

Steve Elliott of Pontiac Central completes record 4:08.2 mile, beating Midland's Jeff Randolph (4:09.2) in Class A state meet



Terry Thames . . . places in three events for 15 points

Strozier sets sprint marks

the brilliant Powers Catholic sprinter. led a Flint area assault on the record book Saturday in the State Class B track

meet at Michigan State University. Strozier, Powers Catholic's defending state champion in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, set records in both Saturday and also anchored the Chargers' record-setting 440-yard relay

Fenton's Mike Helms set the fourth mark for the area when he was clocked in 1:53.6 in winning the 880.

Strozier's finest performance came

record in the books by one second. His time of 20.8 seconds shattered the 1945 standard of 21.8 set by Robert Swain of East Grand Rapids, He bettered Swain's time last year, too, but it was ruled to be wind-aided.

There was no dispute this time as Strozier sped away from the field. His time of 9.5 in the 100 knocked Roy Young of Mt. Morris out of the book with his 9.6 clocking in 1971.

Strozier's final performance in the 440 relay lowered Powers' existing state

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Southwestern, Northwestern regain Class A track glory for Flint



SECOND IS GOOD ENOUGH - Although Southwestern's Dexter Shankle (left) is nipped by Saginaw's Henry McClung in the 880 relay, it was enough of a boost for the Colts to get the Class A state track championship Saturday at Houston

Stadium. SW failed to take a first but three seconds helped a 39-point total which outpointed Northwestern by one. Shankle also anchored Southwestern's runner-up finish in the 440 relay which decided the title.

It was the 1960's all over again as Southwestern and Northwestern sped to a 1-2 finish Saturday in the 68th Class A state track meet at Houston Stadium.

After eight years of watching the title go elsewhere, Flint area schools regained past glory and carned four of the top seven places in a field of 129,

IF FOOTBALL and baseball are games of inches, this track meet was a battle of yards with the championship being decided by two yards in the final event, the 440-yard relay.

Southwestern and Northwestern went into the last event with 30 points, sharing the lead with Jackson High. Inasmuch as Jackson had no 440 relay team, it remained to be seen if SW and NW could keep their teams on the track to get the title.

Also in a menacing position was De-troit Cass Tech, which was anchored in the 440 relay by Harlan Huckleby, the great sprinter who already had won the 100 and 220. Cass Tech had 25 points and needed a victory, plus two Flint foulups, to take the title.

HUCKLEBY led Cass Tech to a record-smashing victory in 42.3 seconds. But Dexter Shankle of Southwestern outlegged NW's Leo Blanchard to take second place in 42.9. NW was timed in 43.1, the difference of twotenths meaning approximately two

SW thus ended with a 33-35 edge over Northwestern and regained the crown it last held in 1966 when 40 points produced a winner.

"We figured we should score 11 points if everything went perfectly, said a happy Coach Fred Jackson. He added, "I thought we might win both

win the high jump. But we'll take our 39 points and be happy with the championship."

THE COLTS didn't take a first place but scored in six of the 15 events.

The foursome of Shankle, Rod Feaster, Booker Moore and Carlyle Richardson was second in the 880 and 440 relays, each worth nine points. Feaster was runner-up in the 220 for seven points and Turner's third place in the high jump added six points. Richard-

Wisconsin beats MIT for IRA title

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - Defending champion Wisconsin's powerful heavyweight crew jumped to a quick lead and outducted co-tavorite MIT to capture its third straight title at the 73rd national Intercollegiate Rowing Association championship Saturday.

Coach Randy Jablonic's Badgers tinished 1½ lengths ahead of the Engineers in six minutes, eight and twolenths seconds over the 2,000-meter Onondaga Lake course under threatening skies and a slight head wind.

MIT, which also finished second to Wisconsin in last year's premier sprint for the coveted Varsity Challenge Cup, symbolic of collegiate rowing's national hampionship, was time in 6:11 5.

Darkhouse Northeastern, which tailed to qualify for the finals a year ago, finished third, followed by Cornell, the third-place finisher last year.

son's fourth place in the low hurdles was worth five points

The remaining three, points came from eighth place in the mile relay with Dennis Johnson, James Brewer, Mike Robinson and Marvin Turner. fronically, those three points in the

mile relay were gigantic in the final outcome because that event doorned Northwestern.

