

Claim regional title

# Vikings fan repeat state track hopes



Demetria Fulgham finishes Central record in 880 relay

By LEN HOYES

By coming through a "meat grinder" regional with quality representation, Northern High's men's track team Friday night indicated it won't surrender the Class A state title without a struggle.

Winning state honors never is easy and the Vikings don't have much leeway for the June 4 meet at the same Houston Stadium where they took the school's 13th regional crown in 25 years by a 37-3/4 margin over Northwestern.

But they're clearly Flint's best representative after three victories, three second places and one third led the way through an 18-team field. The victory wasn't assured until the final event when Northern finished second in the mile relay.

**NORTHWESTERN'S** women were second in an 18-team field where Midland outscored the fast-closing Wildcats, 42-37.

Midland's women were the chief intruders in an otherwise Flint show.

Central scored 32 points for third place and Southwestern 31 points for fourth among the men. After Bay City Western scored 26 points for third among the women, Kearsley was fourth with 25 and Central fifth with 24.

Junior Michael Miller was Northern's leader, winning the 440 in record-equaling time of 48.0 seconds and the 220 in 21.3, only two-tenths off his meet record. He also helped the 880 relay finish second.

Dan Greene won the 100 in a relatively slow 10.1 for Northern's other victory.

**MILLER'S PARTNERS** on the 880 relay were Greene, James Bennett and Herb McGowan. Greene, and McGowan joined Dan Bingham and Randy Anderson on the second-place 440 relay team. Anderson also was second in the 120 high hurdles.

Lamont White, Joe Wooten, Pat Blakley and Efrém Channel were the mile relay team which clinched the title by taking second. High jumper Don Hart took third for the Vikings' other points.

Assistant Coach Gordon Brown may have said it best. "The old man pulled it out again," referring to Coach Norbert Badar's championship.

Badar, in his 26th season at Northern, in turn credited the mile relay team.

**HE SAID,** "THE time was a complete surprise. Our best times in the mile relay had come with Miller. But they showed they had it when it was needed."

The time of 3:24.7 was 1.5 seconds faster than the previous best.

Badar lauded White, a senior running for the first season, and Wooten, a converted miler and a senior. He also complimented Blakley, a sophomore, and Channel, a junior who's another of a flock of underclassmen who have done so well for the Vikings this spring.

Badar said, "I'm satisfied. There's no doubt about this being the toughest regional in the state. The men we qualified are solid quality."



Journal track photos by DANIEL WHITE

**NIP AND TUCK** — Charles Sprinkle (right) of Northwestern has only a slight advantage over Southwestern's John Harvey with one hurdle to go in their 330-yard race Friday night at Houston Stadium. Sprinkle was a winner in 37.6 seconds

and Harvey was second. Later Sprinkle also won the high hurdles in 14.5 seconds. Harvey also was second in the 440 and anchored the Colts' winning mile relay team.

**THE TOP THREE** places in each event qualified for the state meets.

Discus thrower Lamson Kelly of Central was the only fourth-placer among the men to qualify.

Southwestern's top performer was John Harvey who was second in the 440 and 330 hurdles and anchored the mile relay team to a 3:23.5 victory. Craig Fields, Greg Dawson and Randy Tahfarro were the other runners.

Booker Moore, Norm Graham, Anthony Battle and Rod Feaster produced another Southwestern victory with a time of 1:28.4 for the 880 relay. Feaster, one of the state's best sprinters, was running for the first time in more than two weeks because of a leg injury.

The Colts' 440 relay failed to qualify because of two poor handoffs.

**MEL SCOTT** of Central was clocked in 1:55.6 in winning the 880, outdistancing teammate Mark Bulmarsh who came back to take the mile in 4:19.8. The Indians' James Tweedy won the long jump at 21.4, was third in the 100 and anchored the 440 relay team to third place.

Charles Sprinkle of Northwestern was another double winner, taking the high hurdles in 14.5 and the 330 hurdles in automatic record time of 37.6 for a new event.

Terry Doherty of Davison took the two-mile in 9:24.3 and Flushing's Dave Hayes the high jump at 6-6.

Flint area contestants won 12 of the 16 men's events. Andy Green of Alpena won the shot put (53-0 1/2) and the discus (159-7), the latter a meet record. Mark Cleveland of Alpena took the pole vault at 14-3 and Saginaw won the 440 relay in the state's best time this year, 42.6.

**KEARSLEY HAD** four qualifiers, Northwestern three and a mile relay, Flushing and Southwestern two and Clio and Davison one via second and third places.

