

NW, SW wear inflated Valley crowns

By LEN HOYES

Don't tell track teams from Northwestern and Southwestern that inflation is bad.

A new scoring system in the Saginaw Valley Conference track meet allowed both to pile up box car figures Wednesday night at Houston Stadium as they won division titles and broke the Midland-Pontiac Central monopoly.

NORTHWESTERN, led by triple champion Terry Thames, rolled up 168 points against Northern's 119 in the West, regaining the crown it last held in 1972.

Southwestern, winning six events, totaled 123 points against Midland's 115

in the East to claim the title it last held in 1970. Midland had won four straight West titles.

Four division records fell and another was tied in the West and East performers duplicated that feat.

The only over-all record erased came from Keith Young's brilliance in the 880 where the Northern standout came from behind on the final curve to nip Pontiac Central's standout, Steve Elliott, in 1:51.1.

A **STEADY** rain which began part way through the finals hampered some record attempts but it would be difficult to tell Northwestern and Southwestern that it was bad weather. It was A-OK.

For the first time the Valley scored individual events on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis and relays 10-8-6-4-2 in accordance with suggestions from the National Alliance of High School Federations.

The switch from previous 6-4-3-2-1 scoring inflated the scoring. For instance, NW picked up 24 points with a

1-2-3 finish in the 100-yard dash and 22 points with 1-2-4 finishes in the high hurdles and 220.

Coach Sy Collins's forces scored in everything except the mile, pole vault and two-mile.

SOUTHWESTERN Coach Fred Jackson's club scored heaviest with 19 points in the two-mile with a 1-2-6 finish and 18 in the 100 with a 1-3-5 finish. The Colts scored in all but the shot put, pole vault and 440 relay. Ironically, the relay was one of their strongest events but a dropped baton on the first handoff led to disqualification.

In the West, Pontiac Central, the champ three times in the last four

years, scored 75 points, Midland Dow 55, Bay City Handy 32 and Saginaw Arthur Hill 13.

In the East, Central was third with 103 followed by Bay City Central 53, Saginaw 42 and Bay City Western 11.

Under the former scoring system, Northwestern would have won, 91-65, and Southwestern, 66-60.

THAMES WON the long jump at 23-3/4, the high hurdles in 14.9 seconds and the low hurdles in 20.6. His long jump regained the West record he held in 1973 and was only 2 1/4 inches shy of the Valley's oldest record held by the legendary Hayes Jones of Pontiac Central since 1955.

Northern's Mark Towar pole vaulted 13-9 1/2 and Northwestern's 440 relay team of Leon Harwell, Hubert Roberts, John Brown and Leo Blanchard was timed in 43.7 for other West teams.

Southwestern's 880 relay team of Rod Feaster, Carlyle Richardson, Booker Moore and Dexter Shankle set an East record of 1:29.2 and Richardson's 19.7 for the 180 low hurdles was another mark. Central's Ted Dobson lowered the East 440 record to 50.3.

Dobson also won the pole vault and helped win the 440 relay with Glen Gib-

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Hisle's homer defeats Tigers

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Larry Hisle's two-run homer off Detroit relief ace John Hiller in the 11th inning lifted the Minnesota Twins to a 6-5 victory over the Tigers Wednesday night.

Hiller, 1-1, who came into the game with a 1.48 earned run average, held the Twins hitless in the ninth and 10th inning but walked Steve Brye to start the 11th.

after fouling out as a pinch hitter against Hiller in the ninth, followed with his seventh home run of the season.

The Tigers had gone in front 5-4 with an unearned run in the top of the 11th on Ron LeFlore's infield hit, a muffed pickoff throw by first baseman Craig Kuskick and Gary Sutherland's single.

Earlier, the Twins rallied from a 4-0

sota's Eric Soderholm hit his second home run of the season after a single by Tony Oliva. The Twins pulled within 4-3 in the third when Bobby Darwin grounded into a double play with the bases loaded and none out and Steve Braun hit his second home run of the season in the fifth inning to tie the game 4-4.

Bears sign tackle

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Chicago Bears announced the signing of their No. 2 draft pick, 6-3, 240 defensive tackle Mike Hartenstine of Penn State.

The loss dropped the Tigers below .500 at 16-17 and the victory boosted the Twins to .500 at 17-17. It was their only victory in the three-game series, the first meetings of the clubs this season.

The Tigers are idle today but make the first of two trips to Chicago Friday night when they begin a three-game weekend series.

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son, Bob Badour and Mark Barnett on the other legs.