THE WILDCATS' Walter Lang, run-

ning the second leg, suffered a crushing

misfortune when he dropped the baton halfway through the backstretch. The 'Cats were running at least third in the heat. They may not have won but probably would have finished high enough to get at least two points which would have meant the title. Disappointed Coach Sy Collins

"I told the men before the meet that there might be some bad breaks and we'd have to overcome them. We got the bad break and missed by one point.

In explaining his strategy for the 440 relay, SW's Jackson said, "I told our goys that they had to linish in the top four and make sure we beat Northwestern."

IT APPEARED that NW had a slight lead going into the final baton ex change. At least NW handed off first. But Shankle got the victory in the final yards. Later, he said, "I figured we'd come too far as a team to give up in the last race. We just had to win.

It was the Flint area's first 1-2 limsh since 1966 when Southwestern and Central placed in that order. It also happened in 1939, 1961, and 1963.

Northern and Grand Blanc shared fifth place with Saginaw, all at 22 points. Cass Tech was third with 35 points and Jackson fourth with 30.

NORTHERN'S Keith Young retained his 880 title in 1:51.3 with a sizzling kick. He got boxed in early and was only

in sixth place with 300 yards remaining But he won going away.
"I panicked. I'd never been boxed in

like that before. I suddenly realized that I had to go all out or it was all over," he said. Later he placed fourth in the 440 and ran a leg of the runner-up mile relay-team. His mates were Rich MacInnes, Mike Bowen and Steve

Terry Thames of NW retained his long jump title with a leap of 23-71/2 and mtaled 15 points for the day with the help of fifth place in the low hurdles and sixth in the highs. NW scored in 10 events but still fell one point short.

GRAND BLANC finished fourth in the mile relay with Charles Crouther, Neil LaBelle, Brian Groves and Steve Barnes, Crouther also finished third in the high hurdles and sixth in the lows, one spot ahead of LaBelle in the latter

Surprising Tony Horne of Clio got all his team's seven points when he long Continued on page E-2

lark Weston:No. 1 among gol stars

By BRUCE JOHNS

At age 20, Mark Weston carved his niche in the Flint area amateur golf

Competing against the best field available. Weston Saturday captured the first annual Genesee County All-Star Golf Classic at Atlas Valley.

The Michigan State Junior linished with a 54-hole score of 213, threeunder-par on Atlas Valley's 6,430-yard layout. His rounds were a consistent

THAT SCORE provided a one-shot victory margin over Mark Henrickson who had 65-74-72 - 214 and two shots better than Keith Mohan who came in at 70-71-74 - 215.

"Winning this tournament really means a lot to me," said Weston, who turns 21 this week. "I've never done well in the City Amateur and this makes

me feel pretty good beating so many

good players."

The tournament, which loomed as a real doglight after Friday's 36-hole opener which left 11 players grouped within four shots, turned into a threeway battle at the halfway point of the

Battle Creek school cops Class D. honors

Battle Creek St. Phillip won four events and claimed team honors Saturday with 67 points in the girls' State Class D. track meet at Kearsley. Sue Behnke captured the 100 and 220-yard sprints for Battle Creek which also won the 440 relay and the 850 run. Centerville was second in the team standings with 421/2 points and Grass Lake placed third with 40.

WESTON HELD a two-shot edge over Mohan and Henrickson at the turn as all other challengers laded

At one point on the front nine Weston, two-time winner of the Flint Junior Golf Association championship, grabbed a four-stroke advantage by knocking in 15-looters for birdies on Nos. 2 and 5 while Mohan, coleader after the first round, was making

The lead was cut in half after Weston bogied Nos. 6 and 8, both par threes, by missing three-foot putts and Mohan crept within a shot by canning an eight-footer for a birdie on No. 10.

The battle between those two remained nip and tuck heading into the final hole. That's when disaster struck Mohan, his hooking drive on the dogleg left hole catching a tree and coming to rest on top of a hill behind several trees.

"I REALLY didn't have any second shot at all," said Mohan. "I was lucky

Mohan's second shot was short of the final green and that needed birdie to force a playoff laded when his chip shot rested 25 feet short of the cup

Montrose eliminated in Capac tourney

Special to The Journal CAPAC - Montrose was eliminated from the Class C district baseball tournament Saturday when it lost to Almont, 7-3, in the semilinals.

