Southwestern sprints to Valley East track crown

By LEN HOYES

Southwestern High's sprinters made sure they wouldn't have to share the Saginaw Valley East track

Along with an assist from the field event crew, the sprinters overcame Midland's power in distance events and captured the title they shared last year.

Southwestern, a Valley champion for the fourth time in its 19-year existence, totaled 921/2 points to Midland's 75. Saginaw High was third with 381/2 and Central last

NORTHERN, THE defending champion of the West Division, was thoroughly manhandled by Pontiac Central, 99-67, with Northwestern third at 53 and Saginaw Arthur Hill last with 22 points.

Northern was hampered by the absence of sprinter Michael Miller, a double champion the last two seasons. because of injuries. Also missing because of injury was middle distance man James Younger.

However, even at full strength it's doubtful if the Vikings could have overcome a 32-point deficit.

Northern Coach Norbert Badar said, "Miller has orders to tell us when his leg is acting up. He complained today so we scratched him. He has nothing to prove in the Valley meet so we're saving him for the state meet."

IT'S UNFORTUNATE that Valley officials stuck with the two-division setup despite the presence of only eight

Otherwise good weather at Houston Stadium probably would have enhanced an already-spectacular display.

Five overall Valley records were broken, seven East records tumbled and two West records were erased.

Some observers might tend to discount the recordbreaking because the discus is only three years old and the 330 hurdles only two years old in Michigan high

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Hiller (4-1) received credit for the

ODDLY ENOUGH, the Tigers em-

Now, however, the bats of the league's top hitting team have been

"We were scoring all kinds of

- runs," said Tigers' Manager Ralph - Houk. "Then we come in here and they

stop us cold. We've had three wellpitched games, allowing only five

runs, but we've lost twice and we ea-

silv could have lost all three."

barked on this six-day, eight-game trip

to Baltimore and Boston with great

victory and Martinez (3-3) absorbed

Baltimore since June of 1976.

concern for their pitching.

silenced.

Sykes isn't too upset by losing

But no one can pooh-pooh the 23-834 long jump of Southwestern's Brian Carpenter or the 1:29.0 by the Colts' 880-yard relay team.

CARPENTER'S LEAP wiped out the oldest Valley record, 23-3 by Haves Jones of Pontiac Central in 1956.

Jones later hurdled to a gold medal in the international Olympic Games.

Southwestern's relay foursome of Anthony Battle. Norm Graham, Carpenter and Reggie Mitchell covered 880 yards in 1:28.6, bettering a 1968 record.

Battle, Mitchell and Graham joined James Hodo in touring 440 yards in 43.0, cracking the 43.18 record of another SW relay team which won the state championship.

Carpenter also won the 120 hurdles in 14.6, an East record, and Battle won the 100 in 9.8 for another East record.

ALSO WINNING for Southwestern were C. J. Hooks in the shot put (47-9), Lou lordanou in the pole vault (13-2) and Graham in the 220 (22.8).

Kelly Lamson tossed the discus 151-9 for Central's only victory, breaking Valley and East records of 146-10. Al Jones of Midland won the 330 hurdles in 38.8 for Valley and East records.

Southwestern's field event crew piled up 311/2 points to Midland's 15 and the SW sprinters piled up a 41-5 edge over the Chemics in the 100, 220, 440 relay, 880 relay and 120 hurdles

Midland built a 33-10 edge in the 880, mile and

Southwestern won eight events, Midland four and

RANDY ANDERSON had a hand in three of Northern's five victories but they weren't enough because Pontiac took eight events.

Anderson's time of 14.2 while winning the 120 hurdles was a West record and might be the second best time for a Valley meet. However, he was way off the Valley record of 13.5 by the great Bill Tipton of Pontiac Central in 1967.

Anderson, Herb McGowan, Wilfred Moore and James Bennett won the 880 relay in 1:30.4 and Anderson, McGowan, Bennett and Rod Turner took the 440 relay in

McGowan won the 220 in 22.6 and Chris Thompson tossed the shot 50-7 for other Northern firsts.