OTHER EAST champs: Central's Al Credit (51-1/2) in the shot put; Southwestern's Marvin Turner (20-10 3/4) in the long jump, Feaster (10.0) in the 100 and teammate Rick Nash (4:27.5) in the mile and Fran McNea (10.08) in the two-mile.

Other West champs: Shot putter Tom Pugh (54-2 1/2) of Northwestern; high jumper Mike Griffin (6-2) of Northern; miler Steve Branch (4:23.6) of Northern; Brown of Northwestern in the 100 (10.1) and 220 (22.9); Northern's 880 relay team of Dan Green, Curran Wilson, Stan Langston and James Allen in 1:31.0 and its mile relay team of Rich MacInnes, Branch, Mike Bowen and Young in 3:24.1.

The summaries:

Saginaw Valley West
Scoring and legend — 1 Flint Northwestern (NW) 148, Flint Northern (N) 119, Pontiac Central (C) 75, Midland Dow (D) 55, Bay City Handy (BH) 32 and Saginaw Arthur Hill (AH) 13

Shot put — 1 Tom Pugh (NW) 2 Mark Young (D) 3 Mark Remick (A) 4 Robert Burns (N) and Dono Daniels (N) 5 Terry Hanley (P) 54.2

Long jump — 1 Terry Thomas (NW) 2 Nate Haynes (P) 3 Ed Simmons (NW) 4 Mike Hartell (NW) 5 Bill Seranian (D) 6 Jim Hitchcock (D) D-23 h 7 (Breaks West record of 21 4 by Kerry Cole, Pontiac Central, 1974)

Pole vault — 1 Mark Tower (N) 2 Ray Rickman (P) and Mike Britton (BCH) 4 Mark Sienler (P) 5 Mike Brechtelsbauer (AH) 6 James Mynesberg (N) H-13 9 2. (Breaks West record of 13 7 by Bob Brechtelsbauer, Saginaw Arthur Hill, 1974)

High jump — 1 Mike Griffin (N) 2 Hartwell (NW) and James Webb (NW) 4 Eric Harvey (NW) 5 Doug White (P) 6 Gary Drake (D) 14 6 2

80 relay — 1 Northern (Dan Greene, Curran Wilson, Stan Langston, James Allen (N) 2 Northwestern (Leon Huracell, Simmons, Hunter Roberts, Otha Fardham) 3 Midland Dow 4 Bay City Handy 5 Saginaw Arthur Hill T—1 11 0

400 — 1 Keith Young (N) 2 Steve Elliott (P) 3 James Wells (NW) 4 Mike Bowen (N) 5 Scott Reeves (P) 6 Rich Roll (AH) T—1 51 1 (Breaks West record and over all Valley record of 1 55 3 by Ray Johnson, Northwestern, 1970)

120 high hurdles — 1 Thomas (NW) 2 Harvey (NW) 3 Chris Latham (N) 4 Kevin Johnson (NW) 5 Ronald Atkinson (P) 6 Fred Callahan (BCH) T—1 19 5

Mile — 1 Steve Branch (N) 2 Tim Gillman (BCH) 3 Dan Clark (D) 4 Greg Shepler (P) 5 Steve Sprague (P) 6 Robin Moorsiro (D) T—1 23 0

100 — 1 John Brown (NW) 2 Leo Blanchard (NW) 3 Harwell (NW) 4 Greene (N) 5 Dale Homan (BCH) 6 Fred Rogers (P) T—10 1

110 — 1 Dave Hernandez (D) 2 Young (N) 3 Fardham (NW) 4 Rich MacInnes (N) 5 Kevin Hill (P) 6 Terry Spahn (P) T—19 7 (Equals West record by Gary Burns, Northwestern, 1974)

180 low hurdles — 1 Thomas (NW), 2 Charles Sprinkle (NW) 3 Haynes (P), 4 Langston (N), 5 Wilson (N) 6 Callahan (BCH) T—20 6

Two-mile — 1 Tim Myers (D), 2 John Hallford (N) 3 Dave Mora (P) 4 Jerry Wilucki (BCH), 5 Eugene Radden (P) 6 Vince Ueberath (BCH) T—9 43 5

220 — 1 Brown (NW) 2 Blanchard (NW) 3 Allen (N) 4 Roberts (NW), 5 Hill (P) 6 Tony Alvarado (P) T—22 9

Mile relay — 1 Northern (MacInnes, Branch, Bowen, Young) 2 Midland Dow, 3 Pontiac Central, 4 Northwestern (Wells, Harvey, K. Johnson, Fardham) 5 Saginaw Arthur Hill T—2 24 1

