradshaw, E; 3. Smith, G. C. I; 4. Cavanaugh, C. I; 5. (tie) Ahart, E. and Beard, ESL. Height—6 feet, 2 1/2 inches. DISCUS—1. Birger, C. I; 2. LaFram, C. I; 3. O'Neil, G. I; 4. Clark, E. W.; 5. Harris, ESL. Distance—171 feet, 2 1/2 inches. DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—1. Belleville West (Ernie Sabo, Bob Nickle, Larry Handley, Bruce Perry); 2. Collinsville; 3. Edwardsville; 4. Alton; 5. Wood River. Time—11:7.8 (new record; old record, 11:16.5 set by Alton, 1961). TWO-MILE RELAY—1. Granite City (Mike Eillis, John Frazier, Ken Ehlert, Jim McWhorter); 2. Belleville West; 3. Alton; 4. East St. Louis; 5. Edwardsville. Time—8:18.8. SHOT PUT—1. Stock, C. I; 2. Mitchell, W. R.; 3. LaFrank, C. I; 4. Everage, A. J.; 5. Morris, ESL. Distance—41 feet, 6 inches. 880 RELAY—1. Alton (Jim Merkle, Jim Scruggs, Gerry Wilson, Gale Murphy); 2. East St. Louis; 3. Granite City; 4. Edwardsville; 5. Collinsville. Time—1:32.1.

