

Four straight birdies help Casper widen lead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Placid, imperturbable Billy Casper reeled off a decisive string of four birdies and expanded his lead to a commanding four strokes with a six-under-par 66 in Saturday's third round of the \$150,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament.

The 43-year-old Casper, who scored the last of his 50 tour victories two seasons back, put together a 54-hole total of 201, a distant 15-under-par for three times over the muddy 7,060-yard Lakewood Country Club course.

Casper, who has led or shared the lead at the end of each round, dropped two back of England's Peter Oosterhuis early in the round, but then swept by him on the birdie string that started on the 12th hole.

Oosterhuis, meanwhile, bogeyed two of his last six holes and drifted back to a 69 and a 205 total.

Steve Melnyk, the former National Amateur Champion who has yet to make his mark in the pros, once advanced to second place, but made a double bogey six on the last hole, scored a 68 and was third at 206, 10-under-par, but five strokes off Casper's pace.

Fred Marti, Lanny Wadkins and Bob Wynn were next at 207. Marti shot a 69 in the mild, slightly breezy weather, while Wadkins and Wynn had 70s.

Defending champion Lee Trevino finally mastered his balky putter for a 67 that included a 45-foot birdie putt on the final hole. He had a 209 total, but at eight strokes behind, appeared out of title contention.

Carman girls' second in Waterford track

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WATERFORD — Carman was second and Southwestern third behind Pontiac Central in the Class A track regional meet.

The Cougars, led by Ramona Wirostek, totaled 31 points, three more than Southwestern. Pontiac Central scored 45.

Wirostek accounted for Carman's victory when she captured the 220-yard dash in 26.4 seconds. She was also second in the 100 and third in the high jump.

Rosemary Dumes and Kathy Vincent paced Southwestern. Dumes won the 880 in 2:27.2 and ran a leg on the Colts' triumphant mile relay team. The mile relay, which was timed in 4:12.2 also included Diane Cabell and Sue Matthews.

Vincent won the 440 with a time of 1:01.1.

The top three finishers in each event qualified for the State Class A meet.

Carman qualified its 880 and 440 relay teams with finishes of second and third, respectively. The Cougars' other individual qualifiers were: Robin Pruitt, third in the long jump; Linda Florine, third in the 880; and Linda Rudland, third in the 110 hurdles.

Southwestern was third in the 880 relay. Its other qualifiers were: Deborah Merriweather, second in the shot put; and Cabell, third in the 100.

Grand Blanc and Swartz Creek each scored three points but did not have a qualifier for the state meet.

S'W Western runners best

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LANSING — Southwestern and Grand Blanc were strong representatives of Flint area track Saturday in the Class A regional meet at Lansing Waverly.

The two teams combined to win eight of the 15 events and finished 1-2 in the standings. Southwestern, with five victories, totaled 54½ points and Grand Blanc scored 35.

Jackson was third with 30 points. Highlighting Southwestern's victory was the performance of Rodney Feaster and Booker Moore in the 220-yard dash. The Colt sophomores ran 1-2 with Feaster winning in a time of 21.8 seconds.

Feaster and Moore also helped Southwestern win the 880 and 440

Ainsworth sparked by Sheryl Wallace

Sheryl Wallace was easily the outstanding performer Saturday in leading Ainsworth to victory in the Class B track regional meet at Hartland.

Wallace won three events and helped win a fourth as Ainsworth dominated the competition with 53 points. Bentley was second with 32 and Fenton scored 30 for third.

Ainsworth accounted for seven victories in the 11 events and was second in another.

Wallace triumphed in the long jump (16-5¼), 100-yard dash (11.8) and 220 (26.3). She also ran a leg on Ainsworth's winning 440 relay team, following Beth Borrer, Denise Willing and Laura Borrer. The 440 relay unit was timed in 51.9.

Ainsworth also captured the mile relay with the quartet of Sue Spencer, Kathy McNeas, Eileen Beatty and Laurie Lewis being timed in 4:20.3.

