

Northern High sprints to Mott Relays title

BY LEN HOYES

Northern High's short-haul strength made it a champion over the long haul of the Mott Relays Friday night.

Although Coach Norbert didn't get an expected batch of points from his distance men, three sophomores combined with two juniors and a senior to sprint away with his third Mott title in the last four seasons and No. 4 in the nine-year history of the meet.

The Vikings totaled 42 points in the 13-event meet for men, with all events being scored in a "relays" format. Midland was runner-up with 34 and Northwestern third with 32.

MIDLAND'S GIRLS won the distaff championship in a breeze with 50 points, winning four of the seven events. Northwestern was runner-up with 36 and Central third with 34.

All except one of 20 men's teams scored and nine of 10 girls' teams scored.

Meet Director Joe Dowdy estimated the crowd at 1,000, calling it the best gate in his five-year connection with the meet.

Only the weather was uncooperative. Although the temperature was warm, a stiff breeze dominated three-fourths of the Houston Stadium track and held record-making to a minimum.

THE LONE RECORDS to fall were the women's 1 1/2-mile Mott relay where Midland's 7:02.3 time broke the mark of 7:08.1 it set last year and the men's discus where Birmingham Groves' two-man team totaled 287-8. The 1976 record of 254-4 by Saginaw Arthur Hill was erased.

Two individual marks fell. Bentley's Gordon Jackson cleared 6-7 in the high jump to break the record of 6-5 and Andy Lytle of Groves flipped the discus 146-7, erasing a standard of 137-3.

Bentley, the only Class B entry, won the high jump and long jump to spur a tie for seventh place with 22 points. Groves also won the mile relay to join Northern as a double winner on the track.

THE VIKINGS WON the 880 relay with Mike Miller, Dan Greene, James Bennett and Herb McGowan clocking

1:29.5 seconds in that order. McGowan, Randy Anderson, Dan Bingham and Greene took the 440 relay in 43.3.

The latter triumph put Northern ahead to stay.

Of those six men, Greene is the only senior. Miller and Bennett are juniors and the others sophomores.

Anderson also helped Rod Turner, Tom Boler and Daryl Dilworth on the shuttle hurdles relay which finished second.

The Vikings were third in the shot put, fourth in the high jump and fifth in the two-mile and mile relays.

BADAR SAID, "I was disappointed in the distance events. We have six capable milers but we were shut out in the four-mile relay. We also should have done better in the two-mile relay. If Miller had more help in the mile relay we would have done much better than fifth place."

The veteran coach elected to keep Miller, state sprint champion in 1976, from the 440 relay to beef up the mile relay. He didn't get the expected finish in the mile but the 440 victors compensated.

"Sometimes you make a correct decision, even after all these years," Badar said with a grin. He's been at Northern since 1950.

He added, "We would have had a better time in the 440 with good exchanges. They weren't bad but they weren't good. I think Miller would have knocked off a half second if we had used him there."

SOUTHWESTERN, which had been expected to give Northern a battle for team honors, finished sixth with 24 points largely because of the absence of Rod Feaster.

Mitch Swain, deputy principal at Southwestern, said Feaster suffered a leg injury last Tuesday and will be sidelined at least through the city championships next week.

Grand Blanc finished fourth with 30 points and won the two-mile relay with Al Stefanski, Dale McKim, Brian Renshaw and Ken Moore in 8:10. Swartz Creek, which scored 18 points, took the distance medley in 10:53.0 with Jim Ball, Marv Smith, Mark Grinenk and Gary Parenteau running in that order.

JACKSON'S PARTNER in Bentley's high jump victory was Chris

Brandt. Teammates Dave Hitchcock and Jeff Hopkins totaled 39-11 1/4 to take the long jump. Clio's Dave Hresko had the meet's best pole vault, 13-6, to join Kevin Wilson in a first-place team total of 26-0.

In the women's meet, Sheila Harris of Northwestern covered the 100-yard dash in 11.2 to win the only individual event and Central's team of Robin Flynn, Renee Turner, Nancy Nard and Demetria Fulgham won the 440 relay in 49.9.

Northwestern also had three seconds to Central's two, the difference deciding second place.

The summaries

Women's Events
Team scoring — Midland 50, Northwestern 36, Central 34, Atherton 16, Flushing 15, Detroit Cass Tech 12, Saginaw 10, Southwestern and Grand Lodge 7.

High jump — 1 Midland 2 Atherton (Sue Voss) 3 Flushing (Luanne Kline, Julie Howlett) 4 Saginaw 5 9-9.

Shot put — 1 Detroit Cass Tech 2 Northwestern (Annette Woodley, Rita Greene) 3 Saginaw 4 Flushing (Denise McClure, Pat Austin) 5 Atherton (Karen O'Neil, Miller) 6 7-9.

