

Pontiac, Midland win Valley titles

NW, SW trackmen are runnersup

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BAY-CITY — Weaknesses in the hurdles and sprints caught up with Flint Northern's track team Wednesday night as Pontiac Central (West) and Midland (East) won championships in the Saginaw Valley Conference meet at John Glenn High School.

The Vikings, city and regional champions, finished a disappointing third in the West as Northwestern rallied to take second place with 57 points. Pontiac Central won with 68 and should be the early favorite for state honors on June 1.

Northern had 53½. Then came Saginaw Arthur Hill 34, Midland Dow 13½ and Bay City Handy 13.

FLINT SOUTHWESTERN collected 62 points for second place behind Midland's 75 in the East. Then came Saginaw 41, Flint Central 36, Bay City Central 24 and Bay City Western 2.

"I think the lack of strength in some events finally caught up with us," said Northern Coach Norbert Badar.

The difference in hurdling and the

100-220 dashes is borne out by the results.

Pontiac piled up 25 points in the hurdles and seven in the two sprints. Except for another Chief who was overlooked in the 100 — Bill Hollis appeared to be at least third place — it would have done better.

Northern totaled only four points in the hurdles and sprints.

NORTHWESTERN, which benefitted from the mixup in the 100, collected 17 points in the hurdles and sprints and that was the difference in the duel for second place.

Three Valley records tumbled — the two-mile mark was broken in each division — and East contestants broke four division marks and tied another while the West produced seven division records and equaled another. The conference meet has been split into divisions for five years.

Pontiac's Steve Elliott lowered the Valley mile record to 4:19.7 and Midland's Jeff Randolph covered two miles in 9:15.3. Minutes earlier Paul Zucker of Arthur Hill won the West in

9:20.5, also below the former mark of 9:26.7.

SOUTHWESTERN'S 440 relay team of Dexter Shankle, Beamon Veasley, Carlisle Anderson and Don Moore lowered the Valley record to 43.3 seconds. Greg Burks joined Shankle, Moore and Veasley in winning the 880 relay in 1:30.4.

Burks, Marvin Turner, Jim Brewer and Keith Cureton gave the Colts a sweep of the East relays with a time of 3:27.6 for the mile.

In the West, Northern's Anthony Brown high jumped 6-6, Northwestern's Gary Burks won the 440 in 49.7 and teammates Leo Blanchard, Paul Zimon, Grady Purches and Hubert Roberts won the 440 relay in 43.9 for division records.

In the East, Southwestern's Willie Turner high jumped 6-3 to equal the division record.

BURKS, Blanchard, Roberts and Stocker won the 880 relay for Northwestern in 1:31.0 and Keith Young of Northern won the 880 in 1:50.6.

Central's Don Toatley was a double winner in the East hurdles, 14.9 for the highs and 20.6 for the lows. Teammate Al Credit tossed the shot 50-4.

Pontiac won five events in the West and Midland won four in the East.

The only other double champ was Ed Coburn of Bay City Central who won the East 880 and 440.

The summaries:

Saginaw Valley West
Legend and scoring — Pontiac Central (PC) 68 Flint Northwestern (NW) 57, Flint Northern (N) 53½, Saginaw Arthur Hill (SAH) 34, Midland Dow (D) 13½, Bay City Handy (BCH) 13.

Long jump—1. Kerry Cato (PC) 2. Terry Thomas (NW) 3. Nate Haynes (PC) 4. Doug Hill (NW) 5. George Curtis (NW), D—21-4. (Breaks West record of 21-2 by Thomas, 1973).

Shot put—1. Curt Thom (SAH) 2. Paul Walderzak (SAH) 3. Steve Tuik (D) 4. John Kinker (N) 5. Tom Pugh (NW), D—50-4.

High jump—1. Anthony Brown (N) 2. Gerald Sherrill (N) 3. Ken Ferguson (NW) 4. Gerald Stribling (NW) 5. Stan Goodwin (N) and Doug Gresson (D) H-6-6. (Breaks West record of 6-5 by Camagnello Russell, Pontiac, 1971 and Curt Thom, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 1973).

Pole vault—1. Bob Brechtelsbauer (SAH) 2. Brian Wilson (SAH) 3. Ricky Malone (PC) 4. Mike Britton (BCH) 5. Mark Tovar (N) H-13-7½. (Breaks West record of 13-6 by Robert Malone, Pontiac Central, 1971 and Barry Benton, Flint Northern, 1972).

880 relay—1. Northwestern (Gary Burks, Leo Blanchard, Eric Stocker, Hubert Roberts), 2. Northern (James Wren, Stan Langston, James Allen, George Young), 3. Midland Dow, 4. Pontiac Central, 5. Bay City Handy, T—1:31-0.

880-1. Keith Young (N), 2. Jeth Welcome (NW), 3. Mike Bowen (N), 4. Ron Whitner (N), 5. Tim Gillman (BCH), T—1:59.6.

120 high hurdles—1. Kevin Jackson (PC) 2. Billy Mitchell (PC) 3. Thomas (NW) 4. Buddy Mason (PC) 5. Henry Atlock (NW) T—14.6. (Eguals West record by Mitch Hensel, Pontiac Central, 1971).

Mile—1. Steve Elliott (PC) 2. Steve Varner (N) 3. Bob Dyer (SAH) 4. Tim Meyers (D) 5. Steve Branch (N), T—4:19.7. (Breaks West and Valley records of 4:20.4 by Tom Levensood, Bay City Handy, 1972).