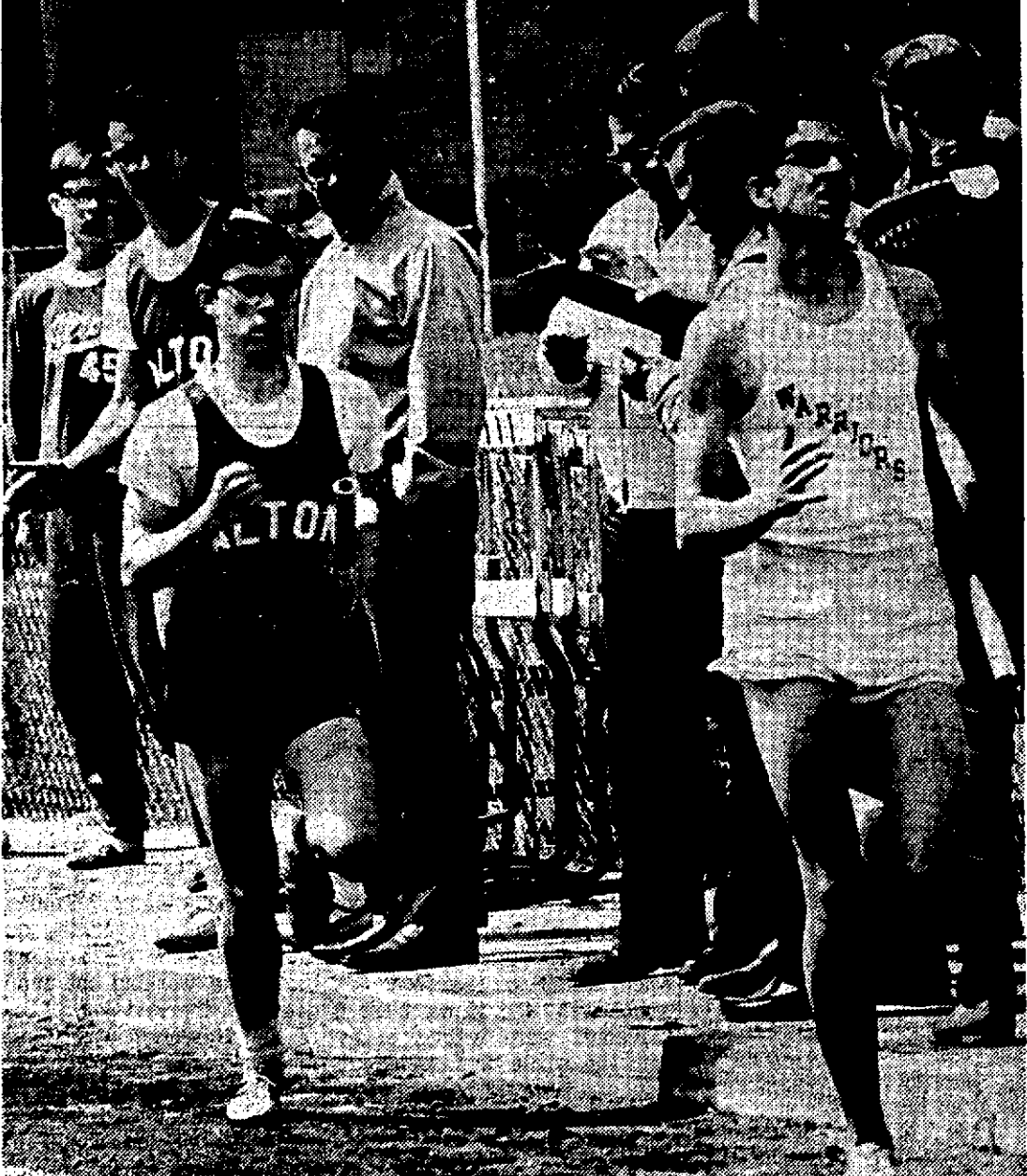
SPRINT MEDLEY—1. Alton (Lance, Steve, Walter); 2. Belleville West; 3. Granite City; 4. East St. Louis; 5. Wood River. Time—3:30.2. DISCUS—1. Burk, W. R.; 2. Birger, C. I; 3. Aaker, W. I; 4. Sielener, A. J.; 5. Stafford, C. I. Distance—131 feet, 9 1/2 inches. LONG JUMP—1. Dollar, C. I; 2. Williams, W. R.; 3. Landre, A. I; 4. Collins, W. R.; 5. Burns, ESL. Distance—19 feet, 8 inches. MILE RELAY—1. East St. Louis (Reggie Herroly, Jerome Brown, Mark Stallings, Aubrey Reynolds); 2. Alton; 3. Granite City; 4. Belleville West; 5. Edwardsville. Time—4:23.6. LOW HURDLE SHUTTLE—1. Alton (Tom Landre, Kevan Dooley, Forrest Rogers, Regan Steiner); 2. Belleville West; 3. Edwardsville; 4. Granite City; 5. Wood River. Time—56.8. DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—1. Granite City (Doug Horton, Scott Schmieder, Mike Hoelzer, Gene Briggs); 2. Alton; 3. Belleville West; 4. Edwardsville; 5. Wood River. Time—11:59.4. SHOT PUT—1. Fisk, A. I; 2. Burk, Wood River; 3. Mierzki, G. C. I; 4. Stafford, E. J.; 5. Birger, C. I. Distance—43 feet, 8 1/2 inches. HIGH JUMP—1. Dooley, A. I; 2. Overton, ESL; 3. Snyder, B. W.; 4. (tie) Meuser, B. W.; 5. Dods, E. and Dollar, C. I. Height—5 feet, 10 inches. POLE VAULT—1. J. DeSerhilla, Alton; 2. Foster, G. C. I; 5. (tie) Lane, B. W. and Morgan, E. Height—12 feet, 0 inches. (new record).



THEY'RE OFF—This unusual camera caught these runners in a preliminary of the 100-yard dash in the Southwestern Conference Relays Saturday at Public School Stadium.

