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SW wins three events but loses track title

By LEN HOYES

Flint Southwestern's trackmen were outmanned but not outperformed Saturday.

Nevertheless, the Colts surrendered the Class A state track championship to Detroit Cass Tech which scored 43 points in seven events and relegated SW to second place in a field of 130 teams at Houston Stadium.

Southwestern had quality performances, taking three first places and a third while totaling 34 points.

Brian Carpenter, a senior who may have been competing in track for the last time in Michigan, was the kingpin for Coach Fred Jackson who has two championships and two second places in the last four years.

CARPENTER CLEARED 23-6½ on his next-to-last try to win the long jump and was part of the winning 440-yard and 880-yard relay teams.

Anthony Battle, who was third in the 220, also was part of the relay victories. The other two were Reggie Mitchell and Norm Graham.

The 440 crew won in 42.42 and the 880 foursome in 1:28.4, each time defeating Cass Tech.

"We just didn't have enough qualifiers," Jackson said, adding, "I think we could have won if we had our mile relay team." The mile team, one of the best in the state, was disqualified in the regional two weeks earlier.

The Colts would have needed third place to tie Cass Tech.

"I think we would have been at least second," Jackson said.

WHILE THE COLTS were having a successful day, other Flint schools had mixed results.

Regional champion Kearsley scored 21 points and tied for seventh place, getting second places from two-miler Dave Podszadecki and polevaulter Dave Shock, fourth from two-miler Terry Doherty and seventh from Kirk Lueckeman in the high hurdles.

But Northern and Northwestern were shut out, only the second time in Northern's modern history and only the third in Northwestern's 14-year history.

Each had expected to do considerably better.

Northern, which had been expected to challenge for the title, saw its hope erode in the preliminaries when Michael Miller, state 220 champion, the last two years, pulled up in the semifinals of the 100-yard dash preliminaries because of an injured leg.

AS A RESULT, Coach Norbert Badar had to juggle personnel. Neither the 440 nor mile relay teams, which had been expected to place high, scored.

Badar said, "The leg has been hurting since Monday. If we had a chance for the title, he would have run if it killed him. But Randy Anderson couldn't run and we were missing two others. It just wasn't our day."

Grand Blanc scored six points via Al Stefanski's fifth place in the mile and Dave Richiger's seventh in the shot put.

Central's 440 relay team of Leland Scott, Mike Edson, Jerry Nard and Kevin Strozier was eighth for three points, maintaining the Tribe's record of being the only school to score in every Class A meet since 1961.

BEHIND CASS Tech and Southwestern came Detroit Redford with 30, Pontiac Central 26½, Ann Arbor Huron 26, Benton Harbor 24, Grrosse Point North and Kearsley 21, Detroit Central 19, Detroit Redford Union and Detroit

Pershing 18 and Holland 17.

Only 66 schools scored.

Southwestern's 34 points were only one less than it totaled last year.

Carpenter has signed a letter of intent at University of Michigan and earlier indicated he'll pass up track to concentrate on football.

Last year his third place in the long jump clinched the Colts' third state title.

This time he had the satisfaction of beating 1977 champion James Ross of Kalamazoo Central by two inches. Carpenter fouled on a jump which might have beaten the record of 23-11.

GRAHAM WAS THE key man in the 440 victory, moving from the middle of the pack to a 15-yard lead which Carpenter and Mitchell maintained.

Graham said, "I don't know how

Peru pulls Cup upset

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Peru's soccer squad, one of the less favored teams in the World Cup defeated Scotland 3-1 in a major upset at Cordoba Saturday.

Teofilo Cubillas scored two goals for Peru, who came from behind to win in front of an emotional, wildly excited South American crowd.

Rob Rensenbrink scored three goals for Holland, runners-up in the 1974 World Cup, in a hard-won 3-0 victory over Iran, a long shot outsider. Holland and Peru went into a joint lead in Group 4 and appeared likely to qualify for the second round.