L. Borrer won the 880 for the Spartans with a time of 2:31.7 and Barbara Herta captured the two mile in 12:58.

Fenton's Jackie Martin won the shot put and the Tigers also took the 880 relay. The foursome consisted of Cynthia McQuigg, Margaret Aldridge, Cathy Anderson and Marie Pushman.

Brenda Jordan of Bentley won the high jump and Tammy June of Lake Fenton triumphed in the mile.

The top three finishers in each event qualified for the state meet in Grand Rapids May 31.

Other area teams that scored were: Linden nine, Lakeville eight, Millington and Lake Fenton seven, Hartland 6½,

Atherton 4½, Holly four and Hamady two.

The area qualifiers for the state meet:

Legend — Ainsworth (A), Bentley (B), Fenton (F), Linden (L), Lakeville (LV), Millington (M), Lake Fenton (LF), Hartland (H), Atherton (AT), Holly (Ho), Hamady (Hm).

High jump — 1. Brenda Jordan (B) 2. Laura Borrer (A) 3. Jodi Brown (A) H — 5

Shot put — 1. Jackie Martin (F) D — 35-11½
Long jump — 1. Sheryl Wallace (A) 3. Gail Alcorn (A) D — 16-5

880 relay — 1. Fenton (Cynthia McQuigg, Margaret Aldridge, Cathy Anderson, Marie Pushman) 2. Bentley (Judy Mucanish, Katrina Bauer, Rhonda Piorkowski, Mickey Pizzalo) 3. Linden (Judy Rife, Kim Dunning, Karen Wheatley, Tammy Arlon) T — 1:47.9

440 — 2. Arion (L) 3. Sue Spencer (A)

Two mile — 1. Barbara Herta (A) 2. Marlene Wiggins (LV) 3. Cindy Sutherland (B) 12:58.

220 — 1. Wallace (A) 2. Alcorn (A) 3. Anderson (F) T — 26.3

Mile relay — 1. Ainsworth (Spencer, Kathy McNeas, Eileen Beatty, Lewis) 2. Bentley (Pam Gosline, Cynthia Grimes, Piorkowski, Sycni Schmieder) 3. Fenton (Ann Tessner, Susan Ambler, Ruth VanSeggern, McQuigg) T — 4:20.3

440 relay — 1. Ainsworth (Beth Borrer, Denise Willing, L. Borrer, Wallace) 3. Fenton (Anderson, Aldridge, Carolyn Kolbow, Pushman) T — 51.9

Chips divide pair with Northern Illinois

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Del Malloch and Kevin Smith of Central Michigan silenced Northern Illinois bats and earned CMU a doubleheader split in its Mid-American Conference baseball finale. Northern took the first game 7-3, with Jay Graziano and Herb Blackburn supplying the fireworks. Central won the nightcap 9-1.

Northern Illinois ended 20-16 overall and 8-8 in the MAC, while Central finished 28-18 and 9-9.

relays. They were joined by Carlisle Richardson and Dexter Shankle in both events. The 880 relay was timed in 1:29.5 and the 440 relay had a 43.4 clocking.

Willie Turner, with a 6-6 effort in the high jump, and Rick Nash, who was timed in 4:26.8 in the mile, were the Colts' other winners.

Charles Crouthers had a big day for Grand Blanc. He won both hurdles with times of 14.2 in the 120-yard highs and 19.7 in the 180 lows.

He also helped Grand Blanc win the mile relay with a time of 3:22.1. Others on the mile relay were Neil LaBelle, Brian Groves and Steve Barnes.

The top three finishers in each event qualified for the State Class A meet at

Houston Stadium May 31.

Southwestern's other qualifiers were: Michael Robinson, third in the high hurdles; Marvin Turner, second in the 400; Richardson, second in the low hurdles and James Brewer. Brewer finished fifth in the 100 but qualified because of his time of 10.1.

The Colts also qualified their mile relay team of Dennis Johnson, Robinson, Brewer and M. Turner.

LaBelle qualified in three other events for Grand Blanc. He was second in the long jump, third in the low hurdles and ran a leg on the Bobcats' third-place 880 relay team. Barnes, Jim Manutes and Mike Evans also ran in that relay.

Groves also qualified by running second in the 880 with a time of 1:57.7.