Mott 1 1/2 mile — 1 Midland 2 Central (Denise Fulgham, Lenor Dabson, Robin Flynn, Sheila Mayberry) 3 Northwestern (Sheena Hudson, Sherri Harden, Theresa Felder, Roxanna Gillard) 4 Saginaw 5 Grand Lodge 6 7:03 (Breaks record of 7:08.1 by Midland, 1976).

Shuttle hurdles — 1 Midland 2 Atherton (Voss) Pam Farrier, Roxanna Ballge, Miller) 3 Central (Nina Robinson, Anita Tyiska, Rhonda Van Hylee, Renee Turner) 4 Flushing (Nancy West, Kylene Rawn, Janet Moody) 5 1:06.2 (Automatic record for new event).

100 — 1 Sheila Harris Northwestern 2 Turner Central 3 Annette Smith Midland 4 Roxie Smith Northwestern 5 Sherrie Spiegel, Flushing 6 11.2.

440 — 1 Central (Flynn, Turner, Nancy Nard, Demetria Fulgham) 2 Northwestern (Woodley, Beene, Smith Harris) 3 Midland 4 Detroit Cass Tech 5 Southwestern (Theresa Kitcher, Kay Meriwether, Brenda Blake, Rachel Nard) 6 49.9.

Long jump — 1 Midland 2 Northwestern (Harri, Sherri, Harden) 3 Flushing (Missy Headrick, Sharon Morgan) 4 Central (Turner, Mayberry) 5 Atherton (Robin Baker, Ballge) 6 13' 10" (Automatic record for new event).

Men's events

Team scoring — Northern 42, Midland 34, Northwestern 32, Grand Blanc 30, Birmingham Groves 28, Southwestern 27, Bentley and Saginaw 22, Detroit U 19, Swartz Creek 18, Birmingham Brother Rice 16, Flushing 14, Ann Arbor Huron 13, Central 12, Saginaw Arthur Hill 11, Clio 10, Detroit Murray-Wright 8, Oak Park 4, Detroit Cass Tech 2.

Four-mile — 1 Midland 2 Grand Blanc (Rick Colard, Mike Moore, John Robins, Mark Messier) 3 Swartz Creek (Gary Parenteau, Mark Grinenk, Jim Ball, Dale Hansen) 4 Birmingham Brother Rice 5 Central (Malvin Scott, Adrian Towns, Mitch Bailey, Mark Bulmarsh) 6 18:20.3.

Mott 880 — 1 Northern (Mike Miller, Dan Greene, James Bennett, Herb McGowan) 2 Northwestern (Norm Ruffin, Mark Huddleston, Jeff Jeter, Charles Sprinkle) 3 Saginaw 4 Ann Arbor Huron 5 Detroit Cass Tech 6 7:29.5.

Shuttle hurdles — 1 Northwestern (Sprinkle, Donnie Chaney, Phil Miller) 2 Northwestern (Randy Anderson, Rod Turner, Tom Boler, Daryl Dilworth) 3 Flushing (Bert Rosalez, Chris Brandt, Jeff Hopkins, Gordon Jackson) 4 Southwestern (John Harvey, Brian Carpenter, Norm Graham, Donnie Adams) 5 Clio (Jim Elliott, Andy Ploamuu, Dave Hresko, Randy Howley) 6 1:06.2.

Discus — 1 Birmingham Groves 2 Flushing (Ron Leomin, Ernie Kessler) 3 Birmingham Brother Rice 4 Southwestern (John Neely, Bud Bankston) 5 Midland 6 287-8 (Breaks meet record of 254-4 by Saginaw Arthur Hill 1976). Best toss, 146-7 by Andy Lytle, Brother Rice breaks record of 137-3 by Dave Maine, Arthur Hill 1976.

Sprint medley — 1 Detroit U 2 Birmingham Groves 3 Saginaw 4 Oak Park 5 Northwestern (Charles Thrash, Brian Coleman, Reg Chandler, Jim Allen) 6 10:53.

Two mile — 1 Grand Blanc (Ken Moore, Brian Renshaw, Dale McKim, Al Stefanski) 2 Central (Scott Michael, Green, Towns, Bulmarsh) 3 Midland 4 Saginaw Arthur Hill 5 Northern (Eliam Channel, Lamont White, Pat Blakley, Joe Wooten) 6 18:10.

Shot put — 1 Midland 2 Saginaw Arthur Hill 3 Northern (Chris Thompson, Fred Garfield) 4 Grand Blanc (Steve Hadden, Dave Richiger) 5 Detroit U 6 7-9. Best toss, 51 1/2 by Mark Mauch, Arthur Hill.