The Rams, who slipped to 11-11, totaled eight hits but didn't score until the fifth when Rob Persails doubled home two of their three runs. Persails was the only Montrose batter with two

Almont had nine hits including three by winning pitcher John Goldstein. Almont scored three times in the first and added four in the third.

Henrickson, who could never get closer than two shots most of the day, added a little pressure on the final hole by ramming in a five-footer for a birdie. That meant Weston needed a two-footer for the victory and the putt hit the center of the hole.

This was Weston's second major victory. Earlier in the month he won the Spartan Invitational.

"I CHERISH this victory a little more than the Spartan because there was a better field playing here," he said. "But, winning the Spartan helped me with the pressure on the last nine

"The pins were tucked pretty good but I couldn't play safe because Keith and Mark can make a lot of birdies."

Mohan, a finalist in last year's State Amateur in Charlevoix, fell two shots off the pace when he three-putted No. 14

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DID HE OR DIDN'T HE? — A blanket finish has Detroit Cass Tech's Harlan Huckleby nipping Jackson's Randal Smith in the 100, yard dash finals leby and Smith were time Saturday in the Class A state track meet. Tom some fans thought Smir in J won.

Seabron of Detroit Care (right) was fourth. Houk-

SWestern, NWestern run 1-2 in 'A' track meet

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jumped 23-034 for second place. Central's only score came from Ted Dobson's tie for seventh place in the pole

The race of the day was the mile where Steve Elhott of Pontiac Central won in 4:08 2 after a blazing stretch run which overtook Midland's Jeff Randolph (4:09.2). Both shattered the meet record of 4:13.2 which had stood since

HUCKLEBY'S dash times were 9.8 in the 100 and 21.9 in the 220. His 100 victory produced some unhappiness in the crowd, some of whom thought Randal Smith of Jackson had won.

Other winners: Brad Salden, Mount Clemens Chippewa, 59-0 in the shot put; Mark Braman, Midland, 6-7 in the high jump; John Kretschmer, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 14-8 in the pole vault; Sagmaw 1:28.2 in the 880 relay; Arnett Chisholm, Taylor Center, 142 in the high hurdles; Greg Anderson, Detroit Southwestern, 48.4 in the 440; Keith Edwards, Grand Rapids Creston, 19 3 in the low hurdles; Tom Calvert, Jackson. 9:13.7 in the two-mile; and Detroit Central, 3:20.6 in the mile relay.

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HELP FOR FLINT AREA — Charles Crouther (second from left) of Grand Blanc and Terry Thames (right) of Northwestern are chasing Keith Edwards of Grand Rapids Creston and Dave Sikora of Dearborn Edsel Ford in the 180-yard low hurdles in the Class A state finals Saturday. Thames was fifth and Crouther sixth. Earlier Crouther was third and Thames sixth in the high hurdles. Grand Blanc tied for fifth in the team standings and Northwestern was runner-up to Southwestern

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Kathy stumbles into tie for lead

BALTIMORE (AP) - Kathy Whitworth gave away her commanding lead in the third round of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Cham-pionship at the Pine Ridge Course here Saturday, but when no one seemed to want it, the veteran jumped back into the race and claimed a tie with Sandra Haynie at 215.

Mark Weston: He is tops among stars

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for a bogey. He quickly regained a shot on the following hole by making a 12-footer for a birdie to set up the exciting finish.

ROB RYAN'S two-under 70 in the final round carried him into fourth place with a 217 total while Bert Amos and Steve Braun shared the fifth spot with 219 totals, three-over-par for the

Veteran Billy Osborne, who used to have exciting battles with the late Fred Turner, shot the day's best round, a

Osborne, 47, jumped from a tie for 28th in the 35-man field to seventh with

He started the day by making the turn in par 36 before carving out three birdies on the back for a 33. Osborne's final putt, a 12-footer on No. 18, hpped

"I COULD have picked up a few more," he said. "I was putting good all day but left a lot of putts short. I just decided on the back to get the ball to the hole if I wanted to make any

The tournament committee held a banquet Saturday night and presented a plaque to Doug Blom, Flint's all-time great amateur.
"We just wanted to thank him in a

way for making our tournament a suc-cess with his participation," said

The committee also announced the sites for the next two tournaments. Spring Meadows will host the 1976 event and Clio Country Club will hold the 1977

