

# Northwestern Sprints to Mott Relays Title

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It's a sports axiom that the team with sprint strength stands the best chance in a track meet.

Northwestern High supported that axiom Friday night by zipping past 23 rivals to win the second annual C. S. Mott Relays before a friendly audience at Houston Stadium.

Of the Wildcats' 52 points, all except one came in events where speed is the prime

ingredient. Except for fifth place in the two-mile relay Coach Bob Bloomer picked up his points on runs of 440 yards or less.

**NW WON** the sprint medley and mile relays and scored in six other events to get a six-point victory margin over runner-up Lansing Everett which also won two events, the 660-yard C. S. Mott relay and the 440 relay.

Flint Central was third with

44 points and Pontiac Northern came in one point behind the Indians. Central won the triple jump and long jump "relays" but its victories were worth only eight points in two-man events while Northwestern's triumphs came in four-man relays worth 12 points.

Six relay records were broken, two individual records were smashed and another equaled. That doesn't count three records which

went into the books for events which were added this year.

**IT'S TOO** bad the weatherman didn't cooperate. Otherwise several other marks would have fallen. The meet began in 78-degree temperature and finished at 49. With winds gusting as high as 35 miles per hour, headwinds were so strong that sometimes the runners appeared stopped in midair.

The pole vaulters, who began at 3:30 p.m., finished at 11:50 p.m., almost two hours after the running had been completed.

With all the weather problems, it was a stirring meet which retained interest until the mile relay clinched Northwestern's title.

Strong efforts by Ray Johnson and Les Clerkley snatched victory in a repeat of the city meet a week earlier, only this time the Wild-

cats nipped Northern instead of Central.

**CLERKLEY AND** Johnson also were part of the spring medley triumph.

Sprinters Delma Williams, Mike Blanchard and Henry Swazer were part of three point-making relays while Ron Stewart, Robin Early, Clerkley and Johnson were part of two.

However, the title was tempered by the loss of Claude

Purches, who suffered a pulled muscle which may have sidelined him for the rest of the year. Purches was an accomplished long jumper and also part of the city championship mile relay team.

Ironically, all the records went to non-Flint teams except the triple jump where Fred Lakes and Josiah Curry of Central totaled 79-2½ to beat the record by 5½ inches. Lakes also helped win the long jump and placed in the high jump.

**PONTIAC** Northern's Mel Reeves was the individual standout. He anchored a record 56.6 time in the shuttle hurdles relay after the race was rerun. Reeves who later won the 120 highs in 14.5, tumbled against a hurdle which was improperly positioned and Referee Bruce Waha ordered a rerun. NW had won the original final but slipped to No. 3 in the rerun.

Pontiac Northern won the eight-mile relay in a record 40:16.9 and three others also broke the record. Ann Arbor Pioneer's 8:16.6 was a two-mile record. Lansing Sexton's two men hiked the shot put record to 101-3½ and Jackson's two high jumpers totaled 12-4.

Kearsley and Southwestern also were double winners. Kearsley's 880 relay team of Joe Klobuchar, Jeff Dosh, Stan Smith and Paul Turovich won in 1:30.7 and they placed in two other events to help teammate Ron Yuille's 4:37 victory in the open mile.

**SAM TORRES**, Frank Takish, Doug Rockwell and Mike McNea of Southwestern covered four miles in 19:33.5 and teammate Ralph Smith needed only 10.0 to take the individual 100-yard dash.

Grand Blanc's distance medley team of Bob Mason, Scott Mitchell, Dick Hahn and Mike Pierce won in 10:47.2.

Kearsley ranked fifth with 39 points. Then came Southwestern with 30 and Northern with 29. The Vikings were hampered by the absence of Mel Kelly and Tom Jackson who might have been enough to challenge for the team title because they're sprinters.

Grand Blanc had 20 points, Clio nine, Beecher three, Flushing two and Davison and Carman one apiece. Only Swartz Creek from the Flint area failed to place.



**ONE FOR THE COLTS** — Ralph Smith (left) gets one of Southwestern High's two victories Friday night in the second C. S. Mott Relays at Houston Stadium and claimed a record in the 100-yard dash at 10.0 seconds. Kears-

ley's Joe Klobuchar was second and Mike Griffin of Lansing Everett was third. Smith repeated his victory in the city track meet a week earlier.

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Team scoring — Flint Northwestern 52. Lansing Everett 46. Flint Central 44. Pontiac Northern 43. Flint Kearsley 38. Flint Southwestern 30. Flint Northern 29. Lansing Sexton 27. Ann Arbor Pioneer 23. Ann Arbor Huron 21. Grand Blanc 20. Pontiac Central 18. Jackson 17. East Lansing 13. Clio 9. Bay City Handy 7. Howell 4. Flint Beecher 3. Flushing and Milford 2 each. Davison and Flint Carman 1 each. Swartz Creek and Bay City Central failed to score.

Pole vault relay — 1. Ann Arbor Huron. 2. Southwestern. 3. Howell. 4. Milford. 5. Central H-24-6. (Fred Belairs, Central, equaled meet record of 13-0 by Mark Whitaker, Southwestern, in individual event).

Eight-mile relay — 1. Pontiac Northern. 2. Ann Arbor Huron. 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer. 4. Kearsley (Dave Baker, Kurt Gumerson, Dave Powell Terry Stewart). 5. Jackson. T-40:16.9. (Breaks meet record of 41:22.5 by Kearsley).

