

Polk's Leg Injury Mars Regional

By LEN HOYES

A great meet marred by a tragic injury

That's a summary of Friday night's Class A regional track meet at Houston Stadium where Midland won the title for the first time and 10 of 11 Flint area teams qualified at least one man for next Saturday's state meet at East Lansing.

But the story of the night was the one man who won't be going: Northern's Willie Polk whose early efforts Friday indicated he's the best prep dashman in Michigan.

The slim senior, who had run a startling 9.6 time against the wind in the 100-yard dash preliminary, suffered a muscle spasm and failed to qualify in the finals. He pulled up after 40 yards, limped off the track and was carried into the infield.

HE WAS unable to run in the 220 and probably will not on the sidelines next Saturday.

Coach Norbert Badar explained the Polk's injury was a muscle spasm rather than a pull or a tear. He could be used in the state

meet as a member of the 880 or mile relay teams but he's out of the individual events. Polk's 9.6 was two-tenths of a second better than the state meet record which has withstood every challenge since 1925. Seven men have equaled the 9.8 but none has bettered it.

BUT ENOUGH for the tragedy.

This was a meet which will stack up favorably against any regional in the state. Houston Stadium's all-weather track was a big help but so was the 70-degree temperature which created perfect conditions.

The men did the rest. Eleven of the 14 events were won by Flint area contestants. The other three went to Midland which totaled 40 points against 30 for Southwestern, Central's 26, Kearsley's 23 and Northern's 21. Seventeen of the 19 teams scored.

The top individual was Midland quartermiler Mike Murphy whose 48.0 time was two-tenths better than he ran last Monday in the Saginaw Valley Conference meet at Houston.

FLUSHING two-miler Dallas Lincoln had a good triumph in 9:37.4 and Kearsley's Kent Raysin had a good mile time of 4:24.1. Another Kearsley entry, Mike Boyce, needed the best pole vault of his career to nip SW's Mark Whittaker who also had a personal high. Both cleared 13-7½ but Boyce had fewer misses.

Northwestern's Ray Johnson won the 880 in a fine 1:56.5. And Southwestern's mile relay team got down to 3:22.2. Coach Gordon Spencer may have found new blood in Warren London who ran on that relay for the first time.

Central's Charlie Langston repeated his double hurdles triumph of last Monday, taking the highs in 14.6 and the lows in 19.6. He clipped three-tenths off his previous effort in the highs and eight-tenths in the lows.

PERHAPS THE most startling development was the double victory of Northern dashman Dwight Cole. He took the 100 in 10.0 and the 220 in 22.5. His performance made Polk's injury all the more crippling because the potential Northern one-two

punch would have loomed big in the state meet.

Other Flint area victories went to SW shot putter Mark Charette at 53-8 and Clio high jumper Kirk Campbell at 6-2.

But the chief object Friday was to qualify for the state meet.

Midland led with six men qualified in seven events and both relay teams. Southwestern qualified five men in five events and its mile relay team. Kearsley will have four men in four events. Central qualified three men in five events and its 880 relay team and Northern will have two

State Scoreboard

MICHIGAN COLLEGE SCOREBOARD BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL
Notre Dame 5, Wayne State 4
Eastern Illinois 4, Central Michigan 4
Illinois 1-1, Michigan State 0-0
Purdue 1-2, Michigan 0-1
Kalamazoo 9, Detroit 5

GOLF
Big Ten Tournament (16 of 72 holes)
Michigan State 747, Purdue 758, Indiana 775, Minnesota 779, Ohio State 780, Michigan 781, Iowa 784, Wisconsin 799, Illinois 809, Northwestern 809, Kalamazoo 781, Alma 785, Hope 791, Albion 796

TENNIS
Big Ten Tournament (Semifinal Round)
Michigan 137, Minnesota 80, Indiana 79, Iowa 89, Illinois 87, Wisconsin 88, Northwestern 57, Michigan State 38, Purdue 20, Ohio State 13.

men in three events and both relay teams.

Flushing, Beecher and Davison have two qualifiers and Clio and Owosso one.

Only the first three qualified with these exceptions: Five high jumpers made it because of a three-way tie for third; All five 100 places passed the qualifying standard of 10.1; Northern's mile relay team, although fourth, was timed in 3:23.8 to beat the qualifying standard by three-tenths.