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Young Mark Weston . . . defeats the best amateur field in the area

Irwin's 68 opens three-shot lead

ATLANTA (AP) - Hale Irwin, the U.S. Open champion who shared the lead the first two days, carved out a four-under-par 68 and pulled away to a three-stroke lead Saturday after the third round of the \$225,000 Atlanta Golf

Irwin, who has been frustrated in a half-dozen challenges this season, put together a 54-hole total of 203, 13 under par on the leg-tiring 6,883 yards of hills and piney woods that make up the Atlanta Country Club course.

Veteran Charles Coody, nervously tugging at his socks before every shot, compiled a 67 under threatening skies and took second as old pro Miller Barber fell victim to a variety of golfing agonles.

Coody had a three-round total of 206. Johnny Miller came on with a 68 and moved into a tie for third at 207 with red-haired Tom Watson and distance-hitting Jim Dent. Watson, a winner a month ago at Dallas, had a blazing 65 and Dent hammered out a 69. Jack Nicklaus, unbeaten on this course in the last two seasons, birdied four

holes in a row on the way to a 67 and 208. He was fied at that figure with the 44-year-old Barber, who had entered the day's play in a fie for the top with Irwin. Barber actually led after 14 holes of

play then collapsed on a double bogey-bogey string for a 73. Lee Trevino and Gary Player appeared to be out of it. Trevino rallied with

a 67-212. Player shot 71-215. Arnold Palmer failed to make the cut for the last two rounds in this designated event in which all leading players are

Prefontaine drunk when he died, autopsy discloses

EUGENE, Ore. (UPI) - Steve Prefontaine, the United States' premier distance runner and the holder of seven American records, was drunk when he died in the

crash of his sports car, an autopsy showed Saturday.
Dr. Edward Wilson, assistant Lane County medical examiner, said the former University of Oregon star and Olympian had a blood alcohol level of .16 of 1 per cent. Under Oregon law, a person with a level of ,10 is regarded as intoxicated.

The colorful and controversial Prefontaine, 24, was alone in his convertible Friday when it veered over the center line of a Eugene street, jumped the curb, smashed into a stone embankment and flipped over, pinning him beneath the vehicle.

Dr. Wilson said Prefontaine's death was caused by a

form of suffocation. He said the athlete's chest was compressed by the weight of the car making it impossi-

Strozier sets two records

record to 43.4. The Chargers were clocked in 43.7 in 1974

Following Bob LeBrasseur, Tony Leoni and Mike Woodbeck, Strozier took the baton with Powers in sixth place. There was no stopping himonce he grabbed the stick and he roared by everyone including Linden which fin-

ished third in that event. Strozier's effort paced the Chargers to a tie for fourth in the team standings with Linden. The teams totaled 29 points linkster won team honors with

Holly seventh with 20. Lake Fenton and Fenton were the only other area teams to score with nine and eight points. respectively.

Helms accounted for all of Fenton's points with his performance. His time was two-tenths faster than the previous

. The area had three other champions. Beecher in the mile relay and Holly's Mike Moses and Ralph Smith in the

long jump and high jump, respectively. Greg Knox, Michael Mosby, Ron Simpson and Anthony Akins were timed in 3:22.2 in the mile relay for Beecher. They were nine-tenths off the record.

Moses captured the long jump with a

leap of 22-feet, 132-inches and Smith high jumped 6-4. Linden was second in the 880 relay for its best showing.

The summary including winners and area finishers:

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Dwayne Strozier . . . sprints to 100, 220 records in Class B

REPEATS AS CHAMP - Keith Young of Northern signals "No. 1" with his fingers as he crossed the finish line in 1:51.3, winning the Class A 880 for the second straight year Saturday at Houston Stadium. Later he ran fourth in the 440 and helped a second-place finish in the mile relay. Watching the action is Jim Stableford, Swartz Creek High athletic director, a meet official.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Cliff Johnson hit a home run and a double, driving in three runs in a wild 12-run eighth inning that enabled the Houston Astros to crush the Philadelphia Phillies, 15-3, Saturday night.

Before the Astros erupted for the biggest inning in their history. Philadelphia's Wayne Twitchell had been in command with a two-hit shutout and a 2-0 lead.

