# Flint Teams Fall From 1-2 to 2-3 in Valley Track

By LEN HOYES Journal Sports Writer

MIDLAND—Dropping from a pair of 1-2 finishes last year to 2-3 finishes Friday in the Saginaw Valley Conference track meet is good evidence that 1971 is a "down" year for the Flint public

Northwestern made a valiant try in the West Division and Central tried hard in the East Division but both ran afoul

of rivals with more depth.

PONTIAC CENTRAL outdistanced
Northwestern, 68-66½, and Midland outlasted Central, 72-64, with both titles in the balance until the final events.

Defending champ Northern was third in the West and Southwestern, another 1970 champ, was third in the East with

32 and 34 points, respectively. Bay City Handy had 30 points and Saginaw Arth-ur Hill 21½ in the West while Bay City Central had 32 and Saginaw 15 in the

If the meet had produced outstanding efforts, the Flint quartet could have been consoled with the knowledge that they lost to a couple of great cham-

IT WASN'T the case.

Except for a couple of pole vaulters trying for the Valley's first 14-foot jump, there was nothing within a mile of the over-all meet records. The winners had to be content with breaking eight and tying one of the East Division records and breaking six West Division marks. Inasmuch as those marks were estab-

bly won't last long, either:
Longtime Valley observers might pooh-pooh the absence of records by pointing out that that they're held by such as Hayes Jones, Bill Tipton, Herb Wakish and William Bayes Jones, Bill Tipton, Herb Washington and Willie Polk, all outstanding collegians and even Olympi-

THAT'S TRUE BUT valley trackmen have managed to put at least one record into the book 19 times in the previous 22 years. On the three occasions they missed-1954, 1957 and 1966—the weather ranged from cold to bitter cold and was more suited to polar bears than thin-

Friday's weather certainly couldn't be blamed for the lack of records.

Central could point to lack of strength in longer races for its No. 2 rank. The Indians managed only four points in the 440, 880, mile; two-mile and mile relay and got one of these merely by staying on the track in the relay.

ON THE OTHER hand, Midland picked up 31 points in those events, including 13 with a 1-2-3 in the mile.

Northwestern could point to lack of first-place strength against Pontiac.
The Chiefs took eight firsts, including

six where they won and Northwestern was second. A reversal in just one of those six events would have thrown the title to the Wildcats.

As it was, the title went down to the

relay where Arthur Hill nipped NW on the final curve to take second place. Had NW been No.2, it would have been the champ. But anchorman Nate Johnson had used up so much strength trying to make up a 20-yard deficit at the start he ran out of gas.

NORTHWESTERN SCORED

every event, getting victories from Mike Blanchard (100 and 200) and Doug Gibbs (high-jump). Blanchard's 10.0 was a division record for the century.

Central scored in 11 events, doing best in the field where it accumulated 31

It got individual victories from Fred Lakes (long jump), Reggie Barnett (100 and 220), Ted Klopf (shot put), and Fred Bellairs (pole vault) an the 880 relay team of Duane Hill, Tony Hill, William

BARNETT SET A record of 9.9 and tied one with 22.2 in the dashes while Lakes (21-2), Klopf (55-81/4) and Bellairs (13-6) also broke East records.

Northern's Robert Kelly won the mile in 4:42.3 and Napoleon Ford took the 880 in 1:59.2, both breaking team records.

Southwestern's best efforts were a pair of second places.

Barnett was the meet's top scorer with 17½ points, adding a second in the long jump to individual triumphs and a share in the relay victory. Blanchard contributed 13 for Northwestern.

Midland's Mike Stuparek was the only other double champ, taking both hurdles and adding a fourth in the long

# Team scoring — M-Midland 72, C-Flint Central 64, SW-Flint Sautnwesiern 34, BCC-Bay City Central 32, S-Saginaw 15,

BCC-Boy City Central 32. S-Saginow 15.

Shot put — 1. Ted Kloof (C), 2. Kevin Groy (M), 3. Calvin O'Neol (S), 4.

George Washington (C), 5. Max Wyman (M), D-5-3-8/4. (Bireaks East record or 51-724 by Doug Van Meter, Akidland).

Long jum — 1. Fred Lokes (C), 2. Reogile Bornett (C), 3. Rick Pation (SW), 4. Mike Stuparek (M), 5. Rondy Hovle (M), D-21-2. (Breaks East record of 20-34/2 by Ken McKinnon, Saginow), 880 relay — 1. Central (Duane Hill), 10 y Hill, William Chainan, Barnett), 2. Middend, 3. Southwestern (Porton, Josephan, 1-2, 13.8.

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Hoyle (M), 2. Lakes (C), 4. Mark Payne (M), 5. Ron Moore (SW), H-6-3, (Breaks East record of 6-1 by Bruce Horden, Midland), 880 — 1. Bruce Johnson (BCC), 2. Mike



PROBLEMS - Catcher Ed Kirkpatrick of Kansas City tags Tiger Dick McAuliffe who was called out after reaching third base Friday night. The only problem is Bengal pitcher Mickey Lolich (with jacket) who is

also on the bag. Lolich was caught in a ing all the action is Royal third baseman ing all the action is Royal thrid baseman Paul School. (AP Wirephoto)

# Mickey Bunts, Then Chug, Chug, Chug...Tigers Win

DETROIT (AP)—It was bad ed by Dick McAuliffe's legiti- 13 strikeouts, including the last win didn't escape him.

nough for the Kansas City mate homer into the upper three in a row, were the longest None of the 13,973 fans on string the ball at them Friday, victory over the Royals.

KANSAS CITY DETROIT

else on his opponents.

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With Eddie Brinkman on second, he tapped a little 25-foot bunt toward third base, hoping to move Brinkman up to scoring position. But Hedlund fielded the bunt, whirled and threw it hard—right past third base and into left field.

Score one.

Lions Swap Shoals

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In ninth, after walking Cookie Rojas, he struck out Amos Otis, Bob Oliver and Carl Taylor in a meat row to make certain the GCC in the patents of the pate

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Then the Royals's leftfielder charged in for the ball, scooped—and came up with a one-for-one trade with no money involved. Both were starters.

Curtis to Be Honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Midd linehacker Mike Curtis of the control of the curtis of

mitfull of grass.
Lolich chugged home, complaing about the "120-hard sprint." "m not used to that," he moaned.

Cunningham.

The sprint around boosted the Tigers into the lead, and follow-

meat row to make certain the GCC Golfers Record

as the "Super Man" of the Su-per Bowl at the annual dinner of chard Ridge. the New York Chapter of the Jack Seltzer led the Bears

mough for the Kansas City mate homer and threw the ball at them Friday, striking out 13 men.

But when the pudgy Tiger pitcher bunted it at them, they went to pieces.

After matching zeroes with Mike Hudlund for six innings. Lolich watched the Royals go in front, 1-0, in the seventh and apparently decided he was going, to have to try something else on his opponents.

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# 14th Straight Victory

NEW YORK (AP) — Middle linebacker Mike Curtis of the Baltimore Colts will be honored 307-313 triumph over host Or-

Pro Football Writers of America, May 24, it was announced to-day.

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