

Beecher claims 'B' crown

'Ready' Thames leads NW to Class A regional title

By LEN HOYES

Terry Thames had a good reason for running fast Friday night: He wanted to get to Northwestern High's senior prom as quickly as possible.

After a day in which he felt "ready," the slim senior responded with his finest track performance and led the Wildcats to the Class A regional championship with 58 3-5 points at Houston Stadium.

He won the long jump at 23-2½ and the 120 high hurdles in 14.4 seconds, both times breaking regional records of 23-1¼ and 14.6. He won the 180 low hurdles in 19.6 seconds, equaling another regional record.

HE BECAME the first Northwestern trackman to win three events in a regional and on May 31 will defend his state championship in the long jump on the same track.

It was a night of superlatives as 17 Class A schools broke six regional records and equaled another.

Another 17 Class B schools had their inning, too, as Anthony Akins led Beecher to the championship by winning the high hurdles and 440 and anchoring the winning mile relay team. The Bucs scored 44 1-9 points.

Because the Class B schools were competing for the first time in a regional at Houston, there were no meet records to break. So, sprinter Dwayne Strozler of Powers, which was runner-up with 35 1-9 points, broke the state meet records with times of 0.5 in the 100-yard dash preliminaries and 21.2 for the 220 in the finals.

NORTHERN was runner-up in Class A with 40 3-5 points. Sparkplug Keith Young won the 880 in the record time of 1:53.2, took the 440 in 49.2 and led the mile relay team to a record time of 3:21.4. Rich MacInnes, Mike Bowen and Steve Branch were his relay mates.

Central was fifth with 16 points in Class A.

In Class B, Linden was third with 34, followed by Holly 32, Bentley 21 1-9, Lake Fenton 21, Fenton 17 1-9 and Hamady 14 in that order.

Yet, the paramount object Friday was to qualify for the state championships. Except for four places in Class A and two in Class B, the top three finishers in each event qualified. The exceptions were fourth-place finishers who bettered qualifying times.

NORTHWESTERN also qualified shot putter Tom Pugh, sprinter John Brown in the 100 and 220, Otha Fordham in the 440, James Wells in the 880, and three relay teams.

Coach Sy Collins, celebrating his first regional crown, had Leon Harwell, Hubert Roberts, Brown and Leo Blanchard on the winning 440 team in 43.2 seconds. Pugh won the shot put at 55-6.

Northern qualified long jumper Shelton Davis, half-mile Mike Bowen and three relay teams in addition to Young. Central qualified pole vaulter Ted Dobson and its 880 and mile relay teams.

Carman hurdler Rob Cummings, Clio long jumper Tony Horne and two-miler Jeff Henderson of Kearsley also qualified.

BEECHER, which was runner-up in last year's Class A regional, celebrated its first regional title for Coach Martin Crane.

The Bucs qualified four individuals for six events and put mile and 880 relay teams into the state meet at Michigan State University.

Akins's times of 14.6 seconds for the high hurdles and 49.1 for the 440 were the best in Beecher history. His 440 time was one-tenth better than Young's come-from-behind effort in Class A.

Yet, Crane was sorry about losing hurdler Juan Tucker in the lows. Another runner inadvertently kicked a hurdle in his path and he was knocked off stride and finished out of the money.

STROZIER was the only other Class B double winner. His winning time of 9.7 in the 100 finals was one-tenth off the record held by former Mt. Morris star Roy Young.

Linden qualified for six individual spots and two relays; Powers and Lake Fenton each four individual spots and one relay; Holly earned five individual spots; Bentley four individual spots; Fenton three individuals and one relay; Hamady two individuals and one relay; and Millington one individual.

Gordon Jackson of Bentley qualified in three events by winning the high jump, taking second in the low hurdles and fourth in the highs.

IN CLASS B, Neil Masse of Lake Fenton won the shot put (54-2½), Dave Hitchcock of Bentley took the pole vault (13-1), Jackson the high jump (6-4), Mike Moses of Holly the long jump (21-9½), Mike Helms of Fenton the 880 (1:55.9), Mike Stephens of Linden the mile (4:26.9), Ron Simpson of Beecher the low hurdles (20.6), Tom Seavey of Holly the two-mile (9:41.6).

Linden's Dallas Parks, Tom Herronen, Bruce Szodronski and Randy Rife won the 440 relay (44.5), Beecher's Mike Mosby, Simpson, Mike Walker and Greg Knox took the 880 relay (1:31.8) and Knox, Mosby, Tucker and Akins the mile relay in 3:27.8.