In Group 3, Sweden held Brazil, three-time winners of the trophy, to a 1-1 draw at Mar del Plata, and Austria edged Spain 2-1 at Buenos Aires' Velez Sarsfield Stadium.

Austria led the group standings. Argentina and Italy jointly lead Group 1, and the unheralded Tunisian team is ahead of defending champions West Germany in Group 2.

many I passed. I think it was two but maybe three."

Hurdler Marcus Allen set a record of 13.8 seconds in the 120 highs for Cass Tech's only first. However, it had four seconds, including a 1-2 in the hurdles for a whopping 15 points which sent it ahead to stay.

Coach Bob Glenn pointed out that Cass scored in all three relays. He said, "We got a big lift from Cade because he's only a 10th grader and Allen's second place in the 330 hurdles was a big help."

Allen chased Shelby Johnson of Taylor Center to a record of 37.0.

PAUL PIWINSKI, a junior from Warren Cousino, set a record of 6-10½ in the high jump but missed three times in an attempt to clear seven feet.

Pat Kelly of Grand Rapids Union set a record of 166-10 in the discus, the top five finishers equaling or breaking the record of 161-8.

Double winners were Deon Hogan of Detroit Kettering, 9.8 in the 100 and 21.8 in the 220, and Erik Henriksen of Portage Northern, 9:04.9 for two miles and 4:13.5 for the mile.

Mark Prunte, Saginaw Valley Conference champ from Pontiac Central, took the 880 in 1:53.7.

Mike Petsch of Redford Union, who placed in three events, won the shot put at 61-1¼. Randall Woodson of Detroit Redford won the 440 in 47.8 and helped win the mile relay in 3:20.83. John Lundererg of Holland won the pole vault. He and Shock both cleared 13-11 but the Kearsley vaulter was relegated to second because of misses.

CASS TECH'S title ended a three-year Flint lock on the title and a five-year reign by the Saginaw Valley which owns 24 titles in the last 35 years.

Cass Tech's last state track title was 52 years ago.

The Detroit public schools left the state competition after 1930, returning in 1962.

Until Saturday, Detroit's only "modern era" title came in 1971 when Detroit Northern, led by the great Marshall Dill, scored 54 points for the highest total in the last 22 years.



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HORNETS BUZZING — Dave Podszadecki (left) and Terry Doherty, two-milers from Kearsley High, are pushing Erik Henriksen of Portage Northern in the early part of their race Saturday in the Class A state track championships at Houston Stadium.

The two Hornets matched Henriksen's pace for 1½ miles before he pulled away to victory in 9:04.9. Podszadecki was second in 9:09.8 and Doherty fourth in 9:13.8.



BEST IN THE STATE — Southwestern's sprint relay team of (from left) Brian Carpenter, Anthony Battle, Norm Graham and Reggie Mitchell accounted for all 34 points Saturday as the Colts finished second in the state championships. They won the 440 relay in 42.42 seconds and the 880 relay in 1:28.4. Carpenter also won the long jump at 23-6½ and Battle was third in the 220.



ONE-MAN TEAM — Deon Hogan of Detroit Kettering accepts congratulations from Steve Lavasik (117) of Dearborn Edsel Ford Saturday after winning the 220-yard dash in the state Class A track meet. Hogan also won the 100-yard dash, accounting for 16 points. As Kettering's lone entry, he tied for 13th place in a field of 130 teams.

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Beecher ties with torrid finish

By CHUCK JOHNSON
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MARYSVILLE — Beecher High's track team learned the meaning of sharing Saturday by taking when it had to take.

Marty Crane's Buccaneers, the two-time defending state Class B champions, earned a tie for their third consecutive track crown by turning on the juice in a torrid mile relay to finish with 29 points along with Muskegon Heights.

It was a climax that Crane had anticipated, with the mile relay victory ending Beecher's up-and-down day on the up-side here at Marysville High School.

"I SAID it would come down to the mile relay and it did," Crane said. "You can't cut it any closer than that. We didn't get all the performances we had hoped for, but we did it when we had to."