The summary:
Team scoring — Midland (M) 40, Flint Southwestern (SW) 30, Flint Central (FC) 26, Kearsley (K) 23, Flint Northern (N) 21, Bay City Handy (BCH) 14, Saginaw (S) 11, Flushing (F) 10, Flint Northwestern (NW) 9, Doughton (D) 7, Beecher (B) 6, Clio (C), Saginaw MacArthur (SM) 5 each, Owosso (O), and Bridgeport (BP) 5, Bay City Central (BCC) 3, Carleton (Car) 2. Scoreless: Alpena and Saginaw Arthur Hill.

Shot put — 1. Mark Charette (SW), 2. Frank Legacy (BCH), 3. Bryce Bewley (FB), 4. Barry Jacobs (M), 5. Leland Wegene (BCC), D-53.8.
Long jump — 1. Rick Sigby (M), 2. Fred Lakes (C), 3. Charles Markey (S), 4. Bob Burnett (BCH), 5. Dwight Cole (M), D-22.7.

Pole vault — 1. Mike Boyce (K), 2. Mark Whittaker (SW), 3. Jeff Dennis (M), 4. Mark Priest (BCH), 5. Jerry Arnold (Car), H-13.7.
High jump — 1. Kirk Campbell (C), 2. Gary Price (D), 3. Tie among Mill Hodges (M), Jim Cashin (M) and Bruce Hergen (M), H-12.2.

Two-mile — 1. Dallas Lincoln (F), 2. George Geisenhaver (K), 3. Rich Carlson (M), 4. Mark Priest (BCH), 5. Tom Leveano (BCH), T-9-37.4.

880 relay — 1. Midland (Bruce Houtman, Jack Hodelund, Nick Carter, Mike Murphy), 2. Flint Central (Willie Gray, Joe Friend, Reggie Barnett, Bob Patton), 3. Northern (Dwight Cole, Ron Polk, Mel Kelly, Dan Ferle), 4. Kearsley (Dave Hoover, Jeff Dash, Nels Abramson, Joe Kloubuchar), 5. Southwestern (Warren London, Andy Smith, Dan Robinson, Greg Robinson), T-1-29.8.

Mile — 1. Kent Raysin (K), 2. Tom Baier (F), 3. Les Clerkey (NW), 4. Eric Greenough (M), 5. Mike McNea (SW), T-1-24.1.

120 high hurdles — 1. Charles Langston (FC), 2. Charles Frazier (SW), 3. John Jackson (M), 4. George Halye (M), 5. Bob Nelson (BCH), T-14.6.

880-1, Ray Johnson (NW), 2. Jim Barnett (K), 3. Wayne Alger (FB), 4. Jack Lamb (SM), 5. Owen Jackson (N), T-1-56.5.

440 — 1. Mike Murphy (M), 2. Dale Walter (O), 3. Roy Dukes (SW), 4. George Psetas (B), 5. Clare Morton (Car), T-1-8.0.

100 — Cole (N) 2. Markey (S) 3. Ron Smith (SW) 4. Patton (FC), 5. Bill Pelthers (D) T-10.0.

180 low hurdles — 1. Langston (FC), 2. Nelson (BCH), 3. Jackson (M), 4. Bart Dean (SW), 5. Bill Stuart (SM), T-16.6.

220 — 1. Cole (N) 2. Patton (C), 3. Gary Peaphan (B), 4. Pelthers (D), 5. Kloubuchar (K), T-22.5.

Mile relay — 1. Southwestern (G. Robinson, London, Tim Braden, Dukes), 2. Saginaw, 3. Midland, 4. Northern (Forte, John Butler, Brod Crump, Jackson), 5. Owosso (Ken Bleich, Dave Dillingham, Dave Anderson, Waller), T-3-22.2.



END OF THE LINE — Northern Coach Norb Badar (right) watches as Willie Polk (22) is assisted by Northwestern trainer Tom Carter and a teammate after suffering a leg injury in the regional meet

Friday night at Houston Stadium. Polk had run a 9.6 time in the 100-yard dash preliminaries but suffered a muscle spasm in the finals and failed to qualify for the state meet.

