

Vikings win regional; Beecher is surprise

By LEN HOYES

Northern High's capture of the regional track championship Friday night surprised no one, especially when Coach Norbert Badar's club fattened up with points in the 880, mile and high jump.

Those three events earned 26 points among the Vikings' total of 44.

But Beecher's thin but talented team surprised a lot of the rivals by winning four events, breaking two records and scoring 34 points for runner-up honors among 19 Class A teams at Houston Stadium.

REGIONAL MEETS are qualifiers for the state meet so Northern's second straight title — it shared honors last year in a regional at Walled Lake — had to be viewed with some disappointment.

Badar had expected his 880-yard relay team to qualify for the June 1 finals at Houston but the Vikings ran out of the money. An asthmatic attack which left Stan Langston below par for the last week took its toll on the over-all performance.

Badar said, "He just wasn't strong enough. It's too bad because he also probably would have qualified in the hurdles."

However, Badar got a bonus when Northern's 440 relay team did better than anticipated by finishing third and qualifying for the state meet. He said, "We finally got everything together in that event I think we can strengthen it enough to get a good finish in the state meet."

NORTHERN QUALIFIED six individuals for seven events and two relay teams with a quality performance.

Keith Young won the 880 in record time of 1:54.0 and Steve Varner won the mile in record time of 4:19.0. They joined Ron Whitner and Mike Bowen in winning the mile relay in 3:24.0.

Anthony Brown high jumped 6-8 for another record, giving Northern three of the five records.

Bowen also qualified with third place in the 880 while Gerald Sherrill was third in the high jump and James Wren third in the 100.

BEECHER'S finish — its best as a Class A school — came from six men — Vince Adams, Joe Wilkerson, Greg Knox, Homer Mosley, Hubert McKenzie and Mose Rison.

Adams, Mosley and Wilkerson ran on record-setting 880 and 440 relays, the former with Knox aiding a 1:29.3 time and the latter with Rison helping a 43.1 clocking.

McKenzie won the high hurdles in 14.8 seconds and Mosley the 100 in 10.1. Adams also was second in the 220 and third in the long jump and Knox was third in the 220.

All the Bucs' points came from state qualifiers, prompting Coach Martin Crane to say, "I'll sure be sorry to see that group of seniors graduate." All except Knox are near the end of prep careers.

DEFENDING CHAMPION Northwestern was fourth with 24 points. Saginaw High, 1973 state champ, was fifth with 20. Central and Kearsley shared sixth place with Saginaw Arthur Hill, all with 18 points. Southwestern

was ninth with 13 points. Carman had 4 and Clio 1 among the other Flint area entries.

Northwestern's Terry Thames qualified in three events, winning the long jump at 22-7/8, placing second in the high hurdles and third in the lows. Quarter-miler Gary Burks, who won in 49.3 seconds over Northern's Young, was the only other qualifier for the Wildcats.

Central's Al Credit won the shot put at 52-7/8, Don Toatley won the low hurdles in 19.9 and was third in the highs. They're the Indians' only qualifiers.

SOUTHWESTERN'S 880 and 440 relay teams, both with Charles Reaves, Beamon Veasley, Dexter Shankle and Don Moore, qualified for the state meet, the 880 crew finishing fourth and the 440 team fifth. Both had times good enough despite finishing lower than third.

Willie Turner qualified for the Colts via second place in the high jump and John Bradbourn's fourth place in the two-mile also made the grade on time.

Kearsley's Jim Stokes cleared 14-7 to win the pole vault and teammate Joe Dixon qualified via third place in the two-mile.

The Hornets' mile relay team qualified with a third place.

BRAD RAINWATER of Carman qualified with third place in the 440.

The only firsts to elude the Flint area contingent went to Midland, Jeff Randolph taking the two-mile in 9:23.5 and Kim Altman the 220 in 22.0.

The summary:

Team scoring and legend — Flint Northern (FN) 44, Flint Beecher (FB) 34, Midland (M) 28, Flint Northwestern (FNW) 24, Saginaw (S) 20, Flint Central (FC), Saginaw Arthur Hill (SAH) and Flint Kearsley (FK) 18, Flint Southwestern (FSW) 13, Midland Dow (MD) 7, Bay City Central (BCC) 5, Alpena (A) and Flint Carman (Car) 4, Clio (C), Bridgeport (B) and Bay City Handy (BCH) 1, Flushing, Bay City Western and Bay City Glenn failed to score.

Shot put—1. Al Credit (FC), 2. Wayne Wilson (A), 3. Tim Slickley (M), 4. Curt Thom (SAH), 5. Mark Chishell (FK) D-52-7/8.