100-1. Dave Hohman (BCH) 2. Blanchard (NW) 3. Paul Zimon (NW), 4. Wren (N) 5. Paul Bonds (PC), T—10.4.

440-1. Burks (NW), 2. Dennis Williams (PC) 3. K. Young (N) 4. Lewis Stephens (PC) 5. Welcome (NW), T—49.7. (Breaks West record of 49.9 by Les Clerke, Northwestern, 1970).

180 low hurdles—1. Mitchell (PC) 2. Jackson (PC) 2. Jackson (PC) 3. Cato (PC) 4. Thomas (NW) 5. Langston (N), T—20.4.

Two-mile—1. Paul Zucker (SAH) 2. John Hallford (N) 3. Paul Levensood (BCH) 4. Rich Michael (N), 5. Randall Rathke (N), T—9:20.5. (Breaks West record of 9:46.4 by Zucker, 1973).

220-1. Mike Hall (PC) 2. Stocker (NW) 3. Jim Hitchcock (D) 4. Nolan Bryant (SAH) 5. Wren (N), Wren (N), T—32.3.

Mile relay—1. Pontiac Central (Haynes, Stephens, Jackson, Williams), 2. Northwestern (Welcome, Herman Thomas, Otha Fordham, Burks), 3. Northern (Whitner, Bowen, Varner, K Young), 4. Dow, 5. Saginaw Arthur Hill, T—3:23.3.

440 relay—1. Northwestern (Blanchard, Zimon, Grady Purches, Roberts), 2. Pontiac Central, 3.

Northern (Kirk Haywood, Curran Wilson, Shelton Davis, Eugene Harris), 4. Saginaw Arthur Hill, No fifth place, T—43.9. (Breaks West record of 44.1 by Northwestern, 1972).

Saginaw Valley East
Legend and scoring—Midland (M) 75, Flint Northwestern (SW) 62, Saginaw (S) 41, Flint Central (C) 36, Bay City Central (BCC) 24 and Bay City Western (BCW) 2.

Long jump—1. Larry Foster (S) 2. Beamon Veasley (SW) 3. Mark Chevalier (BCC) 4. Greg Reed (BCC) 5. Frank Randles (S), D—21-6. (Breaks East record of 21-3½ by Barry Hoopes, Bay City Central, 1972).

Shot put—1. Al Credit (C) 2. Tom Stickey (M) 3. Bob Galnes (S) 4. Brad Colner (SW) 5. Dan Bailey (M), D—53-4.

High jump—1. Willie Turer (SW) 2. Mark Braman (M) 3. Terry Hillaker (BCC) 4. Skip Blork (M) 5. Marvin Turner (SW) H—5-2. (Eguals East record by Randy Hoyle, Midland, 1971).

Pole vault—1. Dave Langton (M) 2. Brad Knight (SW) 3. Ted Dobson (C) 4. John Misze (BCW) 5. Mark Wakeman (M) H-13-7½. (Breaks East record of 13-6 by Fred Bellairs, Flint Central, 1971).

880 relay—1. Southwestern (Dexter Shankle, Don Moore, Veasley, Greg Burks), 2. Saginaw, 3. Midland, 4. Flint Central (Mark Barnett, Mark Price, Bob Badour, Leon Harwell), 5. Bay City Central T—1:30.4.

880-1. Ed Coburn (BCC) 2. Steve Gregory (M) 3. Gerald Martin (S) 4. Doug Stech (M) 5. Jim Randolph (M) T—1:58.0.

120 high hurdles—1. Don Toatley (C) 2. Henry McClung (S) 3. Dan O'Connor (M) 4. Jim Hairston (C) 5. Carl Teasley (S), T—14.9.

220 relay—1. Al Beneseth (M) 2. Mark Schoberg (M) 3. Rich Nash (SW) 4. Kevin Scott (C) 5. Jim Noack (M) T—4:27.8.

100-1. Kim Allman (M) 2. Shankle (SW) 3. Veasley (SW) 4. Ken Dozier (S) 5. Harwell (C), T—10.2.

440-1. Coburn (BCC) 2. Burks (SW) 3. Jim Brewer (SW) 4. Doug Paron (M) 5. Barnett (C), T—51.0.

180 low hurdles—1. Toatley (C) 2. McClung (S) 3. O'Connor (M) 4. Hairston (C) 5. Carlisle Richardson (SW) T—20.6.

Two-mile—1. Jeff Randolph (M) 2. John Bradburn (SW) 3. Ted Toland (M) 4. Tom Johnson (SW) 5. Ray Guerrero (BCC), T-9:15.3. (Breaks East and Valley records of 9:26.7 by Sam Torres, Southwestern, 1970).

220-1. Larry Foster (S) 2. Altman (M) 3. Moore (SW) 4. Ben Dardon (S) 5. Chris Ebach (M), T—22.6.

Mile relay—1. Southwestern (M. Turner, Brewer, Keith Cureton, Burks), 2. Midland, 3. Central (Dobson, Badour, Barnett, D. Toatley), 4. Saginaw, 5. Bay City Central, T—3:27.6.

440 relay—1. Southwestern (Shankle, Veasley, Richardson, Moore) 2. Midland, 3. Saginaw, 4. Central (Hairston, Price, Glen Gibson, Harwell), 5. Bay City Central, T—43.3. (Breaks East and Valley records of 43.3 by Southwestern, 1973).

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