

Moten 'gets the message'

Northwestern wins regional

By LEN HOYES

Steve Moten "got the message" a week after Coach Sy Collins and the results were a second straight regional track title for Northwestern High.

The Wildcats piled up 51 1-6 points Friday night at Houston Stadium to turn back Kearsley's best regional performance in its Class A history. Kearsley totaled 33 points, one more than third-place Saginaw High, in an 18-team field.

Until Friday, Moten had a lackluster season, winning here and there and picking up a fair share of points. But he won the long jump at 21½, chased state champion Reggie Jones and finished second in the 100-yard dash, took third in the 220 and helped the 880 relay team finish third.

THAT FIGURED to 13 3-4 points for the slim senior who was the meet's top scorer. Jones totaled 13½, winning the 100 and 220 and anchoring the winning 880 relay team.

"I guess I had a case of senioritis," said Moten after finishing his best performance of the season. He added, "I made up my mind today that I better do good because it probably was my last chance."

Most of the season he had run the open 220 and legs on the 880 and 440 relays.

But last week Collins decided to try Moten in the 100 and he finished third in the Saginaw Valley West meet.

COLLINS SAID, "He's been coming along real good. I thought he was our most valuable man last season because he can run anything from the quarter mile on down and also competes in the long jump. He's been getting a good share of points but he really did the job for us tonight."

The Wildcats' hope for a good finish in next Saturday's Class A state meet at East Lansing was helped when hurdler Brian Coles won the highs in 14.8 and the lows in 20.7. He was injured three weeks ago and was dethroned in the Valley meet last week, finishing second twice.

His race with Saginaw's Willie Dawkins in the lows was a "photo finish" but the judges' choice was easy because Dawkins was disqualified for running out of his lane.

THAT DISQUALIFICATION enabled Kearsley to finish second.

The Hornets would have done better with a healthy Greg Hoops. The versa-



Steve Moten . . . NW champions

s Tigers place

George Scott.

Milwaukee scored an unearned run in the fifth with the help of two errors by shortstop Ed Brinkman.

Rodriguez, Dick McAuliffe, Bill Freehan and Mickey Stanley each drove in a Tiger run. The other two runs scored on Brewers' throwing errors in the first and fifth.

The Tigers entered the game trailing the front-running Brewers by one-half game in second place. Detroit is now only 14-15 and in a virtual tie with Baltimore which defeated New York, 3-0. But the Tigers lead the Orioles by two percentage points.

Milwaukee, meanwhile, plummeted to fourth place but remained only one-half game from the top in the unusually tight race. Cleveland is last, only 1½ games out.

Woodie Fryman, 2-2, was to pitch for the Tigers today against Jim Slaton, 1-2, of the Brewers.

Lolich's only other triumph came April 16 in Boston. He now has four complete games, the other three being one-run losses.

Bell, 4-3, who was tagged with the loss, had been the team's top pitcher with three complete games in his past four starts. He had only given up eight earned runs in his past 35 innings but, Detroit touched him for five earned runs in his four and two-third innings Friday.

The two errors by Brinkman gives him four in the past four games. He hadn't had an error until he collected two in Kansas City Tuesday. He only had seven all last season.

Rodriguez made up for his costly first inning error by making two spectacular diving catches later, throwing both runners out at first on close plays.



Greg Wilson
Cops mile in 4:24.3

tile senior managed only fifth place in the long jump and fourth in the high hurdles and pulled up short in the low preliminaries.

Except for a leg injury, he would have garnered at least 13 points instead of three. That wouldn't have been enough to make Kearsley the champ but the 18-point gap would have been less.

Other Flint area champions were: Northwestern's Dan Wilkerson with a 54¼ shot put; Kearsley's Jim Stokes with a 12-9 pole vault; Clio's Dave Gembel with a 1:57.0 half mile; and Kearsley's Joe Dixon with a 9:34.8 two-mile.

