

Bellairs' 14-9 1/2 Vault Spurs Central in Regional

By LEN HOYES

Fred Bellairs had the feeling all day that he was going to have an outstanding meet but the rest of his Central High track teammates didn't get the same feeling until 9:30 p.m. Friday.

That's when the Indians nailed down their first regional championship since 1967, scoring 34 points to nip Northwestern by one-half point in a great meet at Houston Stadium.

The top four places among 22 teams went to the Flint area. Kearsley had its best Class A finish with third place and 27 points and Northern was fourth with 26.

THE TEAM championship went down to the final race where Northwestern needed fifth or better in the mile relay to overtake Central. The Wildcats ran fifth in the final heat but were pushed to No. 6 by Midland which had won the second heat.

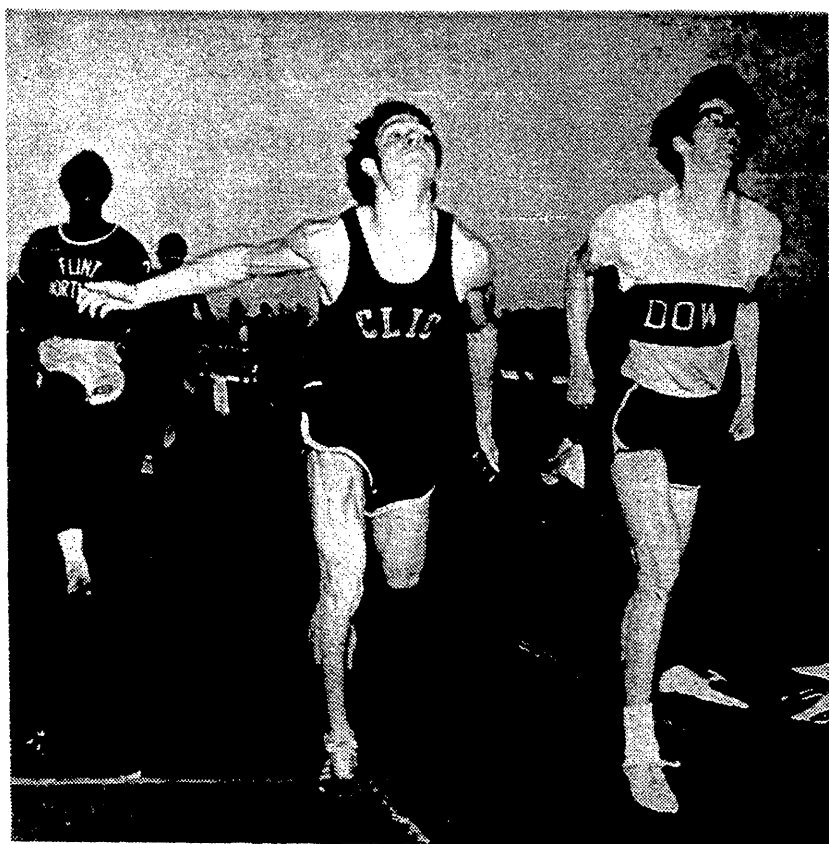
That capped a great night for Central which accounted for three of six broken records — another was tied — in the best track weather of the year at Houston.

AND THE greatest of all the records was Bellairs' pole vault of 14-9 1/2 which he cleared by a good eight inches.

"I really wanted that one," beamed the 17-year-old senior whose last two years have produced a series of ups and downs because of injuries.

He suffered a torn muscle in the Spartan Relays indoors on April 4 and, except for attempting one or two vaults during dual meets, had been idle until the Saginaw Valley Conference meet a week ago.

BELLAIRS HAD a special reason for jumping Friday: He wanted to qualify for the Golden West invitational on June 19 in California and he had to get 14-9 to make it.



CHESTY — Clio's Dave Gembel leans into the tape, barely edging Midland Dow's Kurt Greenhalgh for first place in the 440 Friday in the regional track meet at Houston Stadium. Gembel's time of 50.2

seconds helped the Mustangs get their highest finish in a Class A regional with a tie for fifth place. (Journal Photos by Robert L. Parks)

Inasmuch as his previous best competitive was only 14-1/2, he had to psych himself for the regionals.

"I didn't do anything different than usual but I just felt good all day. I really thought I could do it and I guess maybe the right mental attitude did the trick," he said.

