

Six records tumble in prep track invitational; Strozier scores double

By LEN HOYES

Six meet records, two victories for Dwayne Strozier, and record leaps by Jim Stokes and Anthony Brown.

Does that sound like an old refrain? It happened Wednesday night at Houston Stadium in the fifth annual Greater Flint Track and Field Invitational where an all-star field wrote the

final chapter of the local track season for 1974.

THIS IS the meet where the best in the Flint area are invited and it's too bad a pre-meet rainstorm held down the crowd to approximately 700. If that many showed up despite the threat of further moisture, the crowd easily would have surpassed 1,000 with better cooperation from Mother Nature.

Only two of the records established in 1970 remain after Strozier reduced the 220 record to 21.5 seconds and Grand Blanc's mile relay team was awarded a victory in 3:21.6 after Northwestern's 3:21.4 was wiped out by disqualification.

The Powers star also won the 100 in 9.8 seconds but his anchor leg on the 440 relay wasn't enough to crack the top five after he inherited a huge deficit.

STOKES, of Kearsley, cleared 15-2 in the pole vault and Brown, of Northern, cleared 6-8½ in the high jump for meet records. Stokes won for the second straight year.

Northwestern's Gary Burks won the 440 in a record 49.2 seconds and Beecher's 880 relay team of Vince Adams, Joe Wilkerson, Greg Knox and Homer Mosley lowered the record to 1:29.3.

Burks later was to be victimized by the disqualification after a great anchor leg apparently had also added the mile relay record. However, it was ruled that a NW teammate, who was waiting to run the third leg, interfered with another team's baton exchange.

That gave the victory to Grand Blanc's quartet of Jeff Vallaire, Jim Manutes, Brian Groves and Steve Barnes.

STATE champion Terry Thames of Northwestern and Keith Young repeated victories of last Saturday, Thames at 22-4 in the long jump and Young at 1:55.7 in the 880.

Thames joined Stokes and another Kearsley entry, two-miler Joe Dixon, as repeat champions. Dixon's time was 9:38.8.

Class B entries held their own with the "big men" from Class A. Besides Strozier's two victories, Barry Bailey of Linden won the 120 high hurdles in 14.7 seconds. Curtis Bates and Larry Ashley of Holly and Randy Rife of Linden had second places to further enhance the performances of the Class B crew.

OTHER WINNERS were: shot putter Al Credit of Central at 50-8¾; miler Steve Varner of Northern in 4:23.0; Central's Don Toatley at 19.9 in the 180 low hurdles; and Beecher's 440 relay

team of Wilkerson, Adams, Mosley and Mose Rison in 43.2.

The summary:

Shot put — 1. Al Credit, Central 2. Curtis Bates, Holly 3. Brad Colner, Southwestern 4. Mark Chisnell, Kearsley 5. Dave Wright, Ainsworth, D-50-8¾.

High jump — 1. Anthony Brown, Northern 2. Willie Turner, Southwestern 3. Gerald Sherrill, Northern 4. Mark Tazar, Davison 5. Nale Hawthorne, Beecher 6-6¾. (Breaks meet record of 6-6¾ by Reggie Ferguson, Northwestern, 1972).

Pole vault — 1. Jim Stokes, Kearsley 2. Larry Ashley, Holly 3. Mark Tower, Northern, H-15-2 (Breaks meet record of 15¾ by Barry Benton, Northern, 1972).

Long jump — 1. Terry Thames, Northwestern 2. Vince Adams, Beecher 3. Mike Moses, Holly 4. Doug Hill, Northwestern 5. Shelton Davis, Northern D-22-4

880-yard relay — 1. Beecher (Adams, Joe Wilkerson, Greg Knox, Homer Mosley) 2. Southwestern (Dexter Shankle, Don Moore, Beamon Vessley, Greg Burks) 3. Linden (Dallas Parks, Bruce Sczodronski, Mark Bradley, Randy Rife) 4. Northwestern (Gary Burks, Leo Blanchard, Grady Purches, Hubert Roberts) 5. Northern (Kirk Hayward, Stan Lanston, James Allen, George Young) T-1:29.3 (Breaks meet record of 1:29.9 by Mt. Morris, 1972).

100 — 1. Keith Young, Northern 2. Brian Groves, Grand Blanc 3. Bob Whitman, Kearsley 4. Bill Hall, Linden 5. Mike Bowen, Northern, T-1:55.7.