Eight records, which were established last year, were broken in the women's 14 events.

Cathy Bjork of Midland won the 880 in 2:19.1, the 440 in 57.2 and anchored the mile relay to a 4:05.4 victory, all record times.

Sheila Harris of Northwestern was a double champion, taking the 100 in 11.3 and the 220 in 25.5. Neither time was a record.

Renee Turner of Central lowered her 110 hurdles record to 14.6 and joined Robi Flynn, Nancy Nard and Demetria Fulgham in a record time of 1:44.6 for the 880 relay.

**PAM DRAPER** of Kearsley set a record of 12:21 for two miles and teammate Carol Schenk lowered the mile mark to 5:13.2.

Jill Peelman gave Kearsley another record with a discus toss of 104.7.

Annette Woodley of Northwestern kept the shot put title with a heave of 37-4 and joined Harris, Roxie Smith and Rita Beene in winning the 440 relay in 49.8 seconds.

Northwestern's mile relay team was second and its 880 team third, both qualifying for the state meet at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Davison, Flushing, Clio and Southwestern also had state qualifiers.

Cheri Laycock of Clio and Central's Fulgham qualified despite finishing fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 220.

In the discus, Denise McClure of Flushing qualified by finishing fifth. In a rare occurrence, Southwestern's Tangyita Thomas qualified with sixth place although she didn't figure in the scoring.

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## U.S. is assured Italian finalist

**ROME (AP)** — An American has made it into men's singles final in the Italian Tennis Open for the first time in 17 years. Whether it will be fourth-seeded Brian Gottfried or eight-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis will be decided in today's semifinals.

Gerulaitis ousted the defending champion, top-seeded Adriano Panatta of Italy, 1-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the quarterfinals Friday and Gottfried beat Kim Warwick of Australia 7-5, 6-2.

The two have never met before. The winner of their match will be the first American finalist in the Rome tournament since Barry McKay won it in 1960.

The \$185,000 tournament has been a Waterloo for the leading seeded players in both men's and women's divisions. For the men, besides Panatta, the quarter-finals saw the elimination of Romanian star Ilie Nastase, twice a winner here, and seeded No. three. He was beaten by Phil Dent of Australia 6-3, 6-2.

Dent faces Antonino Zugarelli of Italy in the semifinals. Zugarelli defeated Victor Pecci of Paraguay 7-6, 7-6.

"I need to win, otherwise I'll go broke," Gerulaitis, of Howard Beach, N.Y., said. "I was scheduled to appear in World Team Tennis but I have been playing WCT and my team owners have been fining me for it."

"They fined me \$19,000 for being here, so if I don't get the \$21,000 first prize I'm broke. I am second in winning prize money this year but first in fines."

## Durand enjoying Cinderella role

By PHIL PIERSON

Cinderella didn't play baseball but Durand High's team is doing a pretty good job of playing Cinderella in the ninth annual Greater Flint Tournament.

In their first appearance ever in the competition the Railroaders have reached the semifinals while along the way knocking off a pair of bigger school opponents.

Friday night at Whaley Park Coach Jim Fuller's club dumped Class A Kearsley, 5-0, after earlier sidelining Kearsley A Grand Blanc, 3-2.

**DURAND**, a Class B school, will get an opportunity to make it three Class A rivals in a row Wednesday night at Broome Park. The Railroaders will play an 8 p.m. game against the winner of the Owosso-Northern quarter-final which will be played Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at Broome.

The other semifinal will be at 8 p.m. Sunday at Broome between Southwestern and Ainsworth. Southwestern nipped Clio, 5-4, at Whaley Friday night while at the same time Ainsworth was downing Swartz Creek, 10-3, at Broome.

Fuller, who moved to Durand from Central, is considered one of the top baseball coaches in the area and the tournament play of the Railroaders reflects his talent.

Durand, now 20-5, is an aggressive, heads-up team that's quick to capitalize on mistakes by the opposition.

**HITTING** and defense have been Durand's strengths and both were in evidence against Kearsley.

The Railroaders jumped on the Hornets in the opening inning as their first five batters scored with four getting hits and another reaching base on an error.

Charles Doyle started with a single, Denny O'Hara, was safe on a throwing error and Rodger Napier, Boice Carroll and Bob Mailhot followed with

singles. A squeeze bunt by Dan Lundie plated the last run of the inning.

That was all the support winning pitcher Dennis Michelson needed. Michelson raised his record to 7-2 with a four-hit performance that had the Kearsley hitters off stride.

