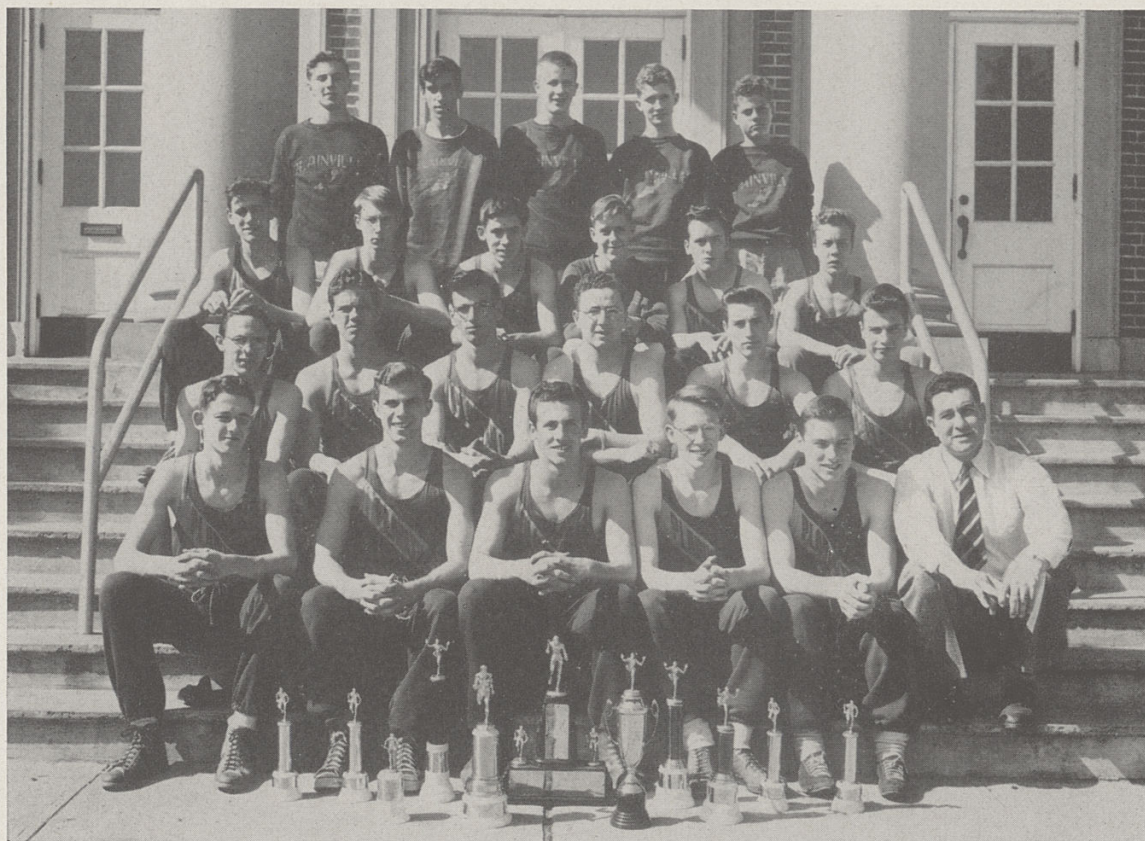


# Track 1948-49



When the 1949 track season started, the material didn't look bad. Under the expert leadership of "Doc" Kusel, the best track coach in the state, these boys could be made into champions.

The season started off in early April with several triangle meets. The team seemed to take them without too much difficulty.

The Wesleyan Relays and the Lockland Night Relays were scheduled for the same day. This was the first real test of strength. The boys did exceptionally well, since the small group that went to Wesleyan came back with two second places while the rest of the boys just squeaked through to win the Lockland Relays.

In the next several weeks the boys took the meets by storm, winning the traditional Plainville Invitational and the Knights of Columbus Relays. After the M. V. I. L. meet, four more trophies were crammed into the already crowded trophy case.

At the Miami Relays, the boys met a few bad breaks and were nosed out by Wyoming by one-ninth of a point. The following week they placed third in the district.

During the week that followed the boys really got serious about their work. They went to the State Finals with a grim determination to either win or at least put up a terrific struggle. The outlook was hopeful, but it wasn't until the last race was over that they were sure they were the state champions.