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NORTHWESTERN'S mile relay team of Angelo Bradshaw, Shawn Hunter, Phil Miller and Ron King won in 3:24.7 and Ed Jones flipped the discus 134-5 for another Wildcat victory.

Derrick Thacker of Pontiac Central lowered the Valley and West records to 38.4 in the 330 hurdles. Mark Pruente won the 880 and 440 for the Chiefs and teammate Kerry Barnett took the mile and two-mile.

Pontiac's victory ended Northern's two-year grip on the West title. Pontiac last won in 1975.

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Games tonight
Borden's Drugs vs. Hall Heating, 6:30; Pete's
Plumping vs. Ali Baba's Lounge, 8.

He's confident the run production will improve, and he's heartened by the pitching and defense.

The Tigers committed only one harmless error Wednesday and the rookie double play combination of Alan Trammell and Whitaker turned four double plays and handled 27 chances to

of threatening situations.

"I had a feeling right from the beginning this game would be one of those jobbies," said Sykes, alluding to his pitching duel with Palmer.

"He beat me last year in Detroit,

No doubt, Palmer one day will be a help Slaton and Sykes escape a number pretty good pitcher. So might Sykes.

Saginaw Valley East track results

Team scoring and tegend: Southwestern (SW) 9212, Midland (M) 75, Saginaw (S) 3812, Central (C)

Long jump — 1. Brion Corpenter (SW). 2. James Hood (SW). 3. James Smith (A3). 4. Letond Scott (C). 5. Kevin Strater (C). D-23-8*1. (Breaks Valley record of 23-3 by Hayes Jones. Pontiac Central. 1956. Breaks East record of 22-9*1; by Carpenter.

1977).

Discus — I. Ketly Lamson (C). 2. Emmanuel Cole (SW). 3. Dave Cooper (S). 4. Tom McMillon (M). 5. Dan Hartlein (M). D. 1519. (Efreals Valley recard and East record of 140-10 by Bud Bankston. Southwestern, 1977).

Shot put — 1. C. J. Hooks (SW), 2. Lamson (C), 3. Bob Acre (C), 4. Note Clark (S), 5. Bert Decker (M).

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High iump — 1. Willie Robinson (S). 2. Atten Jones (M). 3. Roger Sims (S). 4. Carpenter (SW) and Malcalm Staples (S). H-6-0.

Two-mile — 1. Duone Johnson (M). 2. John

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100 — 1. Battle (SW), 2. Stratier (C), 3. Trent Conway (S), 4. Scatt (C), 5. Detrick Jackson (SW), T-9.8. (Breaks East record of 9.9 by Reggie Barnett, Central, 1971 and by Reggie Janes, Saginow, 1972

120 hurdles — 1. Carpenter (SW). 2. Oberle (M). 120 burdles — 1. Carpenter (SW). 2. Oberle (M). 3. Robinson (SW). 4. Roper Simms (S). 5. William Lewis (C), T-14.6. (Brecks East record at 1-8. by Alke Studeriek. Midlenal. 1971). 400 — 1. Wibbur Houston (S). 2. Glen Gorton (M). 3. Ouane Martin (SW). 4. Grep Dawson (SW). 5. Mike brandt (M). 1. 50.6. Mile — 1. Johnson (M). 2. Grepory (M). 3. Senetield (SW). 2. Mark Ronnolph (M). 5. Zach Williamson (S). 1. 41-29.2.

liamson (S), T-4:29.2.

40 relay – I. Southwestern (Hodo, Battle, Mirchell, Grotham). 2. Centrol (Scott, Edson, Nord. Strotier, 3. Soginow, T-43.0. (Breaks Valley and East records of 43.18 by Southwestern, 1976).

20 – I. Grotham (SW), 2. Duane Burke (SW), 3.
Alike Smith (SW), 4. James Koger (S), 5. Paul Branger (A), 1.72 S.

Broman (M), T-22.S. Mile relay — 1, Midland, 2, Southwestern (Robinson, Randy Talitarro, Martin, Dawson), 3, Saginaw, T-3:27.8.

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