MSU 1-0 Loser Twice to Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Rich Bender and Tom Calza hurled a pair of three-hit shutouts Friday to lead Illinois to identical 1-0 Big Ten baseball victories over Michigan State.

Illinois scored once in the fifth inning of each game and both runs were unearned. Spartan hurlers Dan Bielski and Phil Fulton, victims of costly misplays, suffered the defeats although both also pitched three hitters.

With one out in the fifth inning of the first game, Clyde Kuehn doubled and scored all the way from second on an error by the shortstop.

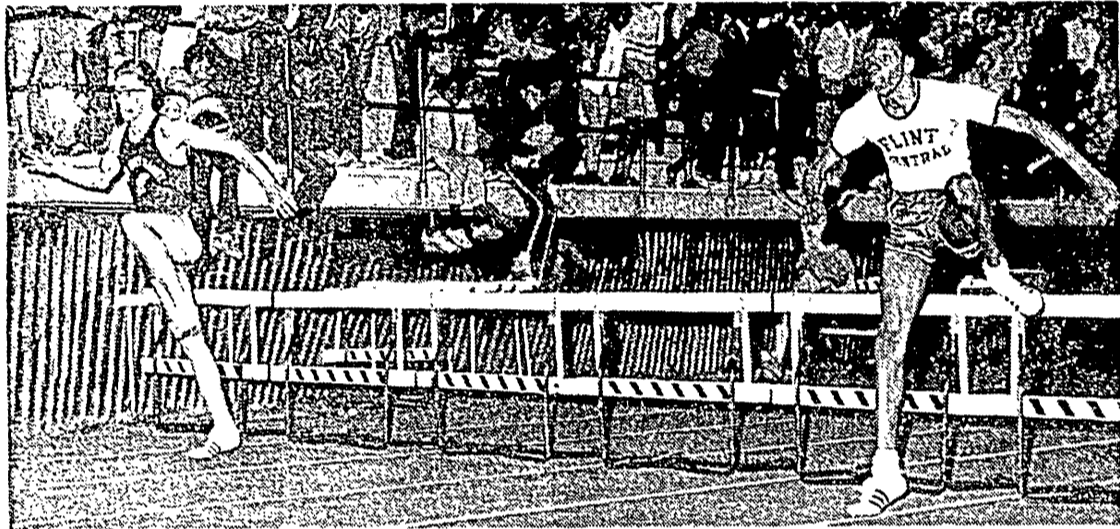
In the fifth inning of the second game, Harry Vanselow singled and was forced at second by Kuehn. One out later, Phil Cochran topped the ball in front of the plate and when catcher Harry Kendrick tried to get Kuehn at third, he threw the ball into left field and Kuehn scored.

First Game
Michigan State 000 000 0-0 3 1
Illinois 000 010 x-1 3 1
Bender and Nelson; Bielski.

Second Game
Michigan State 000 000 0-0 3 2
Illinois 000 010 x-1 3 1
Calza and Cochran; Fulton and Kendrick.

Bales for Cowboys

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League Friday signed their seventh round draft choice, defensive back Larry Bales of Emory & Henry.



DUAL CHAMP — Central's Charlie Langston (right) is slightly behind Bay City Central's Bob Nelson at this stage of the low hurdles final in Friday's regional. But Langston rallied at the finish for a victory in 19.6 seconds. Earlier he won the high hurdles in 14.6. He was one of two

Indy '500' Qualifications Are Threatened by Rain

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — Mario Andretti had his sights fixed today on winning the pole position for the third time in four years for the Indianapolis 500-mile auto race May 30.

The Italian-born driver consistently has been the fastest in practice with speeds up to 171.789 miles an hour. He missed capturing the pole spot last year when Joe Leonard had the top speed on the opening day of qualifications at 171.559 in a turbine car, whose engine has since been ruled off the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

A weather forecast of cloudy skies with occasional showers or thundershowers threatened today's qualifications opener.

The No. 1 starting position goes to the fastest qualifier on the first day of the 10-mile time trials. The four excursions

MSU Golfers Lead by 11 In Big Ten

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State grabbed a big lead at the end of 36 holes in the Big Ten golf tournament Friday as Spartan Lee Edmundson led all golfers with a 70-74-144.

