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Hurst, Bramer earn honor roll titles for third year



Rob Bramer

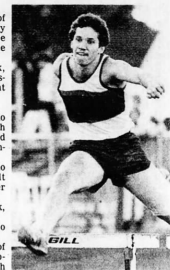
By STEVE MORSE Staff Writer

Pat Hurst of St. Philip and Rob Bramer of Olivet had a lot in common during the 1982 high school track season. Each had an injury: A torn thigh muscle kept Hurst sidelined until the regionals and a hyperextended knee slowed Bramer through the early part of the season. And each fell short in a bid to win his second state championships: Hurst finished second in the long jump for the second straight year in the Class D state meet after winning the title as a sophomore, and Bramer tied for third in his attempt to repeat as the 100-meter dash champion in Class C state meet. But problems weren't all they shared. They joined Harper Creek's Laurette Mallard as the only athletes this season to win Enquirer and News Track and Field Honor Roll championships for the third straight year. Hurst and Bramer also were among 10 athletes who ranked first in

at least two events on the final honor roll of the season. The only three-event winners were Karen O'Neil of Penfield and Karen Brown of Sturgis. O'Neil ranked first in the 110 and 200 hurdles and the high jump on the city honor roll. Brown led area girls in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes. Neither had won an honor roll title before this year. Hurst ranked first among city honor jumpers, thanks to a 23-9/4 effort at the state meet that edged teammate Mike Disner by one-quarter inch. It was Hurst's best outdoor effort ever, exceeding the 22-5/8 he had registered in 1980 and 1981. Hurst also led in the 120-yard high hurdles for the second straight year, at 15.2. He had a 14.8 a year ago. He missed defending his 1981 honor roll title in the 300 low hurdles by less than half a second, finishing second to Battle Creek Central's Tony Dozier. Dozier posted the area's best time in the 100, a 9.8 in the preliminaries at the state meet that was one-

tenth of a second slower than his first-place time last year. He was No. 1 in the 100 in 1980 at 10.0 and second in 1979 at 10.1. Bramer won the 220 for the second time—the first time was as a sophomore—with a 22.49. Bramer had been first in the 440, too, going into the state meets, but his 59.3 was beaten by Colon's Avison McKevey, who ran a 59.7. Mallard won the city girls' 440 for the second straight year. As a freshman, two years ago, she was No. 1 in the 800. Mallard just missed repeating in the long jump, finishing second by 1/4 inches to Lakeview's Cheryl Barea, who had won the city 110 hurdles last year. Horton repeated as the city 880 champ and had the best time in the 440. Miller, the 1981 two-mile champion, prevailed in both the two-mile and mile. Other double leaders were: Dwight Horton of Central, who was No. 1 in the city 100 and won of the city high jump. —Tim Miller of DeLton, who won

the area boys' shot put and discus. —Carolayne "Cookie" Henry of Central, who took first in the city girls' 100 and 200, giving her three honor roll titles in her career. She won the 100 in 1980. —Sue Harris of Harper Creek, who won the city girls' shot and discus. It marked the second straight year she had won the city discus. —Den Leighton of Lakeview, who tied for first in the city boys' high jump with teammate Ron Fitzgerald and Central's Dwight Horton of Central after winning it alone in 1981. —Scott Froberg of Sturgis, who tied for first in the area pole vault with Gull Lake's Dan Healy after winning it outright last year. —Cheri Caswell of Harper Creek, who prevailed in the city girls' 800. —Dena Davis of Bronson, who captured the area girls' high jump. Battle Creek Central won five of six relay titles. The Bearcats captured the boys' 440 for the fourth straight year with the exact same time, 43.8.



Pat Hurst

Final 1982 Enquirer and News City and Area High School Track Honor Roll

Table listing track and field events and winners. Columns include event name, winner name, and school. Events include 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, mile, 2 mile, 3 mile, 5K, 10K, 15K, 20K, 30K, 50K, 100K, 150K, 200K, 300K, 400K, 500K, 600K, 700K, 800K, 900K, 1000K, 1500K, 2000K, 3000K, 4000K, 5000K, 6000K, 7000K, 8000K, 9000K, 10000K, 15000K, 20000K, 30000K, 40000K, 50000K, 60000K, 70000K, 80000K, 90000K, 100000K.

District meets might be added to schedule

By STEVE MORSE Staff Writer

A two-step state qualifying process may be on the horizon for Michigan high school track and field. Sturgis High track coach Jack Grant, a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association 1982 track committee, said he believes there is support for a proposal to add district meets to the regional competition which currently precedes state meets in the four classes. "We've been getting a lot of flak," Grant said of a rules change this year which reduced the number of qualifiers for the state meet in each regional event from three to two. "I've been getting a lot of calls from coaches around the state who aren't too happy with it."

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problems last fall, now teaches and coaches girls' track at Cypress Fairbanks High on the northwest side of Houston. "Some of the kids called and asked if I'd come. I miss 'em," said Nielsen, who stopped at the meet en route to her hometown of Lansing, where she plans to spend some time this summer. She said she doesn't miss the uncertainty of Harper Creek's school status. "I really feel bad for this system is working on a survey of its membership concerning district meets. The extra level of competition would have to be approved by the Post No. 54 of the American Legion, MHSAA's Representative Council to work the take effect."

KAREN NIELSEN, who coached Harper Creek High's girls' track team in Twin Valley and regional championships last spring, came in back to see her former team in action after the All-City Track Meet.

Robert Wright, starter at the meet, was given a special award for Harper Creek district's financial and community service work.

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Battle Creek honor roll

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