**WHILE NOT** overpowering, Michelson showed the importance of good control. He didn't walk anyone and by effectively clipping the corners with his pitches struck out 11, his highest total of the season.

It was the sixth game in which Michelson did not issue a walk. Michelson also benefitted from good fielding support as Durand did not make an error and picked off the only runner to reach third.

Durand had nine hits with Doyle getting three and Tony Chamberlain two.

In contrast to Durand, Southwestern earned a sloppy decision over Clio. The Colts committed seven errors, including three on one play that allowed Clio to score three times and tie the score in the seventh inning.

**RUBEN LUNA** appeared on the verge of his second straight tourney triumph before the circus play in the seventh inning.

There were runners on first and second and no one out when the Colts turned a routine grounder into three runs by throwing the ball first into right field, then into the backstop and then into left field.

When Luna fell behind, 2-1, on the next batter he was relieved by Joe Fischer who escaped further damage.

Luna moved to center field and ended the contest in the bottom of the seventh with a double that scored Jim Buterakos who had led off with a single.

**SOUTHWESTERN HAD** 10 hits with Don Leach, Mike Dill and Gary Lee



Pam Draper

Record 12:20 for two miles

## American United Life hosts Ann Arbor rival

American United Life, unbeaten in the City Class AA-A Fastpitch League and the defending champion, returns to Whaley Stadium tonight.

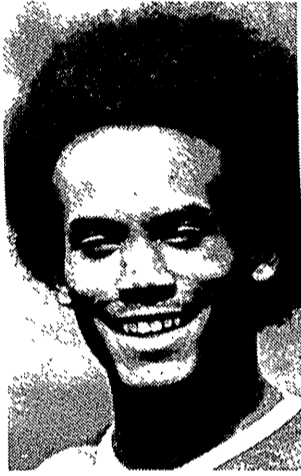
Bud Walker's club will face Ann Arbor Brewers in a nonleague doubleheader starting at 7 p.m.

Jim Doyle and Bill Weber have been reunited to form the Hawks' pitching staff.

A Sunday twin bill is scheduled at Whaley Park with Hall Heating, unbeaten in its only two league tests, hosting the Saginaw Bolters at 2 p.m.

## Lepri tosses no-hitter

Joanne Lepri of Powers Catholic struck out seven while tossing a no-hitter in the Chargers' 12-1 softball victory over Mt. Morris. Patty Pelton had two hits for Powers.



Michael Miller

Two firsts, one record

# Corcoran's HR helps Tigers end slide, 7-4

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Tim Corcoran's first major league hit — a two-run homer in the eighth inning — helped the Detroit Tigers break a three-game losing streak Friday night with a 7-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

The Tigers jumped to a 4-0 lead before the White Sox rallied for four runs in the fifth to tie the game.

**TOM VERYZER'S** run-scoring single off starter Ken Brett, 5-3, broke the tie in the seventh and Corcoran delivered his homer with two outs in the eighth after Mickey Stanley had singled off reliever Dave Hamilton.

Steve Foucault, who relieved Detroit starter Dave Roberts in the fifth, posted his third victory against one loss. He retired 13 of the final 14 men he faced.

With one out in the seventh, Phil Mankowski singled, went to second on a wild pitch by Brett, and scored the tie-breaking run on Veryzer's single.

**The box score**

DETROIT		CHICAGO	
ab	rb	ab	rb
LeFlore cf	3	Garr lf	4
MMay c	2	Banistrs	4
Funies 2b	5	Ortiz 2b	4
Wickless rf	5	Zisk rf	2
Kemp lf	4	LJohnson dh	3
Timson 1b	4	Gamble dh	1
ASimly cf	4	Sancer lb	4
Crcrn dh	4	Lemon cf	1
Mkwski 3b	4	Sarhim 3b	4
Vervyr ss	4	Essian c	2
		Sillman ph	1
		Total	33

**WITH TWO OUT** in the first, John Wockenfuss singled and Steve Kemp followed with his sixth homer of the season. Stanley doubled in the second and scored on a single by Mankowski. Ron LeFlore doubled in the fifth and scored on a single by Tito Fuentes.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Chet Lemon doubled for Chicago and one out later Jim Essian drew a walk. Ralph Garr doubled in both runs and then scored on a double by Alan Bannister.

Jorge Orta followed with still another double which scored Bannister, tied the game and knocked starter Dave Roberts out of the box. Foucault relieved Roberts and struck out Lamar Johnson to end the inning.

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