

Jays, Chargers win dual meets

City schools fall short in state track meet

By TOM BAER

Southfield High track coach Chuck Balog wasn't all that disappointed after four of his trackmen didn't fare so well at the state Class A meet last Saturday at Michigan State University.

Four Blue Jays—Tom Bakerman (both hurdles), Bill Bangert (880), Roger Hibbard (high jump) and Dan Henry (two mile)—had qualified for the meet. Hibbard jumped 6-1, good for a five-way tie for sixth place and the Jays' highest finish of the day.

Southfield-Hazel Park

880 Relay—Southfield (Bakerman, Bangert, Lieder, McNamee) 1:33.5.

880—Jordan (Hazel Park) 2:04, Miles (S), Smith (H).

120 High Hurdles—Bakerman (S) :16.2, Smith (H), Trowbridge (S).

Mile—Kaighan (H) 4:42.7, Charnesky (S), Kubal (H).

100—McKinney (S) :11.1, Szydlowski (H), Barzowski (H).

440—Bangert (S) :51.8, Laga (H), Valente (H).

180 Low Hurdles—McNamee (S) :20.5, Slade (S), Szydlowski (H).

Two-Mile—Henry (S) 9:59.1, McConnell (H), McIntyre (H).

220—Valente (H) :24, Lieder (S), Nemish (S).

Mile Relay—Southfield (Miles, Charnesky, Bangert, McNamee) 3:35.6.

440 Relay—Hazel Park (Snyder, Smith, Yearby, Barzowski) :46.8.

Pole Vault—Smith (H) 11', Olds (S), Gargus (H).

Shot Put—Olson (S) 45'8½", Phillip (S), Evans (H).

High Jump—Hibbard (S) 6'2½", Tallent (H), Bangert (S).

Long Jump—McNamee (S) 21'3", Barzowski (H), Lieder (S).

"State meets have a way of not working out the way you think," Balog said. "Look at Mount Clemens. Everybody thought they were going to come in and win the whole thing. Not only did they have a disappointment in their hurdler (Bob Cornwall) but their whole team fell apart."

Bakerman took an untimed eighth place in the 120-yard high hurdles, and then failed to make the top 10 in the 180-yard low hurdles. Part of the problem was that the hurdles were run on a curved portion of the MSU track, Balog said.

"I don't even consider the low hurdles to be the same event we've been running during the year," he said. "They ran around a curve there Saturday, and it was a whole different race. It's like playing basketball and raising the basket three feet."

Southfield downed Berkley, 83-40, in a Southeastern Michigan Association dual meet last Monday.

"We just had a great night," Balog said. The Blue Jays are 3-2 in the SMA and 5-3 overall with just one nonleague dual meet left this season.

Ken McNamee and Bakerman were double winners against Berkley. McNamee tied a school record in the 220 (22.7) and also won the long jump (20-10½). Bakerman won the 100 (10.4) and the low hurdles (19.9).

Bangert set a school record in the 440 with a 51.2 time, and Hibbard won the high jump at 5-10. Kevin Charnesky took the 880 in 2:03.9 and also ran a 53-second leg of the winning mile

relay. Greg Olson won the shot put at 46-5.

McNamee, a junior, came through with two wins again in a May 17 dual meet against Hazel Park. He won the low hurdles (21-3) to help the Jays win, 72-51. McNamee also ran legs on the winning 880 and mile relays.

Henry won the two-mile in 9:59.1, and Hibbard took the high jump at 6-2½.

Southfield runs next at the Oakland County meet on Friday (May 25) at

Lathrup-Kettering

880 Relay—Lathrup (Bolin, Gould, Goldberg, Ruhl) 1:38.5.

880—Kolhoff (L) 2:05.1; Scarpone (L), Cash (L).

120 High Hurdles—Niepling (Kettering) :15.9, Hahn (K), Majoris (K).

Mile—Mike Feldstein (L) 4:36, Sussman (L), Vega (K).

100—Winston (L) :10.9; Wunderlich (L), Bolin (L).

440—Ruhl (L) :52.5, Drussel (K), Goldberg (L).

180 Low Hurdles—Winston (L) :21.3, Hahn (K), Niepling (K).

Two-Mile—Miller (L) 10:11.8, Driscoll (L), McCaffrey (K).

220—Winston (L) :23.7, Drussel (K), Wunderlich (L).

Mile Relay—Lathrup (Gillie, Scarpone, Kolhoff, Driscoll) 3:39.2.

440 Relay—Lathrup (Bolin, Gould, Goldberg, Ruhl) :45.6.

Pole Vault—Niepling (K) 13'7", Winston (L), Gasaway (K).

Shot Put—Heppler (L) 54'1¼", Aldrich (K), Riley (K).

High Jump—Breslin (L) 5'6", Niepling (K), Weiss (K).

Long Jump—Ruhl (L) 19'7½", Bolin (L), Drussel (K).

West Bloomfield High. Events begin at 7:30 p.m.

The SMA meet is scheduled for Tuesday (May 29) at Hazel Park High. Royal Oak Kimball has already won the SMA track championship on the strength of a perfect dual-meet record this year.

"A first-place finish wouldn't help us, but it would give us the satisfaction of beating them (Kimball) in the meet," Balog said. "And that won't be an easy job. We'd have to do everything just right. I think we can take more first than they can, but they're going to get more seconds and thirds."

Southfield-Lathrup Four Southfield-Lathrup trackmen

came back from the state meet with one consolation anyway.

The 440-yard relay team—Jon Winston, Jeff Goldberg, Brian Bolin and Bruce Ruhl—finished in 44 seconds, half a second better than it's ever run. The effort was worth only 11th place, however. Detroit Kettering finished in 42.9 to win the 440 event.

"There was a little adrenalin flowing Saturday for us to get down to 44 flat," said Lathrup coach Gerry Mineweaser. "We had the same time as the 10th-place team, but we were picked 11th."

Shot putter Matt Heppler, the only other Charger to qualify for the state meet, threw a disappointing 49 feet. Utica Eisenhower's Wayne Bouvier

successfully defended

put title with a 61.3
"Matt didn't do well
or in a dual meet,"
seaser said. "But the
new school record.

flat at the state meet

"We were disappointed
the kids in the relay
well and thought the
It was discouraging
pointing. You can't
when a team runs so
be discouraged with

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won, 87-36.