Yazoo Kid Belts Grand Slam Homer

By MIKE BRYSON Associated Press Sports Writer The Hawk had hardly said goodby when the Yazoo kid made a bid for the replacement role. Rookie Gerry Moses knocked in five runs—four with a grand slam homer—to power Boston to a 9-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians Sunday. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound catcher from Yazoo City, Miss., unleashed his production just a few hours after Ken "Hawk" Harrison announced he would rather give up baseball than report to Cleveland to complete Saturday's six-man deal. In other American League games, New York rookie Bill Burbach made his first major league victory a 2-0 success over Detroit, after the Tigers won the first game of a double-header 5-2; Chicago checked Seattle 3-2 and 13-3 thanks to a pair of timely homers by Bill Melton; Minnesota socked California 12-1; Kansas City trimmed Oakland 7-5, after dropping the opener of a double-header 5-1, and Baltimore defeated Washington 2-1 before losing 5-2. Moses, who had two homers in 18 trips during a brief trial with the Red Sox last year, unloaded his bomb—his first of the second—in a six-run second inning. He doubled home another run in the eighth. Meanwhile, rookie right-hander Ray Jarvis yielded only two hits after coming on in relief in the first inning. But was what going on in the field was overshadowed by protests from some fans, miffed over the Red Sox' attempt to deal off the popular Hawk. Several fans carried signs protesting the trade and chanted of "We want the Hawk" sounded intermittently through the game. At the request of the American League office, the other five players involved in the trade set out Sunday's game, pending some sort of a settlement. Burbach, 21-year-old right-hander, not only stopped the Tigers on five hits but also scored the only run he needed. "I felt real good at the end," said the 6-foot-4, 212-pounder, "but it was kind of slow getting there." Joe Peppitone's homer gave the Yankees a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning of the first game, but the Tigers whipped that out with a four-run seventh, clinaxed by Norm Cash's two-run homer. Melton cracked an upper deck homer in the 10th inning of the first game to give the White Sox their victory, then tagged another to spark a spurge of four second-game homers. Ron Hansen's three-run shot capped a five-run fourth in the nightcap and Duane Josephson, Buddy Bradford and Melton all homered in an eight-run sixth. In the opener, Wayne Comer's leadoff homer in the sixth permitted the Pilots to moved into a 2-2 tie, setting the stage for Melton's sixth lining clincher. Minnesota's Dave Boswell allowed California only five hits, despite playing with a bad cold and a fever during the game played in intermittent drizzles and gusting winds. The Twins backed him with a 14-hit attack. Tony Oliva stretched his hitting streak to eight games with his third homer and also singled in a run. Harmon Killebrew had three RBIs with a double and a single



WARRIOR IN FRONT—John Frazier (right) of Granite City heads into the stretch run of the two-mile relay in the lead. The Warriors went on to win first place in this event ahead of Alton.

No-Hitter by Hurler As SIU Wins Tourney

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP)—Rick Reuschel of Western Illinois pitched a no-hit 2-0 victory over St. Louis University Sunday, but Southern Illinois went on to win the Governor's Cup with two victories that left it the only undefeated team in the round-robin tournament. Reuschel gave up two walk and saw another man reach base on an error in the seventh inning game. He picked off one of the baserunners and chalked up seven strikeouts. The game had been scoreless until the fifth when Larry Bussone tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly. The lathernecks scored another run in the sixth. Southern Illinois, now 20-4-1, beat the University of Illinois 5-1 at Lee Pittlock struck out 13 men. Jerry Bond was the offensive star for the Salukis. The University of Illinois had beaten Western Illinois 6-3 earlier. The Salukis wrapped up the tournament by swamping St. Louis University 8-2 in the final game. The Salukis scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead. Bill Stein, voted the tournament's most valuable player, highlighted the inning with a grand slam home run. Aces on Ball The Alton Aces men's baseball team opened its Tandy League play Sunday at Riverside Park by beating the Brooklyn Bulls, 4-1. John Meeden was the winning pitcher and Mike Feldman chipped in with two hits. The Aces play at St. Louis next Sunday against the St. Louis Browns.

Dike Passes Big Derby Test

By ED SCHUYLER JR. Associated Press Sports Writer Trainers Johnny Longden and Ray Metcalf might be shooting for the Kentucky Derby with the big guns in Majestic Prince and Top Knight, but Lucien Laurin will be taking double-barreled aim with Dike and Jay Ray. Dike, and Jay Ray, racing in the silks of Bull Hancock's Claiborne Farm each passed big tests last Saturday—Dike winning the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct and Jay Ray taking the California Derby at Golden Gate Fields. The victories earned the two colts trips to Churchill Downs and a shot at the May 3 Kentucky Derby against the Longden-trained Majestic Prince, unbeaten winner of the Santa Anita Derby, and the Metcalf-conditioned Top Knight, victor of the Flamingo and Florida Derby. Dike won the \$110,900 Wood Memorial coming on, and Jay Ray won the \$127,700 California Derby going away. Lying sixth as the field of eight 3-year-olds turned for home, Jorge Velazquez sent

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