440 relay — 1 Northwestern (HARWELL, Roberts, Brown, Blanchard), 2 Pontiac Central, 3 Northern (Greene, Langston, Wilson, Allen), 4 Bay City Handy 5 Midland Dow T—43.7. (Breaks West record of 43.9 by Northwestern, 1974)

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Saginaw Valley East
Scoring and legend — Flint Southwestern (SW) 123, Midland (M) 115, Flint Central (C) 103, Bay City Central (BCC) 53, Saginaw (S) 42, and Bay City Western (BCW) 11

Shot put — 1 Al Credit (C) 2 Dan Bailey (M), 3 Howard Banner (M) 4 Duane Brady (C) 5 John Rokosz (M), 6 Jim Fontaine (BCC) D—51 4 2

Long jump — 1 Marvin Turner (SW) 2 William Reed (BCC) 3 Mark Barnett (C) 4 Mark Broman

(M), 5 Dennis Johnson (SW), 6 Mark Chevalier (BCC) D—20 10 1

Pole vault — 1 Ted Dobson (C) 2 Mark Wakeman (M) Only places H—12 6

High jump — 1 Broman (M) 2 Willie Turner (SW), 3 Gordon Hoops (BCC) 4 Ryan Reeves (SW) 5 Terry Brady (M) 6 M Turner (SW) H—6 3 (Equals East record by Randy Hoyle, Midland, 1971 and W. Turner, Southwestern, 1974)

880 relay — 1 Southwestern (Rod Feaster, Carlyle Richardson, Booker Moore, Dexter Shankle) 2 Central (Glen Gibson, Duncan Pea, Tom Wilson, Barnett) 3 Saginaw 4 Bay City Central 5 Midland, T—1 29 2 (Breaks East record of 1 29 7 by Saginaw, 1972)

880 — 1 Jeff Randolph (M) 2 Ed Coburn (BCC) 3 Carlos Deleon (S) 4 Doug Paron (M) 5 Ramon Rosario (S) 6 Mel Scott (C) T—1.57.0. (Breaks East record of 1 57 9 by Bruce Johnson, Bay City Central, 1972)

120 high hurdles — 1 Dan O'Connor (M) 2 Joe Hendrix (C) 3 Hoops (BCC) 4 Craig Connor (SW), 5 Mike Robinson (SW) 6 Jim Dalle (BCW) T—15 3

Mile — 1 Rick Nash (SW) 2 Dennis Hairston (C) 3 Dan Bowen (M) 4 Tom Hoeger (M), 5 Kevin Thompson (M) 6 Rob Johnson (BCC) T—4 27 5

100 — 1 Feaster (SW) 2 Dan Abraham (S) 3 James Brewer (SW) 4 Gibson (C) 5 Rich Spaulville (SW) 6 Reed (BCC) T—10 0

410 — 1 Dobson (C) 2 Paron (M) 3 M Turner (SW), 4 Barnett (C) 5 Mark Scott (S), 6 Randolph (M) T—50 3 (Breaks East record of 50 5 by Rick Jankovich, Bay City Central, 1970)

180 low hurdles — 1 Richardson (SW), 2 Jim Hairston (C) 3 Dalle (BCW) 4 O'Connor (M) 5 M. Robinson (SW) 6 Hoops (BCC) T—19 7. (Breaks East record of 20 4 by Mike Stuparek, Midland, 1971)

Two-mile — 1 Fran McNea (SW) 2 Tom Johnson (SW) 3 Kim Norris (BCC), 4 Al Loader (M) 5 John McMillan (M), 6 Larry Younger (SW) T—10 08

220 — 1 Abraham (S) 2 Ron Darden (S) 3, Spaulville (SW) 4 Chris Eboch (M) 5 Pea (C) 6, Southwestern (SW) T—22 5

Mile relay — 1 Central (Gibson, Bob Badour, Barnett, Dobson) 2 Southwestern (D. Johnson, Brewer, M. Robinson, M. Turner), 3 Midland 4 Bay City Central T—3 27 6

440 relay — 1 Central (Pea, J. Hairston, Wilson, Otha Hill) 2 Midland 3 Bay City Central 4 Bay City Western 5 Saginaw T—45 3

Hospital to sponsor Browns-Giants game

SEATTLE (AP) — A National Football League exhibition game between the Cleveland Browns and New York Giants Sept. 7 will be sponsored by the Children's Orthopedic Hospital.

The hospital's Board of Trustees approved the sponsorship, which should clear the way for the use of Husky Stadium.

University of Washington regents had tentatively approved use of the stadium pending hospital sponsorship on a nonprofit basis.

Baltimore Blades moving to Denver

DENVER (UPI) — The Baltimore Blades of the World Hockey Association may be moving to Denver if the league can't find local ownership this week.