Long jump — 1 Bentley (Hopkins, Dave Hitchcock) 2 Southwestern (Dan Adams, Carpenter) 3 Saginaw 4 Northwestern (M Chaney, Allen) 5 Ann Arbor Huron 6 39-11 1/4. Best jump, 20-6 1/4 by Carpenter.

Distance medley — 1 Swartz Creek (Ball, Marv Smith, Grinenk, Parenteau) 2 Grand Blanc (Neil Baxter, Mark Schid, Tim Hinterman, Colard) 3 Midland 4 Birmingham Brother Rice 5 Southwestern (Kerry Robinson, John Streich, Graylin Washington, Randy Tallarzo) 6 10:53.0.

440 — 1 Northern (McGowan, Anderson, Dan Bingham, Greene) 2 Detroit Murray Wright 3 Saginaw 4 Southwestern (Anthony Ballie, Booker Moore, Graham, Reggie Mitchell) 5 Central (Andre Kirkland, Kevin Strozer, Derreck Hawkins, James Tweedy) 6 49.9.

Mile — 1 Birmingham Groves 2 Northwestern (Thrash, M Chaney, Huddleston, Ruffin) 3 Detroit U 4 Ann Arbor Huron 5 Northern (Channel, Blakley, White, Miller) 6 3:25.7.

High jump — 1 Bentley (Jackson, Brandt) 2 Flushing (Lanny Hayes, Dave Hayes) 3 Ann Arbor Huron 4 Northern (Don Hart, White) 5 Midland 6 6-5. Best jump, 6-7 by Jackson breaks record of 6-5 by Reggie Ferguson Northwestern 1972.

Pole vault — 1 Clio (Kevin Wilson, Hresko) 2 Southwestern (Tom Harrington, Louis Fardonou) 3 Birmingham Brother Rice 4 Flushing (Steve Green, Dave Beyer) 5 Saginaw Arthur Hill 6 26-0. Best vault, 13-6 by Hresko.

National croquet tournament set

NEW YORK (AP) — The first U.S. National Croquet Championship Tournament in more than 50 years is set for May 18-22 at the New York Croquet Club's Central Park courts.

"This national championship tournament is a reflection of the resurging interest in what has been called America's most misunderstood sport," said Jack Osborn, president of the U.S. Croquet Association.



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SPRINTING TO TITLE — Northern High's 440 relay team of Dan Greene (kneeling) and (from left) Herb McGowan, Randy Anderson and Dan Bingham won its event in 43.3 seconds Friday night in the ninth annual Mott Relays at Houston

Stadium. The victory brought the Vikings from second place to first and they kept it for a repeat victory. Greene and McGowan also ran on the winning 880 relay team. All except Greene are sophomores.

PREP SPORTS Roundup

LAKEVILLE'S girls track team pulled out a 69-67 win over Birch Run by taking the final event. Lakeville was three points behind at the start of the mile relay, won by the team of Robin Jones, Kay Templeton, Pat Hillock and Celeste Schroeder. The winners

High jump — Lanette Lambert (L) 4-6. **Discus** — Karen Mitchell (L) 93-1 1/4. **Shot put** — Laurie Robinson (BR) 32-5 1/2. **Two mile** — Julie Conley (BR) 13:05. **880 relay** — Birch Run (Margie Dekalita, Kim Garfield, Debbie Niedecken, Linda Lawrence) 1:51.5. **880** — Robin Jones (L) 2:35.9. **100** — Trina Sulton (L) 12.0. **Long jump** — Celeste Schroeder (L) 15-6. **110 low hurdles** — Linda Lawrence (BR) 16:5. **440** — Kay Templeton (L) 1:08. **Mile** — Schroeder (L) 5:47. **440 relay** — Birch Run (Dekalita, Garfield, Mary Rhoades, Kim Robinson) 54:5. **220** — Garfield (BR) 2:29. **2 Mile relay** — Lakeville (Schroeder, Pat Hillock, Jones and Templeton) 4:24.

LAKE FENTON'S girls softball team defeated Atherton, 13-9, in a nonleague game. Kim Jennings and Andrea Allan had three hits each and drove in three runs. Deanne Moore also had three RBI.

KEARSLEY swept the singles and won one doubles as its tennis team defeated Fenton, 5-2, and raised its record to 5-4. The winners.

Singles — Kent Cherry (K) 7-5, 2-6, 7-6. Tom Allen (K) 6-7, 7-5, 6-4. Bill Bennett (K) 6-2, 6-1. Chris Hall (K) 6-1, 6-3. **Doubles** — Mike Bulls-Bob Rensch (F) 6-2, 6-1. Mark Hawk Dave Howard (K) 6-1, 7-6. Paul Roberts-Dove Potts (F) 6-1, 6-2.

