

Pontiac Central captures Mott relays; Kearsley 2nd

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Kearsley High's distant second place saved face for the Flint area's 12-team contingent as Pontiac Central, a former champion, regained the team championship in the fifth annual C. S. Mott Relays Friday night at Houston Stadium.

Kearsley, champion in 1971, totaled 46 points but Coach Don Marsh didn't have the sprint strength to hold off Pontiac which totaled 62 to replace Ann Arbor Pioneer as the champ.

A cold, windy atmosphere kept recordmaking to a minimum.

POLE VAULTER Jim Stokes of Kearsley cleared 14-0 for an individual record and joined Duane Marx (11-6) in a two-man total of 25-6 which equaled the height recorded by Kearsley duos in 1971 and 1972.

That was it for the records until the final event when Saginaw High, anchored by 1972 state dash champion Reggie Jones, covered 440 yards in 43.2 seconds to break the mark of 43.7 set last year by state champion Oak Park.

Third place went to Northern with 36. Ann Arbor Pioneer was fourth with 35, followed by Northwestern 31, Ann Arbor Huron 23, Grand Blanc 22, Saginaw 21, Pontiac Northern 16 and Carman 14 in the top 10. Twenty-one of 26 teams scored.

THE IMPORTANCE of sprint strength was emphasized in Pontiac Central's victory. Coach Roger Shepler's club won the 880, shuttle hurdles and C. S. Mott (a special 880) relays. The Chiefs were second in the shot put and cemented the victory with third place in the 440 relay.

Kearsley's two-mile team of Greg Wilson, Joe Dixon, Dave Suty and Don Seibert was timed in 8:10.5. The Hornets joined Pontiac Northern and Saginaw as two-event winners.

Northwestern, which won the city championship on the same track eight days earlier, won only the shot put where Dan Wilkerson (54-0) and Joe Mosley (42-8½) combined for 96-8½.

GRAND BLANC was the only other Flint area winner. Coach Bob Stallcup's



Jim Stokes
14-0 vault helps two records

mile relay crew of Steve Barnes, Craig Stone, Brian Groves and Jeff Vallaire was timed in 3:31.5.

Kearsley was second in the mile relay and scored in six other events but couldn't get the important firsts or seconds to make a serious threat to Pontiac's championship run.

UCLA turns down visit to China

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The UCLA basketball team announced today it has declined an invitation to visit the People's Republic of China.

A UCLA spokesman said the team and coaches had been "favorable" to the idea during a meeting three weeks ago if the timing would not interfere with the academic calendar.

But, according to the spokesman, "subsequent developments, involving the loss of graduating seniors, player disability and personal family commitments, began limiting the size of the squad" until it appeared it would be "impossible to field a competitive team."

Northern scored in six events and Northwestern added six places to its victory but neither displayed the sprint strength which is emphasized in the Mott meet.

The summary:

Team scoring — Pontiac Central 62, Kearsley 46, Northern 36, Ann Arbor Pioneer 35, Northwestern 31, Ann Arbor Huron 23, Grand Blanc 22, Saginaw 21, Pontiac Northern 16, Carman 14, Central and Oak Park 10, Birmingham Brother Rice and Saginaw Eisenhower 8, Lansing Everett and Powers 6, Waterford Kettering 5, East Lansing, Southwestern and Lansing Sexton 4, and Clio 1. Clarkston, Beecher, Flushing, Owosso and Lansing Harry Hill failed to score.

880 relay — 1. Pontiac Central, 2. Oak Park, 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4. Northwestern (Herman Thomas, Garry Burks, Dwight Forte, Steve Moten), 5. Saginaw and Pontiac Northern, T-1:31.3.

4-mile relay — 1. Ann Arbor Huron, 2. Saginaw Eisenhower, 3. Northern (George Young, Rich Banks, Keith Young, Steve Varner), 4. Southwestern (Rich Nash, John Bradburn, John Thomas, Dave Doxtater), 5. Kearsley (Dennis Neuber, Dana Gorchow, Wayne Lechman, Terry Dowdall), T-18:27.5.

High jump — 1. Saginaw, 2. Northern (Anthony Brown, Joe Sherrill), 3. Northwestern (Terry Thomas, Jerry Stribling), 4. Pontiac Northern, 5. Ann Arbor Huron, H-12.3. Individual high, 6-2 by three men.

Long jump — 1. Pontiac Northern, 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4. Kearsley (Greg Hoops, Bernie Mayville), 5. Northwestern (Thames, Moten), D-42.7. Individual best, 22-3 by Mitch Green, Pontiac Northern.

Pole vault — 1. Kearsley (Jim Stokes, Duane Marx), 2. Powers (Dave Verdun, Steve Sugar), 3. Waterford Kettering, 4. Pontiac Central, 5. Clio (Steve Moody, Dan Robinson), H-25-6. (Equals meet record by Kearsley, 1971 and 1972. Stokes' 14-0 breaks meet record of 13-6 by Steve Taylor, Ann Arbor Huron, 1971 and Stokes, 1972).

Shuttle hurdles — 1. Pontiac Central, 2. Central (Duane Hill, Greg Davis, Emil Thomas, Dan Toolley), 3. Carman (Russ Rudland, Brad Rainwater, Mike Coy, Mike Cummings), 4. Northwestern (Thames, Keith Flowers, Henry Mattack, Brian Coles), 5. Kearsley (Mayville, Dennis Ford, Brent Kuhlman, Hoops), T-56.5.