Play continues today for the championship. Purdue covered the distance at Forest Acres Golf Course in 758 to capture second after the first day, while Indiana was third with 775.

Don Padgett of Indiana was second in the individual competition with 72-74-146. Goodrich's Rod Sumpter of Michigan and Phil Aldridge of Iowa were tied for third with 148.



FLYING RAIDER — Dallas Lincoln of Flushing completes a 9:37.4 two-mile run Friday night at Houston Stadium for a regional championship. Last year he finished only fifth but had clear sailing this time as he qualified for next Saturday's state Meet.



Kirk Campbell Best in High Jump



Mike Boyce Best Vault a Winner



Ray Johnson Takes Regional 880 in 1:56.5

Agee Is 'Arriving' One Year Late

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In the adventure-filled seven-plus years since the New York Mets first dropped—and that surely is what they did—into the National League, they have endured some pretty awful performances by some of their employes.

But few were worse than the disappointment Tommie Agee was upon his arrival last year. Touted as the solution to the center field problem, Agee became a dilemma, batting a paltry .217 with three triples, five homers and 17 runs batted in.

A solution, he was not. But Manager Gil Hodges insisted that Agee was better than that. And so far this season, the boss has been right. Agee tagged a two-run triple Friday night, keying a six-run Met rally that carried New York to a 10-9 victory over Cincinnati. His two hits lifted his batting average to .307 and his two RBIs gave him 19 for the year—two more than he managed all last season.

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In other National League action Friday, Atlanta tripped Montreal 7-5 in 12 innings, Philadelphia took San Francisco 3-1,



Willie Mays Socks 591st Homer

Chicago bombed Houston 11-0. Los Angeles rallied for a 4-3 victory over Pittsburgh and San Diego trimmed St. Louis 2-1. The Mets had dropped behind 6-4 on a pinch hit three-run homer by Jimmy Stewart in the sixth inning. But New York and Agee, bounced right back.

With two out in the seventh, Ed Kranepool and J. C. Martin delivered run-scoring singles to tie the score. Bud Harrelson singled, leading the bases and pinch hitter Rod Gaspar singled for two runs. Then Agee unloaded his triple for two more and a 10-6 lead.

Those last two runs proved important when the Reds rallied

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DWIGHT'S RIGHT — Dwight Cole (27) of Northern lunges into the finish line to win the 100-yard dash in 10.0 for a regional championship Friday night at Houston Stadium. Southwestern's Ralph Smith (center) was third and Central's Bob Patton was fourth. Later Cole won the 220 in 22.5. He also helped Northern's 880 relay team finish third and was the meet's top scorer with 12¼ points.

for three in the bottom of the seventh, leaving the Mets clinging tenaciously to a 10-9 lead. That turned out to be the final score.

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Tito Francona's two-out, two-run homer in the 12th lifted the Braves past the Expos and made a winning pitcher of reliever Claude Raymond, a Quebec native who received a standing ovation from the Montreal fans.

Rico Carty, who missed all of last year with tuberculosis, cracked a three-run pinch homer for the Braves and Coco Laboy connected for the Expos.

Richie Allen hit another towering homer and Philadelphia whipped San Francisco. Allen's two-run shot sailed high over Connie Mack Stadium's left field roof at the 350-foot mark for his sixth homer of the year. Willie Mays hit his fourth and 591st of his career for the Giants.

Ken Holtzman pitched a three-hitter for Chicago's third shutout in the last four games and the Cubs exploded for a 10-run seventh inning to demolish Houston. The Cubs sent 15 batters to the plate and got nine hits in the big inning with Don Young, Glenn Beckert, Ron Santo and Randy Hundley driving in two runs each.

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Willie Crawford's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth got Los Angeles past Pittsburgh after the Pirates had rallied for three runs in their half of the ninth to take the lead.

Reliever Jim Brewer's throwing error allowed Pittsburgh's tying runs to score in the ninth and then a pinch single by Carl Taylor sent the Pirates into a temporary lead which lasted until Crawford unloaded.

Pinch hitter Ivan Murrell followed a pair of intentional walks with a run-scoring single in the last of the ninth inning that got San Diego past St. Louis. Al Ferrara's second pinch homer of the season tied the score for the Padres in the seventh.