After breaking his own meet record by 11 1/2 inches, Bellairs tried three times for

15 feet but never got high enough on any attempt.

TEAMMATES Ted Klopf tossed the shot 55-10 1/2 and Reggie Barnett covered 220 yards in 21.9 seconds for other meet records.

Barnett also was second in the 100 and third in the long jump to qualify for next Saturday's state meet at East Lansing. He also anchored

the Tribe 880 relay team to third place.

Fred Lakes, second in the long jump, was the only other Indian who qualified for the state meet.

Next to Bellairs' effort, the top performance was the 9:18.4 two mile by Kearsley's Dave Baker who had the track to himself for all except the first two laps. He shaved 12.8 seconds from the meet

record, a startling performance considering that the record holder was Southwestern's Sam Torres who was runner-up in the 1970 state meet.

KEARSLEY, which never had finished higher than No. 4 in a Class A regional, qualified five other individuals and both relay teams for the state meet.

Northwestern's 880 relay team of Mike Blanchard, Odell Hall, Brian Coles and Nate Johnson equaled the meet record of 1:29.4.

High jumper Doug Gibbs cleared 6-3 to get the Wildcats two victories in the first four events but they were overcome by Central's first-place power.

Coles qualified in both hurdles, Blanchard in both dashes and Johnson in the 440. Two other Wildcats qualified in individual events.

BEECHER'S Zeno Tremain needed half a mile to get unboxed, then zipped to a record 4:21.2 mile.

The only non-Flint record went to Bridgeport's Gary Peaphon who streaked 100 yards in 9.8 seconds and beat Barnett by a whisker.

Clio's Dave Gembel won the 880 and teammate Rick Haggadone took the 440. The Mustangs tied for fifth with 16 points, a Class A high.

NORTHERN'S mile relay team of Willie Hudson, Donnell Smith, Napoleon Ford and Robert Kelly had a 3:25.0 victory and the Vikings' 880 relay team was second. Greg Brock qualified in both hurdles and Tom Jackson in the 100.

Swartz Creek's Jim Burns, in the mile, and Powers Catholic's Gary Paavola, in the high jump, became their respective schools' first Class A representatives in the state meet.

The top three men in each



Fred Bellairs . . . Record Pole Vault

event qualified for the state meet, with these additions: the top seven in the high jump, including Kearsley's Jerry Gall who cleared 6-1 but didn't get a point; the top five in the 100; the top four in the two-mile and 220; and the top four 880 relay teams.

Title Fight Delayed

LONDON (UPI) — Joe Bugner, European Heavyweight Champion, will be forced to postpone his upcoming fight with Jack Bodell next month because he will have his tonsils removed May 20, it was announced Friday.



Dave Baker Record in Two-Mile

Michigan College Scoreboard

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Baseball
Michigan 2-4, Northwestern 1-3
Miami, Ohio 4, Western Michigan 3
Michigan State 6-5, Wisconsin 3-7
Eastern Michigan 1, Bowling Green 5