Shot put — 1. Northwestern (Joe Mosley, Dan Wilkerson), 2. Pontiac Central, 3. Kearsley (Bill Blue, Scott Lengyel), 4. Grand Blanc (Pat Botz, Jeff Allen), 5. Waterford Kettering, D-96-8½. Individual best, 54-0 by Wilkerson).

Sprint medley — 1. Pontiac Northern, 2. Northern (Bob Chambers, James Wren, Pat Atkins, Bernard Lewis), 3. Northwestern (Doug Hill, Moten, Paul Zimon, Thomas), 4. Kearsley (Bob Herron, Bob Lovett, Lyle Habbershaw, Paul Buck), 5. Oak Park, T-2:32.5.

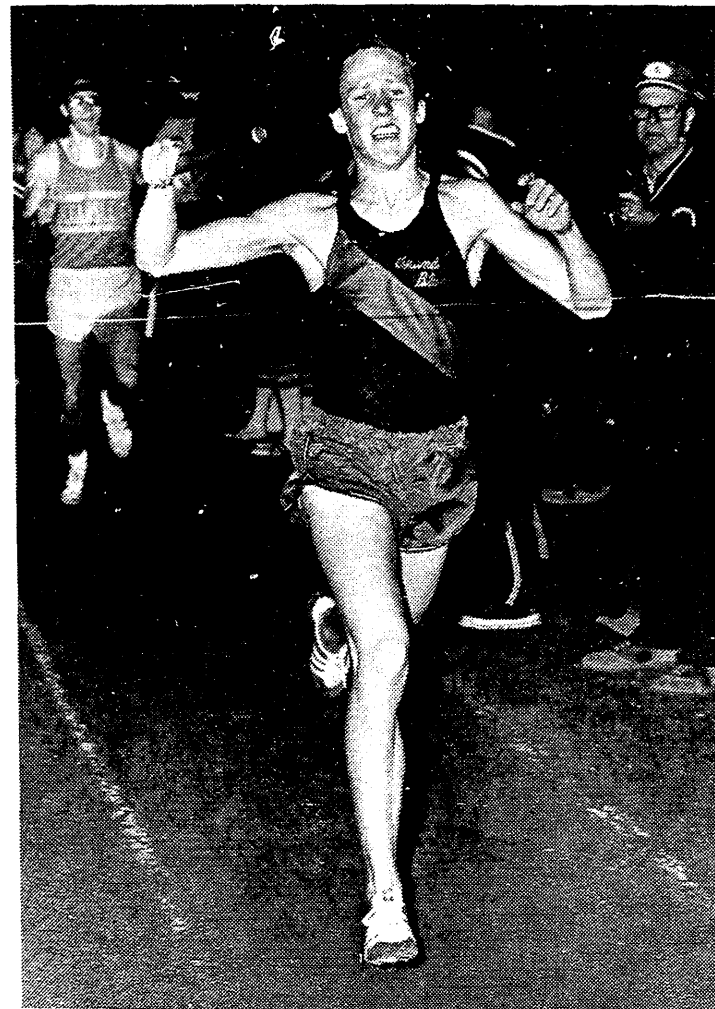
Two-mile — 1. Kearsley (Greg Wilson, Joe Dixon, Dave Suty, Don Seibert), 2. Grand Blanc (Brian Groves, Aledo Clarambeau, Keith Moreland, Craig Stone), 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4. East Lansing, 5. Lansing Sexton, T-8:10.5.

C.S. Mott 880 relay — 1. Pontiac Central, 2. Carman (Kevin Skidmore, Cummings, Rudland, Rainwater), 3. Northern (Birdies Shields, Wren, Atkins, G. Young), 4. Pontiac Northern and Kearsley (Hoops, Habbershaw, Joe Barboline, Gordon Drennon), T-1:37.2.

Distance medley — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3. Lansing Everett, 4. Ann Arbor Huron, 5. Central (Steve Peruci, Thomas, Paul Craig, Julius Hobson), T-10:49.5.

Mile — 1. Grand Blanc (Steve Barnes, Stone, Groves, Jeff Vallaire), 2. Kearsley (Herron, Lovett, Wilson, Buck), 3. Northern (Chambers, Varner, K. Young, Lewis), 4. Northwestern (Jeff Welcome, Hill, Burks, Forte), 5. Lansing Sexton, T-3:31.5.

440 — Saginaw, 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 3. Pontiac Central, 4. Northern (Shields, Wren, Atkins, Larry Dent), Pontiac Northern, T-43.2. (Breaks meet record of 43.7 by Oak Park, 1972).



ONE FOR BOBCATS — Jeff Vallaire of Grand Blanc finishes a winning mile relay in 3:31.5 in the C. S. Mott Relays Friday night, one of four victories by Flint area track teams at Houston Stadium. Timing the finish is Varnard Gay (right) former Flint Central coach. Kearsley's Paul Buck takes second. Pontiac Central won the team championship. (Journal Photo by Barry Edmonds)

Prep roundup

BYRON won the mile and two-mile relays and finished second in the 880 relay to take second Friday night in the Ovid-Elsie Relays.

Three of the Eagles, Frank Hollen-

back, and Mike and Les Wilcox ran legs on both winning relays for Byron which totaled 36 points. Ovid-Elsie scored 73.

Dennis Shafer competed on the two-mile relay which had a time of 8:39.1 and Randy Rauch ran in the mile relay which had a clocking of 3:40.4.

The Eagles also were third in the