

Linden runs away from B challengers

Linden made an impressive showing in its first County B League track meet Wednesday at Lakeville.

Coach Pete Maas' Eagles ran away from the field with 74 points to complete an undefeated championship season. Linden also won all of its dual meets against County B foes.

With six victories and six second-place finishes Linden had too much balance for the rest of the field. Hamady and Bentley tied for second with 45 points while Montrose finished fourth with 30.

SPRINTER Dallas Parks sparked the Eagles who accounted for the only two records produced on Lakeville's track which was drenched from an afternoon thunderstorm.

Parks lowered the 220 standard to 22.9 and ran the leadoff leg in the 440 relay which set a record with a 45.3 clocking. Tom Herronen, Bruce Szcodronski and Randy Rife also ran in that relay.

Linden dominated the sprint events. Rife won the 100 and Jeff Rowe was fourth; Parks and Szcodronski finished 1-2 in the 220 and the Eagles also captured the 880 relay with this foursome.

THE EAGLES won the mile with Mike Stephens and the 180-yard low hurdles with Kelly Goodknecht. Goodknecht was their top scorer with 10 points, getting a fourth-place finish in the high hurdles, a fifth in the long jump and running a leg on the second-place mile relay team.

Bentley's Gordon Jackson was the outstanding individual performer. He was the only double winner with victories in the high jump and 120 high hurdles and added a second in the low hurdles.

Hamady won four events including the mile relay with Dave Dalton, Steve Crouell, Perry Pindur and Ralph Dunman. Pindur captured the 440. Dunman triumphed in the 880 and Joe Byrd won the long jump.

Bentley's other victory went to Dave Hitchcock in the pole vault.

MONTROSE accounted for the other first with Lee Morse taking the two mile and Dan Severn earning the shot put title.

Linden was blanked in three events, the two mile, pole vault and high jump. Hamady and Bentley failed to score in four events each.

Duncan was the only champion to repeat in the same event. Pindur was the 220 king last year.

The summary:

Legend and team scoring — Linden (L) 74, Hamady (H) and Bentley (B) 45, Montrose (M) 30, Lakeville (LV) 17, Birch Run (BR) 12, Duford (D) 8, Atherton (A) 6, Bendle (BD) 2

100 relay — 1 Linden (Dallas Parks, Jeff Morse, Bruce Szcodronski, Randy Rife) 2 Bentley 3 Birch Run 4 Hamady 5 Lakeville T—1:29

110 — 1 Ralph Dunman (H) 2 Dan Gellinas (L) 3 Don Hobson (BR) 4 Jim Pace (M) 5 Jim Loren (L) T—0:27

120 high hurdles — 1 Gordon Jackson (B) 2 Keith Henderson (L) 3 Ron Friedrickson (D) 4 Kelly Goodknecht (L) 5 Marty Kenney (LV) T—1:55

1500 — 1 Mike Stephens (L) 2 Dave Dalton (H)

3 Chuck Menosky 4 McDonald (BD) 5 Phil Spear (BR) T—4:37.3

100 — 1 Rife (L) 2 Mark Wiltz (B) 3 Robln Chaffin (M) 4 Rowe (L) 5 Dave Hitchcock (B) T—10.3

Long jump — 1 Joe Byrd (H) 2 Rowe (L) 3 Jeff Hopkins (B) 4 Don Kushuba (BR) 5 Goodknecht (L) D—20-10

Shot put — 1 Dan Severn (M) 2 Lee Wolverton (L) 3 Terry Paxton (M) 4 Marty Edwards (H) 5 Richard Dowd (M) D—51-1 1/2

440 — 1 Perry Pindur (H) 2 Menosky (L) 3 Dunman (H) 4 Hobson (BR) 5 Gellinas (B) T—52.3

180 low hurdles — 1 Goodknecht (L) 2 Jackson (B) 3 Tom Herronen (L) 4 Henderson (L) 5 Hopkins (B) T—21.2

Two mile — 1 Lee Morse (M) 2 Wayne Stinchcomb (M) 3 Leniw Brousseau (LV) 4 Jim Finley (H) 5 Scott Adams (LV) T—10:10

220 — 1 Parks (L) 2 Szcodronski (L) 3 Wiltz (B) 4 Chaffin (M) 5 Gres Streefer (A) T—22.9 (Breaks meet record of 23.8 by Pindur, Hamady, 1973)

Mile relay — 1 Hamady (Dalton, Steve Crouell, Pindur, Dunman) 2 Linden 3 Montrose 4 Lakeville 5 Birch Run T—3:33.7

440 relay — 1 Linden (Parks, Herronen, Szcodronski, Rife) 2 Atherton 3 (tied) Lakeville and Hamady 5 Bentley T—45.3 Breaks meet record of 45.5 by Montrose, 1974)

Pole vault — 1 Dave Hitchcock (B) 2 Jim McKinnon (H) 3 Brian Linderman (LV) 4 Steve Bryan (D) 5 (tied) Dan Taylor (H) and Raymond (BR) H—12

High jump — 1 Jackson (B) 2 Kenney (LV) 3 Jeff Volker (D) 4 (tied) Mike Camp (A), Gellinas (B) and Bob Hampton (H) H—6-1

Pearson in

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -- David Pearson, fresh off this week's victory at Dover, Del., established himself as a heavy favorite for Sunday's World 600 Grand National stock car race with Wednesday's fastest practice lap.

Pearson, driving the Wood brothers Mercury, toured the 1.5-mile Charlotte Motor Speedway at 156.748 miles an hour as drivers prepared for the first round of qualifying today.

Fifteen places, including the pole position, will be determined in time trials beginning at 4 p.m. A prize of \$1,300 will go to the pole winner.

Pearson is the defending champion in this second richest race of the year behind the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Daytona 500 in February. Sunday's World 600 purse is

Fracture hasn't slowed Wright

HAZEL PARK — Greg Wright, his left wrist still in a special brace, is winning these nights at a clip that has never been approached in the 23-year history of the Hazel Park harness raceway.

He has posted 41 victories in 37 nights to almost double the total of his two closest rivals, Chris Boring and Merritt Dokey, tied for second. Each has won 22 races.

In the 1974 campaign, Wright became the first reinsman to crack the 65-victory barrier. He registered 74 decisions in the \$2-night meeting, and insiders predicted that the record would stand for years. Wright is far ahead of that clip today. If he can keep going the way he has been, he will top the 90-win mark and he could post 100.