Legend and scoring — Central (C) 34, Northwestern (NW) 33 1/2, Kearsley (K) 27, Northern (N) 26, Clio (Cl) and Midland Dow (MD) 1, Bridgeport (B) and Saginaw (S) 12, Midland (M) 11, Beecher (Bee) 10, Saginaw Arthur Hill (SAH) 7, Swartz Creek (SC) 5, Flushing (F) 3 1/2, Carman (Car), Powers (P) and Bay City Central (BCC) 3, Bay City Handy (BCH) and Southwestern (SW) 1, Alpena, Bay City John Genn, Owosso and Saginaw MacArthur failed to score.
Long jump — 1. Dave Johnson (MD), 2. Fred Lakes (J), 3. Reggie Barnett (C), 4. Jim Jones (SAH), 5. Ken McKinnon (S) 21-2 1/2.
Shot put — 1. Ted Klopf (C), 2. Fernando Terrill (NW), 3. Dean Mydock (Cl), 4. George Washington (C), 5. John Marlinier (SC) 55-10 1/2. (Breaks meet record of 53-11 1/2 by Bryan Walling, Flushing, 1970.)
Pole vault — 1. Fred Bellairs (C), 2. Mark Janowak (K), 3. Stan Smith (K) and John Barja (NW), 5. Tony Gouier (K), 11-14 1/2. (Breaks meet record of 13-9 1/2 by Bellairs, 1970.)
High jump — 1. Doug Gibbs (NW), 2. Greg Hoops (K) and Gary Smith (F), 4. Tom Dunckel (Cl), Gary Paavola (P) and Randy Hoyle (M), 6-3.
880 relay — 1. Northwestern (Mike Blanchard, Odell Hall, Brian Coles, Nate Johnson), 2. Northern (Greg Brock, Willie Hudson, Donnell Smith, Tom Jackson), 3. Central (Duane Hill, Charles Garrett, William Chatman, Bennett), 4. Kearsley (Gary Peters, Smith, Mark Prescott, Mike Rhoades), 5. Midland, 1:29.4. (Equals meet record by Northern, 1970.)
800 — 1. Dave Gembel (Cl), 2. Kurt Greenhalgh (M), 3. Napoleon Ford (N), 4. Mike Budek (MD), 5. Dan Coppeli (SAH), 1:29.7.
120 high hurdles — 1. McKinnon (S), 2. Coles (NW), 3. Brock (N), 4. Mike Stuparek (M), 5. Keith Boyce (K), 1:14.7.
100 — 1. Gary Peaphon (B), 2. Barnett (C), 3. Jackson (N), 4. Blanchard (NW), 5. Reggie Jones (S), 9.9. (Breaks meet record of 9.9 by Ralph Smith, Southwestern, 1970.)
440 — 1. Rick Haggadone (Cl), 2. Ellis Calvert (Bee), 3. Johnson (NW), 4. John Roif (SAH), 5. Dave Hartley (Car), 1:02.2.
180 low hurdles — 1. Stuparek (M), 2. Brock (N), 3. Coles (NW), 4. Mike Cummings (Car), 5. McKinnon (S), 1:19.9.
Two-mile — 1. Dave Baker (K), 2. Kurt Gurnerson (K), 3. Bob Hunt (BCC), 4. Craig Voise (B), 5. Cass Washington (NW), 9:18.4. (Breaks meet record of 9:31.2 by Sam Peaphon (B), 3. Jones (S), 4. Blanchard (NW), 5. Joe Farah (SW), 10:21.9. (Breaks meet record of 22.4 by Ralph Smith, Southwestern, 1970.)
Mile relay — 1. Northern (Hudson, Smith, Ford, Kelly), 2. Midland Dow, 3. Kearsley (Peters, Rhoades, Gordon Drennon, Jerry Gall), 4. Saginaw Arthur Hill, 5. Midland, 3:25.0.

Tight Finish

GROEMITZ, Germany (AP) — Shane Gould won a 400-meters freestyle swimming event with a .35-second margin over Karen Moras in the first duel of the two Australian aces since they started their European tour. Miss Gould swam the distance at this Baltic Sea resort Friday in 4:24.2.

Winners Have a Quick Night In Flint Baseball Tourney Play

By BRUCE JOHNS

The winners made short order of the losers Friday night in Division I games of the third annual Greater Flint High School baseball tournament at Lincoln Park.

All three games were halted before the regulation seven innings expired because of the tournament's seven-runs-ahead rule.

GRAND BLANC blanked Northern, 7-0, Swartz Creek clouted Kearsley, 9-2, and Carman slugged Mt. Morris, 11-4.

Action resumes today with four Division I contests on tap beginning with the Central-Owosso clash at 2 p.m. Other games are at 4, 6 and 8.

Grand Blanc's Don Utt turned in a brilliant pitching masterpiece, checking the Vikings on a single and striking out 15 of the 18 recorded outs.

Utt, a junior righthander who was bothered by wildness, was working on a no-hitter until Demris Lee lined a single

between first and second after two were retired in the fifth inning.

But Northern had other chances to score, stranding eight runners as Utt walked five and hit two batters. He struck out every Viking at least once.

Sam Baumgartner and Mark Ranville swung the big bats for the Bobcats as each drove in three runs. Baumgartner had two singles and a double while Ranville cracked a pair of singles.

JIM MONROE added to Grand Blanc's nine-hit attack with two singles and drove in the other run.

Carman lambasted Mt. Morris with a 12-hit assault and plated eight runs the last three innings to bring an end after five and one-third innings.

Mark Pearson had three hits and two RBI and Gary Moore, a slick fielding second baseman, and Tom Page added two hits apiece.

THE BIG BLOW was delivered by Woodie Bucherie who belted a bases-

clearing double in the sixth for the final runs.