Muskegon Heights, which could have won the championship outright with a mile relay victory, saw that chance slip from its grasp due to a brilliant effort by Beecher freshman Jon Fralick.

THE BUCS' anchor man, trailing by three yards when he got the baton, caught Muskegon Heights' runner in the last turn as his coach and teammates cheered wildly.

Fralick, whose 440 sprint was clocked unofficially at 49.8, won the battle to the tape, finishing Beecher's winning effort with a time of 3:23.1.

Going into the mile relay, the last event, four teams stood a chance of pulling out the title. Among that group was Linden, which held the lead with 26 points.

However, Pete Maas' team didn't have a mile relay qualifier, and thus had to settle for an impressive third place in the team standings.

THERE WERE OTHER outstanding performances from area performers who accounted for five of 16 event winners in the meet.

Individually, the limelight was shared by Beecher's Larry Wiley, whose time of 14.2 was tops in the 130 high hurdles; Linden's Jeff Rowe, with his all-time best leap of 22-2 earning the long jump title; Lake Fenton's Vern Chontos, who ran a winning time of 22.2 in defense of his state 220 crown; and Holly's Jeff Lewis, who beat the defending 880 champion en route to his victory in 1:53.1.

WILEY, weakened by the flu when he woke up Saturday morning, came to Marysville, anyway, and emerged as Beecher's savior.

In addition to his eight-point high hurdles victory, Wiley capped seventh in the 330 low hurdles for two points, and anchored Beecher to a fourth-place

finish in the 440 relay for seven more.

Senior Henry Young added two points by placing seventh in the 440.

He also kicked off Beecher's mile relay victory, with the middle runners, Jerome Hogan and Tim Roman, setting the stage for Fralick.

The Bucs' 440 relay team consisted of Troy McKowen, Craig Roman, Darth Atkins and Wiley.

LINDEN'S 440 quartet placed second behind Albion (44.5) with a team of Jeff Cooper, Rowe, Tim Dolan

and Chris Ward.

Rowe, a 5-9 senior, climaxed a year of improvement by figuring in 23 of the Eagles' 26 points. He placed third in the 220 to go along with his long jump victory and Linden's second in the 440 relay.

Tim Dolan earned three points by placing sixth in the 330 hurdles.

Duane Raffin's Holly crew finished with 18 points, scoring 8 in the mile relay by trailing home Beecher and Muskegon Heights.

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Rookie gives Twins homer lift

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DETROIT — First it was Bombo Rivera. Then it was Larry Wolfe.

Now the Detroit Tigers don't know what to expect for today's game with the Minnesota Twins.

Unknown Bombo Rivera saved Friday night's Minnesota victory with a spectacular diving catch in the ninth.

That was nothing compared to unknown Larry Wolfe's performance Saturday as the rookie third baseman surprised even himself.

The 25-year-old connected for two home runs and a single to drive in five runs as the Twins clobbered the Tigers, 9-2. It was the second straight loss for the Tigers after three straight wins.

WOLFE ENTERED the game with just one RBI. The home runs were the first of his big league career.

"I couldn't believe either one was out," said Wolfe who connected off Bob Sykes and Steve Foucault. Both were to left center field, just barely over the fence.

This is Wolfe's first full season. He

was called up at the end of last year. He is platooned at third with Mike Cabbage.

While Wolfe was busy driving home runs by the bushel full, Dave Goltz was busy picking up his second victory of the season in only his second appearance since April 21. He had been sidelined for more than three weeks after suffering a cracked rib in a brawl with the California Angels.

A 28-GAME winner last year, Goltz looked like he wouldn't last half the game when it started. He needed 59 pitches to complete the first two in-

nings, but completed the game on just 118.

"It's been so long since I've pitched that I think I was overthrowing at the start," Goltz said. "It helps when they swing at your first pitch."

The Twins seemed to be swinging at everything. And everything seemed to fall in.

"They just clobbered us," said Manager Ralph Houk. "They just beat us. It shows you how much pitching means."

What Houk meant was that the

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