A total of 15 batters came to the plate

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punched out 10 hits against three Philadelphia pitchers. After Jose Cruz led off with a single and Doug Rader beat out a bunt, Bob Watson pinch-hit for pitcher J.R. Richard with one out and singled home Cruz with the first run.

in the Houston eighth as the Astros

Johnson then greeted Tug McGraw

with a double that scored Rader. Pinch-runner Wilbur Howard scored on the same play when the relay got past first baseman Dick Allen for an error. Milt May and Enos Cabell later delivered two-out, run-scoring singles

before Gene Garber came in to pitch for the Phillies. Garber was touched by Doug Rader's RBI single before Ken Boswell and Howard each knocked in two runs with singles. Johnson then hit his second homer of

the season to cap the scoring.

The biggest inning for the Astros until Saturday night came against the New York Mets in 1969 when they scored 11 times.

Fenton ties for ninth in 'B' track

Special to The Journal GRAND RAPIDS - Fenton tied for ninth with 16 points, pacing Flint area schools in the State Class B girls' track

meet Saturday.

Julie Roberts led the Tigers by placing fourth in the mile. Margaret Aldrich, Kati Anderson, Carolyn Kolbow and Marie Pushman gave Fenton a tie for sixth in the 440 relay and the Tigers' quartet of Sue Ambler, Ruth VonSeggren, Roberts and Cindy McQuigg tied with Bentley for 10th in the mile relay.

Bentley's mile relay team consisted of Pam Gosline, Cynthia Grimes, Rhonda Piorkowski Alice and Schmeider. Cindy Sutherland scored Bentley's other point by ending eighth in the two mile.

· Sheryl Wallace placed in three events for Ainsworth. She was fifth in the 220 and 100 and eighth in the long

Marlene Wiggins of LakeVille was sixth in the two mile.

Record for Ruffian

Montrose girls 2nd in track

Special to The Journal

KALAMAZOO - Cathy Markland's fear of Bath proved to be justified Saturday.

The Montrose girls' track coach was concerned that Bath's presence in the State Class C meet would prevent her Rams from successfully defending their championship and she was right. Bath outscored Montrose, 55-50, to

claim the team honors in the meet dominated by those two schools. Fowlerville was a distant third with 345

Montrose, which qualified for every event except the shot put, won only the 880 relay. The Rams' quartet of Valerie Horne, Rom Nogaj, Sabrina Schmidt and Mary Nickoley was timed in 1:48.9 for Montrose's second straight state victory in that event.

The Rams placed second in three events including the high jump where Mary Nickoley cleared 5-feet, 1-inch. Montrose was also the runnerup in the mile and 440 relays.

Byron, which had Anne Roberts finish fourth in the 100 and 220, was the only other area team to score. The Eagles had 10 points.

The summary including winners and area finishers:

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Linnell scores in four, Northwestern ends fifth

Special to The Journal

LIVONIA — Linnell Jones scored in four events Saturday to lead Northwestern to a fifth-place finish in the girls' State Class A track meet.

She placed third in the high jump, fourth in the long jump, sixth in the 220-yard dash and ran a leg on the Wilcats' 440 relay which ended in a tie for fourth.

Betty Johnson of Northwestern had the best individual finish for area performers by ending second in the 110 low hurdles. Northern with five points, and Flushing, with four, were the only other area teams to score.

Northwestern tied for fourth in the 440 relay with the team of Jones, Grovette McIntosh, Annette Woodley and Janice Gates, Jackie Madison was fourth for Northern in the 110 hurdles and Michelle Catanzaro of Flushing was fifth in the 880.

Detroit Cass Tech won with 54 points, Walled Lake Western was second with 401/2 and Kalamazoo Central thirs with 37.

Hurler strikes out 21 in Vestaburg sweep

Rod Marshall of Vestaburg struck out 21 in 10 innings while leading his team to a Class D district baseball title at Genesee High. He fanned 15 to beat Beal City, 4-2, in the opener and six in three innings of relief in a 3-2 triumph over Michigan Lutheran Seminary in the nightcap.

Seminary beat Flint Holy Rosary, 9-8, in the semifinals, with two runs in the seventh inning. Mike Fray had two hits for Rösary.



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