A Decade Ago

Ten Years Ago Today in Flint Area Sports . . . Steve Braun followed a first-round par 72 with a five-over 77 to take championship flight honors in the Flint Golf Club's spring medal tournament with a 36-hole score of 149 . . . Flint Stroh's soccer team twice came from behind to the Ukrainians, 2-2, in a Michigan-Ohio Soccer League match at Whaley Park.



AKINS ISN'T ACHIN' — Anthony Akins of Beecher looks down the track as he leaves the field behind in the 120 high hurdles in Friday night's regional at Houston Stadium. He won in 14.6 seconds. Later he won the 440 and helped Beecher win the mile relay while taking the team title. Teammate Juan Tucker (527) was third and Bentley's Gordon Jackson (right) was fourth.



Keith Young
Record 1:53.2 in 880

U-M, MSU sweep; final day today

By The Associated Press

W. L.	Pct.	GB	
Michigan	11	3	25 1/2
Michigan State	10	3	26 1/2
Iowa	9	3	25 1/2
Minnesota	9	4	27 1/2
Wisconsin	9	7	34 1/2
Ohio State	6	10	37 1/2
Illinois	4	7	34 1/2
Northwestern	5	11	31 1/2
Purdue	1	13	37 1/2

W. L.	Pct.	GB	
Northwestern	0	0	0-0
Michigan	0	0	0-0
Wisconsin	0	0	0-0
Illinois	0	0	0-0
Michigan State	0	0	0-0
Ohio State	0	0	0-0
Iowa	0	0	0-0
Minnesota	0	0	0-0
Purdue	0	0	0-0

First game
Northwestern 0-0, Michigan 0-0, Wisconsin 0-0, Illinois 0-0, Michigan State 0-0, Ohio State 0-0, Iowa 0-0, Minnesota 0-0, Purdue 0-0.
Bond, Trompeter (3) and Hatchell, Weber and Mahan. W — Weber 3-1, L — Bond 0-5.

Second game
Northwestern 0-0, Michigan 0-0, Wisconsin 0-0, Illinois 0-0, Michigan State 0-0, Ohio State 0-0, Iowa 0-0, Minnesota 0-0, Purdue 0-0.
Nesson, Jeffers (4) and Gustavson, Mahan and Seid.

Michigan clung to a half-game lead in the red-hot Big Ten Conference baseball race by shutting out Northwestern twice, 7-0, and 9-0, Friday afternoon in Ann Arbor.

Second-place Michigan State edged Wisconsin twice, 5-4, and 3-2, to stay on the heels of the Wolverines.

Iowa, which also won twice Friday, is one game out and Minnesota trails by 1½ games.

The final day of conference action concludes today with Michigan hosting Wisconsin and Michigan State entertaining Northwestern.

Michigan's Chuck Rogers hurled a five-hit shutout in the opening victory Friday before Mark Weber, former Swartz Creek star, blanked NW on five hits in the nightcap. Weber fanned seven.

Mark Grenkowski's blasted a two-run homer for U-M in the first game and the Wolverines staked Weber to a 5-0 lead in the first inning of the second game.

At East Lansing, MSU catcher Rick Seid scored from third base in the bottom of the seventh inning after an error by Wisconsin first baseman Larry Donitz. That provided the opening victory.

In the second game, Howard Schryer came all the way in from first base after a wild pitch, also in the last of the seventh.

Alouettes' coach signs three-year pact

MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal Alouettes Coach Marv Levy has signed a new three-year contract, the Canadian Football League club announced.

Levy, who took over the CFL team after serving as an assistant coach with the Washington Redskins of the National Football League, said the new contract will run through 1978. He agreed on the new pact although his old contract still had a year to go.



Dwayne Strozler roars to victory in 100-yard dash



—Journal Photos by DANIEL WHITE

Terry Thames . . . Northwestern's best individual effort

'A' summary

Team scoring — Northwestern 58 3-5, Northern 40 3-5, Saginaw 37 3-5, Midland 31, Central 16, Midland Dow 13, Kearsley 9 3-5, Saginaw Eisenhower and Bridgeport 9, Bay City Central and Carman 7, Clio 5, Saginaw Arthur Hill and Alpena 3-5, Bay City Handy, Bay City Western and Bay City Glenn failed to score.

High jump — 1. Alan Braman (Mid.), 2. Gordon Hoopes (DCC), 3. Terry Brady (Mid.), 4. Five-way tie, 11-6-2.

Long jump — 1. Terry Thames (NW), 2. Shelton Davis (NW), 3. Tony Horne (Clio), 4. Jim Tooley (C.), 5. Ed Simmons (NW), 6. 23-7½. (Breaks meet record of 23-1¼ by Ken McKinnon, Saginaw, 1970).