Pole vault—1. Jim Stokes (FK), 2. Brian Wilson (SAH), 3. Bob Brechtelsbauer (SAH), 4. Dave Lanigan (M), 5. Dan Robinson (C), H-14-7.

High jump—1. Anthony Brown (FN), 2. Willie Turner (FSW), 3. Gerald Sherrill (FN), 4. Jerry Stribling (FNW), 5. Ken Ferguson (FNW), H-6-8. (Breaks meet record of 6-5 by Jim Smith, Bay City Central, 1970).

Long jump—1. Terry Thames (FNW), 2. Larry Foster (S), 3. Vince Adams (FB), 4. Shelton Davis (FN), 5. Greg Reed (BCC), D-22-7/8.

880 relay—1. Beecher (FB), 2. Joe Wilkerson, Greg Knox, Homer Mosley, 2. Saginaw, 3. Midland Dow, 4. Southwestern (Charles Reaves, Beamon Veasley, Dexter Shankle, Don Moore), 5. Midland T-1 29.3. (Breaks meet record of 1:29.4 by Northern, 1970, Northwestern, 1971 and Saginaw, 1973).

440 relay—1. Beecher (FB), 2. Ed Coburn (BCH), 3. Mike Bowen (FN), 4. Ron Whitner (FN), 5. Bob Whitman (FK), T-1 54.0. (Breaks meet record of 1:56.5 by Ray Johnson, Northwestern, 1969).

120 high hurdles—1. Hubert McKenzie (FB), 2. Thomas (FNW), 3. Don Toatley (FC), 4. Henry McClung (S), 5. Bernie Mayville (FK), T-12-8.

100—1. Steve Varner (FN), 2. Al Benetzie (M), 3. Bob Dyer (SAH), 4. Rick Nash (FSW), 5. Dennis Neurohr (FK), T-4 19.0. (Breaks meet record of 4 21.2 by Zeno Tremaine, Beecher, 1971).

100—1. Mosley (FB), 2. Kim Altman (M), 3. James Wren (FN), 4. Larry Foster (S), 5. Moore (FSW), T-10.1.

440—1. Gary Burks (FNW), 2. K. Young (FN), 3. Brad Rainwater (Car), 4. Nolan Bryant (SAH), 5. Greg Burks (FSW), T-4 2.3.

180 low hurdles—1. Toatley (FC), 2. McLung (S), 3. Thames (FNW), 4. Mayville (FK), 5. Jim Harrison (FC), T-19-9.

Two-mile—1. Jeff Randolph (M), 2. Paul Zucker (SAH), 3. Joe Dixon (FK), 4. John Bradburn (FSW) 5. Don Law (B), T-9 23.5.

220—1. Altman (M), 2. Adams (FB), 3. Knox (FB), 4. Paul Zimon (FNW), 5. Tom Hailles (BCH), T-22.0.

Mile relay—1. Northern (Whitner, Bowen, Varner, K. Young), 2. Midland Dow, 3. Kearsley (Whitman, Lyle Hobbeshaw, Bob Herron, Paul Buck), 4. Central (Mark Barnett, Bob Badour, Ted Dabson, Toatley), 5. Carman (Gale Shaver, Bob Burks, Charles Lewis, Rainwater) T-3 24.0.

440 relay—1. Beecher (Wilkerson, Mose Rison, Adams, Mosley), 2. Saginaw, 3. Northern (Eugene Harris, James Allen, Davis, Wren), 4. Midland, 5. Southwestern (Reaves, Veasley, Shankle, Moore), T-43.1. (Breaks meet record of 44.6 by Saginaw, 1973).



Steve Varner
Lowers mile mark to 4:19

Grand Blanc trackmen third

ROCHESTER — Grand Blanc qualified three individuals and two relay teams and Davison put high jumper Rich Kirby into the Class A state track championships Friday.

The Bobcats scored 24 points for third place behind Pontiac Central's 73 and Pontiac Northern's 26. Davison accumulated 10 points.

Brian Groves won the 880 in 1:57.3 for Grand Blanc's only victory. Kirby's 6-1 leap won the high jump.

Manutes qualified with third place in the 880 and Doug Benton with third place in the shot. Vallaire was fourth in the 440, Mark Brochur fourth in the two-mile and the 440 relay team was fifth for other Grand Blanc points.

Greg Spinney was fourth in the pole vault and Mark Bueby fourth in the high jump for Davison.

Loves remain perfect at home

DETROIT (AP) — Rosie Casals won twice Friday night and Phil Dent upset Ken Rosewall once to pace the Detroit Loves past the Pittsburgh Triangles 34-25, in World Team Tennis competition.