120 high hurdles — 1. Barry Bailey, Linden 2. Don Toatley, Central 3. Hubert McKenzie, Beecher 4. Thames, Northwestern 5. Bernie Mayville, Kearsley T-14.7

Mile — 1. Steve Varner, Northern 2. Dennis Neuhahr, Kearsley 3. Kevin McColley, Powers 4. Tom Seavey, Holly 5. Mike Stephens, Linden T-5:23.0

440 — 1. Dwayne Strozier, Powers 2. Rife, Linden 3. Paul Zimon, Northwestern 4. Shankle Southwestern 5. Veasley, Southwestern, T-9.8.

Blight picks on teammate in CBL game

Kevin Blight and his Mullin Sporting Goods teammates picked on a former teammate, Marvin Riley, Wednesday for a 5-4 victory in their City Baseball League-West debut.

Blight doubled home two runs in the last of the seventh to beat Riley who pitched for Central High this spring. The Mullin's club is composed of Central players and managed by Central Coach Jim Fuller.

Riley allowed only four hits and had a one-hitter until Bob Grandas hit a solo homer in the sixth. An error and Lloyd Walters's single followed, reducing Chuck's lead to 4-3.

Two walks and a fielder's choice set up Blight's game-winning hit.

Bill Hillman had three hits and drove in a run and Mark Peavey had two hits for Chuck's.

Jerry Nelson was the winner despite being tagged for 10 hits.

In tonight's games, Tharp Refrigeration plays Terry Allen Plumbing at 6 and Skaff Furniture meet, Chevrolet Local 659 at 7:45.

The box score:

MULLIN'S				CHUCK'S BORON			
ab	r	h	ss	ab	r	h	ss
Howard II	2	1	0	Andreck	5	3	0
Blight 2h				2b			

440 — 1. Burks, Northwestern 2. Jeff Vallaire, Grand Blanc 3. Jeff Welcome, Northwestern 4. Steve Barnes, Grand Blanc 5. Brad Rainwater, Corman, T-9.2 (Breaks meet record of 49.7 by Rainwater, 1973)

180 low hurdles — 1. Toatley, Central 2. Thames, Northwestern 3. Mayville, Kearsley 4. Bailey, Linden 5. Gary Spanaler, Holly, T-19.9.

Two-mile — 1. Joe Dixon, Kearsley 2. Rich Michael, Northern 3. Jeff Henderson, Kearsley 4. John Halford, Northern 5. Tony Lamay, Linden T-9 38.8.

220 — 1. Strozier, Powers 2. Moore, Southwestern 3. Adams, Beecher 4. Knox, Beecher 5. Bruce Waggoner, Powers T-21.5 (Breaks meet record of 21.6 by Ralph Smith, Southwestern, 1970)

Mile relay — 1. Grand Blanc (Vallaire, Jim Manutes, Groves, Barnes) 2. Kearsley (Whitman, Lyle Haddershaw, Bob Herron, Paul Buck) 3. Northern (Bowen, K. Young, Ron Whlner, Varner) 4. Linden (Ken Wheatley, Ken Reed, Rick Murphy, Hall) 5. Swartz Creek (Bart Richardson, Scott Coucher, Jeff Howard, Mike Helms) T-3:21.6 (Breaks meet record of 3:23.4 by Northern, 1970).

440 relay — 1. Beecher (Wilkerson, Mose Rison, Adams, Mosley) 2. Southwestern (Shankle, Veasley, Carlisle Richardson, Moore) 3. Northwestern (Blanchard, Zimon, Purches, Roberts) 4. Central (Jim Hairston, Glenn Gibson, Mark Price, Leon Harwell) 5. Linden (Parks, Sczodronski, Bradley, Rife), T-43.2

2 runs separate foes in McKinley slowpitch

Starlite Construction and Flint Association for the Deaf scored two-run victories in the Class A slowpitch league at McKinley.

Starlite nipped Flint Truckers Equipment, 15-13, with Chuck Bailey getting a homer among three hits, Mitch Sanborn three singles and a triple and Roland Sedlarik three hits. John Foster had three hits for the Trucker's.

For the Flint Deaf, Don Smolinski (three singles, homer and Harry Lewis (two homers, two doubles) sparked an 18-16 victory over City of Flint whose Bob Chaffin had three singles and a double.



RECORD FOR 440 — Gary Burks of Northwestern finishes a record 440 run in 49.2 seconds for one of his team's two victories Wednesday in the Greater Flint Invitational. He clipped one-half second from the meet record. (Journal Photo by Charlie Westerman)

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