LAKE FENTON defeated Atherton, 16-5, in a nonleague baseball game with Ed Rodemsky, Mike Bloomfield and Jeff Krause each getting two hits for the winner. Krause also had three RBI.

HAMADY raised its tennis record

to 5-4 by defeating Mt. Morris, 4-3. The winners

Singles — Wes Smith (MM) 6-2, 6-1. Rick Tucker (MM) 6-1, 6-2. Tony Maniacacchio (H) 6-0, 6-2. Jim White (MM) 6-3, 6-4. **Doubles** — Steve Bello-Rick Shaw (H) 6-0, 6-2. Stan Visser Vic Perrino (H) 6-1, 6-2. Tom Nelson-Geoff DeLeary (H) 6-0, 6-1.

DURAND and Swartz Creek split a nonleague baseball doubleheader with Durand pulling out the opener, 5-4, on a single by Dan Lundie and a double by Dennis O'Hara with two out in the bottom half of the final inning. Randy Jeffers had a three-run homer and Mark Wykes and Pete Stackpole had three hits each for Swartz Creek. The winning pitcher was Rick Demo. The second game was a little looser as Swartz Creek won, 10-8, with each team committing four errors and giving up six walks. Durand scored eight runs in the first inning. Craig Sams and Rick Verrel had two hits each for Swartz Creek. Kris Pleshakov was the winning pitcher.

HOLLY defeated Atherton, 5-2, in tennis and then completed a sweep as it won a rain-delayed match, also by a 5-2 score. Holly's record is 8-2. The winners:

First match — Singles — Boyl Johnson (A) 6-4, 7-6. Paul Crane (H) 6-2, 6-7, 7-5. Greg Hamilton (H) 6-0, 7-5. Chris Ferguson (H) 6-2, 6-3. **Doubles** — Mike Eby-Kirk Spring (H) 6-3, 6-0. Kent Boothe-Rick Perry (H) 6-2, 6-1. Tim Sawyer-Brower-Mark Stadler (A) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Second match — Singles — Johnson (A) 6-3, 6-2. Ferguson (H) 6-4, 6-4. Jim Dearlove (A) 6-3, 6-4. Crane (H) 6-3, 6-4. **Doubles** — Perry Boothe (H) 6-1, 6-0. Eby-Spring (H) 6-2, 6-2. Diane Spain-Marli Spain (H) 6-3, 6-2.

ATHERTON'S Sue Voss won two events in a 110-24 victory over Byron in track. The winners:

Discus — Sue Miller (A) 92-2. **Long jump** — Roxanne Ballge (A) 14-3. **Shot put** — Karen O'Neil (A) 32-9 1/2. **High jump** — Sue Voss (A) 4-10. **Two mile** — Brenda Buehler (A) 15:58. **880** — Atherton (Pam Farrier, Robin Baker, Penny Brown, Voss) 1:57. **2:20** — Janice Brown (A) 2:50. **1:00** — Debbie Honda (A) 1:22. **Low hurdles** — Voss (A) 16-1. **440** — Don Morrish (A) 1:07. **Mile** — Jane Cool (B) 6:26. **5:40 relay** — Atherton (Farrier, Baker, Voss, Honda) 53:27. **220** — Penny Brown (A) 30-4. **Mile relay** — Janice Brown, Jina Fisher, Ballge, Morrish 4:52.3.

DURAND boosted its record to 11-3 with a 10-9 win over Ainsworth. Kim Stone, Marsha Mikan and Maggie Soper all had two hits for Durand. Cindy Horn was the winning pitcher.

GENESSEE CHRISTIAN defeated Ann Arbor Grace Academy, 4-0, for its first baseball win as pitcher Dave Forsmark allowed only one hit. Christian had lost five straight games.

BIRCH RUN swept a nonleague doubleheader from Saginaw Sts. Peter & Paul, 7-4 and 14-7. In the first game, Bob Cassidy hit two homers and Joe Matzke hit a two-run homer for Birch Run. Dan Check and Kim Muehlenbeck had two hits for the winner and John King was the winning pitcher. In the second game, Birch Run scored nine runs in the second inning. Check had three hits and Roger Carpenter, Jim Stafford and Herb Stoneman had two hits each. Tom Lafferty was the winning pitcher.

Purdue plans defense

Purdue plans to use a five-two defensive front in college football in 1977.



LONG DISTANCE — Winning the 2 1/2-mile distance medley, the second longest event, in the Mott Relays was Swartz Creek's team of (top to bottom) Gary Parenteau, Mark Grinenk, Marv Smith and Jim Ball. Their time was 10:53.0. All except Smith also ran in the four-mile relay, the longest event, and finished third Friday night at Houston Stadium.