The Loves remain unbeaten at home in three matches and now have a 4-2 overall record.

Ms. Casals beat Isabel Fernandez, 6-3 and 6-0.

In men's singles, Dent defeated Rosewall 7-6 in the first match with Rosewall taking the second set, beating Dent and substitute Alan Stone 7-5.

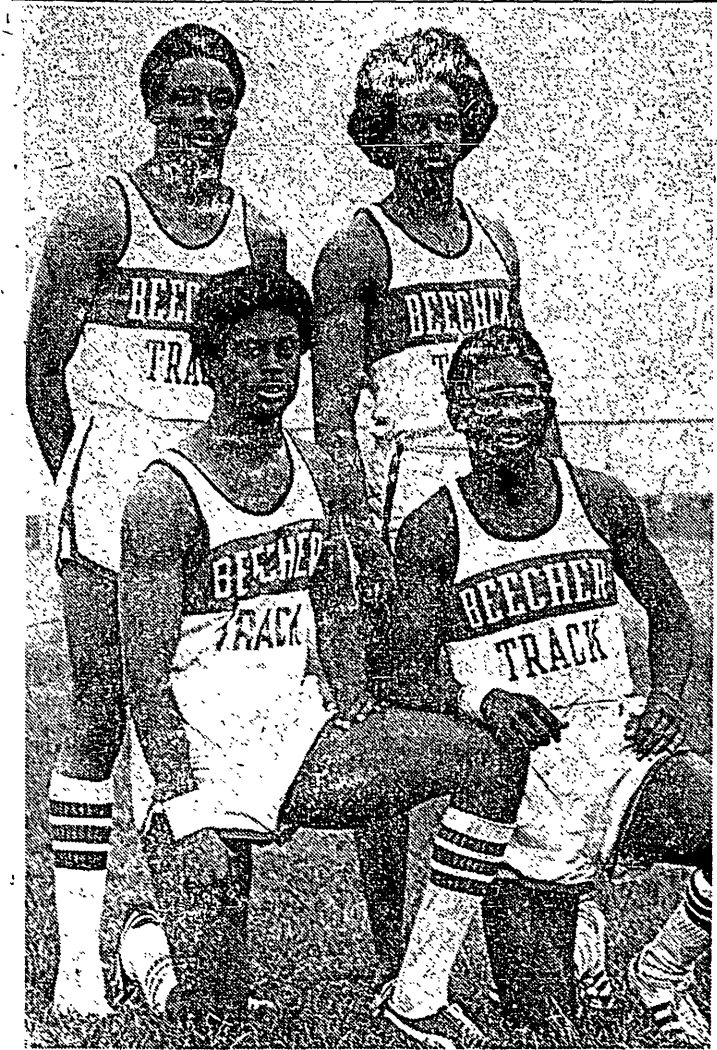
In mixed doubles the Loves and the Triangles traded victories before a crowd of 2,072.

Stone and Mary Ann Beattie of Detroit beat Vitas Gerulaitis and Peggy Michel 6-3 in the first match. Pittsburgh reigned the victor in the second match when Gerulaitis, Gerald Batrick and Michel defeated Butch Seewagen and Kerry Harris 6-4.

MSD captures Mid-State meet

Host Michigan School for the Deaf won the Mid-State Athletic Conference track meet with 65 points. Vestaburg scored 53 1/2, Ashley 48 1/2 and Morrice 47.

Shot put — Pat Weir (MSD) 49-4 1/2. High jump — Stewart Marshall (V) 5-6. Long jump — Gary Honaker (A) 18-4. Pole vault — Darwin Blanshan (V) 9-6. 880 relay — MSD (Larry King, Larry Etkie, Wilbert Hare, Rod Steuck) 1:37.9. 880 — Chuck Krenski (M) 2:12.6. High hurdles — Bob Audette (MSD) 17.8. Mile — Ken St John (M) 4:49.8. 100 — Honaker (M) 10.9. 440 — Lyle Goward (V) 55.1. Low hurdles — Jim Fox (M) 22.9. Two-mile — Mark Snyder (V) 11:08.4. 220 — Honaker (M) 24. Mile relay — MSD (Kiri Ingram, Tom Shields, Audette, Carl Evans) 3:50. 440 relay — MSD (King Etkie, Hare, Steuck) 46.6.