Four-mile relay — 1. Southwestern (Sam Torres, Frank Takish, Doug Rockwell, Mike McNea). 2. Clio (Dave Gembel, Terry Cassidy, Jeff Westfall, Jerry Becker). 3. Bay City Handy. 4. Pontiac Northern. 5. Beecher (Larry McGraw, Cass Washington, Bill Redman, Wayne Alger). T-18:33.5.

880 relay — 1. Kearsley (Joe Klobuchar, Jeff Dosh, Stan Smith, Paul Turovich). 2. Lansing Everett. 3. Central (Willie Craig, Tom Ridley, Mel Stocker, Reggie Barnett). 4. Northwestern (Mike Blanchard, Ron Stewart, Delma Williams, Henry Swazer). 5. Ann Arbor Huron. T-1:30.7.

480 shuttle hurdles relay — 1. Pontiac Northern. 2. Northern (Ron Polk, Alonzo Carelock, Greg Brock, Ron Light). 3. Northwestern (Robin Early, Willie Goodrum, Swazer, Williams). 4. Pontiac Central. 5. East Lansing. T-56.6. (Breaks meet record of 57.5 by Pontiac Central).

Sprint medley relay — 1. Northwestern (Les Clerkley, Cornelius Wilson, Blanchard, Ray Johnson). 2. Lansing Sexton. 3. Northern (Don Forte, Joe Young, Polk, John Butler). 4. Pontiac Central. 5. East Lansing. T-2:23.3.

Distance medley relay — 1. Grand Blanc (Bob Mason, Scott Mitchell, Dick Hahn, Mike Pierce). 2. Central (Ken Hood, Dick McCormick, Brad Pear, Keith Kline). 3. Lansing Sexton. 4. Northern (Brod Crump, Joe Young, Robert Kelly, Charles Clark). 5. Carman (Dave Hartley, Clair Morton, Steve McFarlan, Mike Purdy). T-10:47.2.

C. S. Mott relay — (660 yards) — 1. Lansing Everett. 2. Pontiac Northern. 3. Kearsley (Dosh, Smith, Gary Peters, Turovich). 4. Central (Ridley, Joe Curry, Tony Hill, John Houston). 5. Northern (James Webb, Doug Peacock, Carelock, Brock). T-1:09.7.

Two-mile relay — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer. 2. Lansing Everett. 3. Grand Blanc (Bob Stonehouse, Joe Leadley, Rich Rothley, Lee Mamola). 4. East Lansing. 5. Northwestern (Don Robinson, Harold Brown, Greg Rubel, Wardell Johnson). T-8:16.6. (Breaks meet record of 8:19.5 by Flint Northern).

1m — 1. Ralph Smith (Southwestern). 2. Klobuchar (Kearsley). 3. Mike Griffin (Lansing Everett). 4. Terry Murray (Jackson). 5. Mike Benton (Pontiac Northern). T-10.0. (Automatic meet record for new event).

120 high hurdles — 1. Mel Reeves (Pontiac Northern). 2. Steve Dart (East Lansing). 3. Light (Northern). 4. Bill Skaff (Grand Blanc). 5. Howard Kreutzinger (Lansing Everett). T-14.5. (Automatic meet record for new event).

Mile — 1. Ron Yulle (Kearsley). 2. Carl Hueter (Ann Arbor Huron). 3. Mike Paraschos (Central). 4. Bruce Alger (Beecher). 5. Tom Baley, Pontiac Northern). T-4:37.0. (Automatic meet record for new event).

440 relay — 1. Lansing Everett. 2. Kearsley (Klobuchar, Dosh, Smith, Turovich). 3. Northwestern (Swazer, Williams, Stewart, Blanchard). 4. Southwestern (James Robinson, Joe Farah, Tim Davis, Smith). T-44.2.

Mile relay — 1. Northwestern (Nate Johnson, Henry Smart, R. Johnson, Clerkley). 2. Northern (Don Forte, Young, Crump, Butler). 3. Central (Craig, Barnett, Stocker, Hood). 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer. 5. Pontiac Central. T-3:28.9.

Long jump relay — 1. Central (Fred Lakes, Ridley). 2. Northwestern (Williams, Claude Purches). 3. Pontiac Central. 4. Lansing Everett. 5. Pontiac Northern. D-42-7.

Shot put relay — 1. Lansing Sexton. 2. Jackson. 3. Southwestern (Don Songer, Keith Colner). 4. Ann Arbor Pioneer. 5. Pontiac Central. D-101-3½. (Breaks meet record of 99-0 by Southwestern. John Ray, Pontiac Central, threw 53-2 to break meet record of 53½ by Bryce Bewley, Beecher).

Triple jump relay — 1. Central (Lakes, Curry). 2. Northwestern (Early, Dan Watson). 3. Lansing Sexton. 4. Flushing (John Rillings, Doug Bedford). 5. Bay City Handy. D-79-2½. (Breaks meet record of 78-9 by Flushing).

High jump relay — 1. Jackson. 2. Pontiac Central. 3. East Lansing. 4. Tie among Central (Miro Skripnik, Lakes), Davison (Vic Metar, Gary Price) and Clio (Bob Siebecker, Tom Dunckel). H-12-4. (Breaks meet record of 12-0 by Pontiac Central, Campanella Russell, Pontiac Central, and Mike Littlejohn. Jackson, jumped 6-4 to break meet record of 6-0½ by Russell and Sam Butler, Pontiac Central).