Shot put — 1. Tom Pugh (NW), 2. Rallo Hanson (Bridge), 3. Dan Bolger (Mid.), 4. Al Credit (C.), 5. Mark Ren (SAH), 55-6.

Pole vault — 1. Dave Lanigan (Mid.), 2. Ted Dobson (C.), 3. Scott Porchom (Bridge), 4. Dale Dunham (NW), 5. Mark Towar (NW), 11-13-9.

880 relay — 1. Saginaw, 2. Northern (Dan Greene, Stan Langston, Curran Wilson, James Allen), 3. Northwestern (Leon Harwell, Hubert Roberts, Simmons, Otha Fordham), 4. Central (Glen Casson, Duncan Poo, Tom Wilson, Mark Barnett), 5. Midland Dow, 1:27.6. (Breaks meet record of 1:29.3 by Beecher, 1971).

440 — 1. Keith Young (NW), 2. James Wells (NW), 3. Eddie Cabour (DCC), 4. Mike Bowen (NW), 5. Bob Whitman (Kears), 1:13.2. (Breaks meet record of 1:14.0 by Young, 1974).

100 high hurdles — 1. Thames (NW), 2. Henry McCune (SAH), 3. Rob Cummings (Car), 4. Dan O'Connor (Mid.), 5. Chris Latham (NW), 14.6. (Breaks meet record of 14.6 by Charlie Lanigan, Central, 1969).

Mile — 1. Jeff Randolph (Mid.), 2. Dan Seibert (Kears), 3. Matt Ray (Sag Els.), 4. Steve Branch (NW), 5. Martin Ulanski (Kears), 7:41.4. (Breaks meet record of 4:19.0 by Steve Varner, Northern, 1971).

100 — 1. Ricky Flowers (Sag), 2. John Brown (NW), 3. Red Carter (Sag), 4. Leo Blanchard (NW), 5. Harlan (NW), 7.9-9.

50 — 1. Young (NW), 2. Dave Hernandez (Dow), 3. Fordham (NW), 4. Dobson (C.), 5. Rich MacInnes (NW), 7-9.7.

180 low hurdles — 1. Thames (NW), 2. Cummings (Car), 3. McCune (Sag), 4. Brian Austin (Bridge), 5. O'Connor (Mid.), 7-19.6. (Breaks meet record by Charlie Lanigan, Central, 1969).

Two-mile — 1. Paul Singer (Sag Els.), 2. Tim Myers (Dow), 3. Jeff Henderson (Kears), 4. Mike Heath (Clio), 5. John Hoffer (NW), 7-21.9.

220 — 1. Brown (NW), 2. Dan Abraham (Sag), 3. Ron Darden (Sag), 4. Chris Ebach (Mid.), 5. Blanchard (NW), 7-27.1.

Mile relay — 1. Northern (MacInnes, Bowen, Steve Branch, Young), 2. Dow, 3. Northwestern (Wall Lang, Eric Harvey, Faraham, Wells), 4. Central (Gibson, Bob Bodour, Dobson, Wilson), 5. Midland, 7-21.4. (Breaks meet record of 3:27.9 by Northwestern, 1969).

440 relay — 1. Northwestern (Harwell, Roberts, Brown, Blanchard), 2. Northern (Dan Greene, Will, Charles Davis, Allen), 3. Saginaw, 4. Central (James Houston, Poo, Otha Hill, Barnett), 5. Midland, 1-43.2.

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Shot put — 1. Neil Masse (LF), 2. Lee Wolverton (Linn), 3. Tim Hooper (Hol), 4. Curtis Bates (Hol), 5. Mark Dunlap (Or), 54-7½.

Pole vault — 1. Dave Hitchcock (Bent), 2. Jim McKinnon (Ham), 3. Steve Allen (Or), 4. Chris Brand (Bent), 5. Buck Goldschmidt (C-L) and Dave Worthington (C-L), 11-13-1.

High jump — 1. Gordon Jackson (Bent), 2. Ralph Smith (Hol), 3. Mike Griesing (Mill), 4. Bob Hamilton (Ham), 5. Nine-way tie, 11-4.

Long jump — 1. Mike Moses (Hol), 2. Dwayne Strozler (Pow), 3. Keith Young (LF), 4. Dan Taylor (NW), 5. Ron Simpson (Bee), 21-9-9.

880 relay — 1. Beecher (Mike Mosby, Simpson, Mike Walker, Greg Knox), 2. Linden (Jeff Rowe, Bruce Szodronski, Randy Rife, Dallas Parks), 3. Lake Fenton (Deneen, Greg Hicks, Dave Koen, Jerry Geare), 4. Holly (Mike Simpson, Moses, Dan French, Greg Goodhart), 5. Powers (Bob LeBrasseur, Tony Leoni, Jim Feidelein, Mike Woodbeck), 7-13-1.