Mt. Morris held a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth inning when Jim Goodwin tallied two teammates with a single to left field.

The Panthers managed only five hits off winning pitcher Mike Paukovich, who fanned eight. His two throwing errors led to three Mt. Morris runs.

SWARTZ CREEK sent 10 men to the plate in the third inning and pushed six runs across with Al Ingman, the ninth batter in the order, supplying the big blow with a 3-RBI double.

Ron Turnbull, who finished with two hits, also drove in two runs with a single in the high-scoring frame. Ed Olivo added two hits for the Creekers.

Kearsley took a 2-0 lead in the first on Ed Lawrence's single but the Hornets were held hitless thereafter by Swartz Creek's Steve Conklin.

Only one runner reached base off Conklin after the first inning but he was cut down attempting to steal.

Weaver. Weaver had a 69 and Hill a 70.

"You can't penalize yourself by letting a bad shot bother you," said the lean, dark-haired Green. "That bad shot is history. If you let it bother you on your next shot, well, you'll probably hit that one bad too and it just goes on and on."

He gave a remarkable demonstration of his philosophy as he came out of trouble time and again. He three-putted once, then promptly birdied the next hole.

He pushed a drive deep into the woods, but his a fantastic recovery shot and made a birdie. He bogeyed the first two holes, then bounced back with



Hubert Green Has Five-Shot Lead

Rookie Green Scrambles to Lead In Houston Champions Tourney

By BOB GREEN

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — "If you can't scramble, you don't belong out here," said Hubert Green, possibly one of the best scramblers of them all.

The 24-year-old tour rookie, who has threatened strongly in the last three tournaments, scrambled out of all sorts of trouble and took the second round lead in the \$125,000 Houston Champions Invitational Golf Tournament Friday.

Green, winner of \$34,000 already this year, had a second round 69, despite putting one shot in the water, visiting the pinewoods several times and ambling in and out of six sand traps.

Table with 4 columns: Player, AB, R, H, and Totals. Rows include Kearsley, Swartz Creek, Grand Blanc, and Northern.

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ONE-TWO-THREE KICK — Going over the final high hurdle are (from left) Saginaw's Ken McKinnon, Northwestern's Brian Coles, Northern's Greg Brock and Midland's Mike Stuparek who finished in that order in the regional track meet Friday. McKinnon's time was 14.7 seconds.

Grand Blanc Ends Third In Class A Regional Golf

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MIDLAND — Two-time champion Grand Blanc failed to defend its regional golf championship Friday at Currie Country Club but the Bobcats did qualify for next week's state meet.

Don York's crew finished with 325 strokes to take third place. The first three teams qualify for the state meet. Host Midland won with 311 followed by Saginaw Douglas MacArthur with 324.

Davison missed by a shot of tying Grand Blanc and

Southwestern, the leader at the halfway point, settled for seventh with 330 strokes.

The Flint area had 15 teams entered and other finishers were Swartz Creek eighth with 333, Northwestern and Clio ninth with 343, Central tie for 12th with 344, Powers 14th with 345, Flushing 15th with 349, Northern 16th with 351, Lapeer tied for 19th with 356, Kearsley 22nd with 361, Owosso 23rd with

363, Carman tied for 24th with 367 and Beecher 26th with 407.

After the field completed nine holes, the Colts held the top spot with 155 strokes. Then came Midland 156, MacArthur 161, Davison 162, Grand Blanc 163 and Swartz Creek 165.

Larry Boon and Steve Robinson led Grand Blanc with 89's, Bob O'Reilly added 84 and Doug Jackson 81.

The Colts' Tom McParlan turned in the best area score with a 77 while Davison's Todd Scrima and Greg Marrow had 79's.

Midland's Steve Broadwell had the medalist score in the 26-team field with a 75.



RECORD — Central's Reggie Barnett stretches for the tape to finish a record 21.9 time for 220 yards Friday at Houston Stadium, clinching the regional title. Barnett placed in two other events and helped the 880 relay team qualify for the state meet.

Tiger Averages

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Table with 4 columns: Player, AB, R, H, and Totals. Rows include L. Brown, Jones, Northrup, Cash, Kofone, Freeman, Stanley, Collins, Rodriguez, G. Brown, Brinkman, Horton, and Rodriguez.

Bears Qualify Eight Into Track Finals

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