JONES'S 9.7 for the 100 and 21.5 for the 220 were meet records and the Trojans' 1:29.4 equaled the meet standard in the relay. Saginaw also claimed a meet record of 44.6 for the 440 relay, an event run for the first time in the Houston regional.

Besides Moten, Coles and Wilkerson, Northwestern had these qualifiers for the state meet: Terry Thames in the long jump, Jerry Stribling in the high jump, Brian Liikala in the pole vault and Keith Flowers in the high hurdles.

Also qualifying were Beecher's Vince Adams in the long jump and Kearsley's Bernie Mayville in the low hurdles.

Only the first three places in each event earned trips to East Lansing.

Beecher ranked No. 8 with 9 1-6 points, Clio was 12th with 6 and Owosso was 16th with 2. Flushing failed to score.

The team scoring, first places and all Flint area places:

Team scoring — Northwestern 51 1-6, Kearsley 33, Saginaw 32, Midland 26, Traverse City 19 1-6, Saginaw Arthur Hill 16 1-6, Mount Pleasant 10 1-6, Beecher 9 1-6, Bay City Handy 9, Bay City Central and Bridgeport 7, Clio 6, Midland Dow 5 1-6, Alpena 4, Saginaw Eisenhower 3 and Owosso 2. Flushing and Bay City Glenn failed to score.

Long jump — 1. Steve Moten, Northwestern. 2. Vince Adams, Beecher. 3. Terry Thames, Northwestern. 5. Greg Hoops, Kearsley. D-21½.

Shot put — 1. Dan Wilkerson, Northwestern. 5. Scott Lengyel, Kearsley. D-54¼.

High jump — 1. Curt Thon, Arthur Hill. 3. Jerry Stribling, Northwestern. 4. Hoops, Kearsley. 5. Six-way tie, including Carl Ursery, Northwestern and Nate Hawthorne, Beecher. H-6-4.

Pole vault — 1. Jim Stokes, Kearsley. 3. Brian Liikala, Northwestern. H-12-9.

880 relay — 1. Saginaw. 3. Northwestern (Moten, Otto Fordham, Dwight Forte, Herman Thomas). 4. Beecher (Adams, Joe Wilkerson, Mose Rison, Homer Masley). 5. Kearsley (Bob Herron, Bob Lovett, Lyle Hobbshaw, Paul Buck). T — 1:29.4. (Equals meet record by Northern, 1970 and Northwestern, 1971).

880 — 1. Dave Gembel, Clio. T — 1:57.0.

120 high hurdles — 1. Brian Coles, Northwestern. 3. Keith Flowers, Northwestern. 4. Bernie Mayville, Kearsley. T 14.8.

Mile — 1. Greg Wilson, Kearsley. 4. Dennis Neurohr, Kearsley. 5. Dan Seibert, Kearsley. T — 4:24.3.

100 — 1. Reggie Jones, Saginaw. 2. Moten, Northwestern. 5. Adams, Beecher. T — 9.7. (Breaks meet record of 9.8 by Gary Peaphon, Bridgeport, 1971).

440 — 1. Mike Arnold, Bridgeport. 4. Gary Burks, Northwestern. 5. Fordham, Northwest. T — 50.8.

150 low hurdles — 1. Coles, Northwestern. 3. Mayville, Kearsley. T — 20.7.

Two-mile — 1. Joe Dixon, Kearsley. 4. Marc Naver, Owosso. T — 9:34.8.

220 — 1. Jones, Saginaw. 3. Moten, Northwestern. T — 21.5. (Breaks meet record of 21.9 by Reggie Barnett, Flint Central, 1971).

Mile relay — 1. Bay City Handy. 4. Kearsley (Herron, Lovett, Wilson, Gordon Drennan). 5. Northwestern (Forte, Burkes, Doug Hill, Jeff Welcome). T — 3:25.2.

440 relay — 1. Saginaw. 4. Beecher (Wilkerson, Rison, Masley, Adams). 5. Northwestern (Paul Ziman, Grady Purches, Flowers, Fordham). T — 44.6. (Automatic meet record for event run for first time).