440 — 1. Mike Helms (Fen), 2. Ralph Dunham (Ham), 3. Jim Loren (Lin), 4. Darrell Sulter (Fen), 5. Jeff Lewis (Hol), 1-155.9.

120 high hurdles — 1. Anthony Akins (Bee), 2. Simon (Bent), 3. John Luc (Bee), 4. Jackson (Bent), 5. Jim Brown (C-L), 14-6.

Mile — 1. Mike Stephens (Lin), 2. Woodbeck (Pow), 3. Chris Gilbert (Fen), 4. Jacque Varty (C-L), 5. 880 relay (Bee), 7-21.9.

100 — 1. Strozler (Pow), 2. Deneen (LF), 3. Rife (Lin), 4. Parks (Lin), 5. Jesse Hooper (Bee), 7-9.7. (5)Frazier ran 9.5 in preliminaries.

440 — 1. Akins (Bee), Knox (Bee), 2. Helms (Fen), 4. Goodhart (Hol), 3. Chuck Menzies (Lin), 7-49.1.

180 low hurdles — 1. Simpson (Bee), 2. Jackson (Bent), 3. Smith (Hol), 4. Rod Clifton (Or), 5. Keith Kennedy (Or), 7-20.6.

Two-mile — 1. Tom Seavey (Hol), 2. Mike Anderson (Pow), 3. Rick Howard (LF), 4. Bob Anderson (Pow), 5. Rick Crowe (Hol), 7-41.6.

220 — 1. Strozler (Pow), 2. Leoni (Pow), 3. Szodronski (Lin), 4. James Niemi (Or), 5. Mark Witt (Bent), 7-21.2.

Mile relay — 1. Beecher (Knox, Mosby, Tucker, Akins), 2. Hamady (Dave Dalton, Steve Crowell, Perry Pindar, Dunham), 3. Fenton (Helms, Darrell Sulter, Mark Rogers, Bob Bancroft), 4. Linden (Kelly Goodenough, Loren, Randy Walkins, Menzies), 5. Holly (Goodhart, Chris Brooks, Lewis, Dan French), 7-37.8.

440 relay — 1. Linden (Parks, Tom Herronen, Szodronski, Rife), 2. Powers (LeBrasseur, Leoni, Woodbeck, Strozler), 3. Oxford, 4. Lake Fenton (Deneen, Hicks, Koen, George), 5. Holly (Simpson, Alex Ashton, Smith, Moses), 7-43.5.

Engelman shoots 78, trails by 4 shots

Special to the Journal

DETROIT — Mark Engelman soared to a 78 and fell four shots off the pace Friday in the Michigan Medal Play events Friday at Detroit Golf Club.

Engelman, who Thursday captured the Horton Smith Trophy with a 71-71-142 total, is still the leader among area golfers. His 220 total was two shots ahead of Mark Hennrickson who fired a 76 Friday.

The tournament's leader was Pete Green of Orchard Lake Country Club. He shot a 72 Friday for a 216 two-day total.

Other local scores were: Rob Ryan, 77 for 225; Bob Bernstein 74 for 226; Gene Hunt 74 for 226; Bert Amos 80 for 230, and Steve Braun 81 for 231.

The final 18 holes will be played today.

Flint area prep sports

ROSE LIVINGSTON tripled three times while leading Northwestern's 17-12 victory over Northern in softball. The Wildcats have a 2-5 record.

FENTON improved its softball record to 6-2 in the Metro League and 11-3 over-all by blitzing Mt. Morris, 21-2. Winning pitcher Jeanne Matthews and Jamie Phillips homered and Robin McNab, Deb Carsten and Jane Anderson had three hits for the winner.

BRENDA HENDRIX, Sue Nickoloff and Kristie Brown drove in two runs as Atherton beat Bentley, 13-10, in softball for its sixth victory in eight games.

MIKE FLETCHER, a sophomore starting his first varsity game, pitched Orionville to a 10-2 victory over Whitmore Lake in nonconference baseball. He struck out eight and didn't allow a base on balls as the Black Hawks hiked their record to 10-3. Al Solley drove in five runs and Dan Mann drove in three.

BARB SANTEE fired a 48 at Genesee Hills to lead Grand Blanc's 264-347 victory over Davison in golf, the Bobcats' sixth victory in seven matches. Mary Rabidoux helped with a 49. Kris Sebastian's 57 was Davison's best.

SUNDAY MAY 18th

100 YARD DASH