

Sports at North

North Girls Take Regionals

By Wright Wilson

Like their male counterparts, the girls' track team from North High also won its regional championship last Saturday. North totaled 78 points to Detroit Pershing's 53 and Detroit Denby's 52.

However, the lady Norsemen had to come from behind to do it, as Denby held a 32-4 lead after six events had been completed. North's strengths were its three relay teams and distance runners.

Cathy Schmidt could have made up the difference alone, as she totaled 28 points herself. In the mile run, Schmidt nipped Hazel Park's Sue Paquette for first place, and the time of 5:09 was a new school and field record. Schmidt also won the half-mile, running 2:22.2. Cathy's third race of the day was the two-mile, and she finished second with 11:47. Paquette's winning time of 11:08 broke the field record by 22 seconds!

Following Schmidt in the mile were Martha Whitaker in fourth and Suzanne Stahl in sixth; and Patty Meehan qualified for state by placing third in the half-mile. Whitaker placed fifth in that event.

Also helping North a great deal were its three relay teams, all qualifiers for the state meet. North's 880 relay team was outraced by Denby and placed second (the Tars had 1:47.7 to North's 1:47.8).

North won the other two relay events. Jean Genord, Jody Long, Sue Demeulemeester, and Pam Stewart combined for a :52.0 clocking in the 440 team event; and North capped the afternoon's festivities by taking the mile relay in 4:17.6. The North mile quartet was Jeanne Soulliere, Meehan, Stewart, and Whitaker.

Sophomore Gretchen Schummer placed in the long jump, but missed making the state meet by just one inch. Gretchen finished fourth with a leap of 14'10½", one inch shorter than the third-place flight.

Other North athletes to place for points were: Patty Misukiewicz, sixth in the low hurdles; Meehan, fifth in the quarter-mile, and Stewart, who placed fifth in the 220.

Commenting about the meet, Long said, "Our distance people don't score big in dual meets, but they really came through for us on Saturday!"

Trackmen Reach Goal

When he first started coaching the team last March, one of the first goals Das Campbell set for North High's trackmen was to win the State Regional title. Now, as the season is in full swing, the Norsemen have accomplished just that.

North hosted eighteen teams last Saturday at the annual regional meet, held so that athletes can qualify for the upcoming state championship meet held May 31 in Grand Rapids.

Each team was allowed two entries per event (plus anyone else who made the qualifying standards), and the top three finishers on Saturday were awarded berths in the state meet. Nine of North's athletes will be competing in Grand Rapids.

Brian Vier was North's high scorer, while qualifying in three events. Vier won the low hurdles at :39.2 and the highs with :14.4 (a school record); and also placed third in the high jump, clearing six feet.

Norsemen distance runners really cleaned up, as they scored 61 points between them in three races. The big event was the mile, as North had a 1-2-3-4 sweep. Jim Schmidt took the mile victory at 4:26.0, followed by Wright Wilson with 4:28.9, Dan Van Vliet with 4:37.6, and John Rosculet with 4:39.5.

John Bucacink, running 2:02.9, won the half-mile. North again placed four runners in the two-mile, as Norsemen occupied the 1-2-4-6 slots. Schmidt won his second race, posting 9:36.9. Van Vliet took second with 9:46.8, Mark Rolain placed fourth at 10:02.6, and Wilson ran 10:07.9 for sixth.

Junior Curt Buechler had a personal best of 12'3" in the pole vault to place third, and John Bogdziewicz threw the discus 159'11" for first place.

The mile relay team placed second to Lakeview, but still earned a state berth. North's time was 3:31.5 to Lake-

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view's 3:30.6.

Other North athletes who placed were: Steve Schwinke, sixth in the high hurdles; George Pamerleau, sixth in the 100-yard dash; Tom Held, fifth in the 220-yard dash; and the 440-yard relay team, which finished fifth.

However, the big news of the day was North taking the team title. The Norsemen finished first with 116 points, ahead of runner-up and top rival Lakeview (90), and third-place team Ferndale (71). South High totaled 23 points for sixth place.

North ended up in second place in the Bi-County dual meet race with a 6-1 record. Lakeview's narrow victory over North in an earlier meet enabled them to win the League undefeated in seven meets. The League Championship meet was held on Wednesday, May 21 (after press time).