CLASSY IN REGIONAL — Beecher's 880 relay team of Vincē Adams (front, left), Joe Wilkerson (front, right), Greg Knox (back, left) and Homer Mosley set a regional record of 1:29.3 Friday night at Houston. All except Knox also ran on a record-setting 440 relay team. Adams also placed in the long jump and 220 to help the Bucs take second place with 34 points. (Journal Photo by Robert L. Parks)

Kaline gets big single for Tigers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Al Kaline's RBI single triggered a three-run sixth inning Friday night that carried the Detroit Tigers to a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning when Bill Freehan singled, moved to third on Aurelio Rodríguez's hit and scored on Ed Brinkman's sacrifice fly.

Detroit chased Pritz Peterson, 2-2 in the sixth. Gary Sutherland doubled off third baseman Buddy Bell's glove, Ron Cash beat out an infield hit to put runners on first and third, Kaline followed with a single scoring Sutherland, and Kaline took second on the throw home.

Willie Horton was walked intentionally to load the bases, Freehan's double-play grounder scored Cash and Kaline came home on a wild pitch. When Jim Northrup also singled, Fred Beene replaced Peterson and ended the uprising.

The Indians got two runs off Lerrin LaGrow, now 3-3 for the baseball season, in the eighth on a walk, singles by John Lowenstein and Jack Brohamer and Bell's double-play grounder and added a run in the ninth on George Hendrick's single and Dave Duncan's double.

The Tigers' hitting attack was led by Sutherland, who rapped two singles and a double in four trips to the plate.

LaGrow allowed two runs and nine hits before being replaced by John Hiller in the eighth inning. Hiller came

on following Bell's double-play grounder and got pinch-hitter Ozzie Blanco on an infield pop to retire the side.

In the bottom of the ninth, Hiller retired Frank Duffy and John Lowenstein on soft fly balls following Duncan's double. He collected his sixth save of the season.

Peterson was making his fourth start for the Indians since coming to Cleveland from the New York Yankees:

DETROIT				CLEVELAND					
	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi	
MStanley cf	3	0	0	0	Lowenstein lf	5	1	3	0
Sutherland 2b	4	1	3	0	Brohamer 2b	4	0	2	1
RCash 1b	4	1	1	0	BEEH 3b	4	0	0	0
Kaline dh	4	1	1	1	Ellis 1b	3	0	1	0
WHorton rf	3	0	0	0	Gamble dh	3	0	0	0
Freehan lf	4	1	1	0	Blanco dh	1	0	0	0
Northrup rf	4	0	1	0	Salks rf	3	0	1	0
ARodriguez 3b	4	0	1	0	Hendrick cf	4	1	2	0
EBrinkman ss	3	0	0	1	Duncan c	4	0	2	1
LaGrow p	0	0	0	0	Anderson pr	0	0	0	0
Hiller p	0	0	0	0	Duffy ss	3	1	0	0
Total	33	4	8	2	Peterson p	0	0	0	0
					Beene p	0	0	0	0

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Cleveland 000 000 021-4

E — LaGrow, DP — Detroit 4, Cleveland 1, LOB — Detroit 5, Cleveland 7, 2B — Sutherland, Lowenstein, Duncan, SF — E. Brinkman.

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LaGrow W, 3-3 7 2 3 1 2 3 0
Hiller 1 1 3 2 1 1 0 0
Peterson L, 2-2 5 2 3 7 4 4 1 2 0
Beene 3 1 3 1 0 0 0 3

Save — Hiller (6), WP — LaGrow, PB — Duncan, T — 2, 15, A — 11, 547.



Keith Young
Record of 1:54.0 in 880

Mott has four track qualifiers

Special to The Journal

WATERVLIET — Dave Hartley and Roy Young qualified in two events and Robert Miles and Pat Atkins in one Friday for Mott Community College in preliminaries of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's track championships.

Young had the second-best times of 9.8 in the 100-yard dash and 22.5 in the 220. Tops were 9.7 and 22.3. Hartley had the second best qualifying time in the 440 at 51.5 and also made the finals with 2:05 for the 880.

Atkins made the grade with a time of 10.0 for the 100 and Miles with 2:17 for the 880.

The finals are today in 18 events.

FMBA Golf Stag slated for May 26

The Flint Men's Bowling Association's Golf Stag, slated for Sunday at IMA Brookwood, has been postponed until May 26.

The recent heavy rains have made portions of the course unplayable, forcing the postponement according to FMBA director Jack Kennedy.

MAJOR Standings LEAGUE

American League East National League East

W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Baltimore	17	15	.531	---	Philadelphia	18	16	.529	---
DETROIT	17	15	.531	---	St. Louis	18	16	.529	---
Cleveland	17	17	.500	1	Montreal	14	13	.519	1/2
Milwaukee	15	15	.500	1	New York	16	19	.457	2 1/2
New York	10	10	.500	1	Chicago	12	18	.400	2 1/2

Smith impressive in Fenton debut