

Tribe cruises to Valley track title

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AUBURN — Flint Central's march to the Saginaw Valley Conference title in boys' track Wednesday night was similar to the Detroit Tigers' pattern of getting ahead and staying ahead.

Coach Mike Vance's team piled up 27 points in the first four events and cruised to a 101-74 margin over Saginaw High in the 80th annual meet at Western High's track.

The outcome reversed their finishes in the regional championships last Friday and the 27-point victory margin was the largest since the Valley returned to a one-division meet in 1981.

DERRICK LEONARD won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team to help Central's third title in the last five years. It won the East Division in 1980 and all the marbles in 1981.

Flint Northern tries for a seventh straight Valley title in the girls' 10th annual meet today on the same track. Field events start at 4 and the running finals at 7.

Leonard won the 100 in 10.6 for the second straight year and his 22.0 time reclaimed the 200 title which he won in 1982 but surrendered last year.

High jumper Stacey Johnson tied the meet record of 6-8 and Andy Parker won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.4 for other Central triumphs. It placed in 12 events.

FLINT ENTRIES won 10 of 17 events.

Mike Lacy of Flint Northern extended his pole vault record to 14-5, adding 4½ inches to his 1983 effort, but the defending champion Vikings finished sixth, their lowest standing on the overall point chart since 1967.

Midland Dow was third with 57, followed by Flint Southwestern 54, Pontiac Central 44, Northern 42, Bay City Western 38, Midland 36, Flint Northwestern 30, Saginaw Arthur Hill 27 and Bay City Central 24.

"We ran better than last Friday and Saginaw wasn't as sharp," said Vance in explaining the reversal of their positions in the last five days. "We knew we had to be ahead of Saginaw after the field events. When we did so well early on, I figured we would win.

"WE GOT a great lift from 16 points in the long jump and Daryl Gilliam's second in the shot put. The 1-2-3 in the high hurdles really put us in command."

The Indians piled up 36 points in the field events and took a 25-point edge into the running finals. When Parker, Phil Hendrix and Mark Major slammed the hurdles, they had a 60-15 lead and Saginaw Coach Jim Perry admitted the meet was virtually over.

Leonard's victories and the relay triumph kept the Indians safely ahead.

"I felt strong," said 142-pound Leonard who figures he's at his best weight after starting the season at

150. "I didn't have a good start in the 100 but made up time about halfway. I'm going to work on starts before the state meet."

REG GALLASPY, Daryl Greer and Gilliam were his cohorts on a 42.9 winning relay. Those three were headed for another victory but anchorman Dwayne Henry pulled a muscle in the 800 relay and limped home in fourth place.

Northern won in 1:31.3 with Dwayne Jude, Eric Spencer, Sam Boyd and Adolph Williams.

Southwestern claimed a record when its 3,200-meter relay team of Lonnie Poole, Derrick Keyes, Dave Etheridge and Calvert Gordon won a new event in 8:15.0. Teammate Johnny Wynn won the shot put at 50-2 after placing second in the discus.

Andre Rison accounted for Northwestern's only victory with a 22-11 effort in the long jump which led an all-Flint contingent to the top six places. He also was third in the 100 and 200 and helped the 400-meter relay team finish fourth, thereby accounting for 23 of the Wildcats' 30 points.

Saginaw and Arthur Hill won two events and Midland, Dow and Western one.

Saginaw Valley track championship

Team legend and scoring: Flint Central (C) 101, Saginaw (S) 74, Midland Dow (D) 57, Flint Southwestern (SW) 54, Pontiac Central (P) 44, Flint Northern (N) 42, Bay City Western (W) 38, Midland (M) 36, Flint Northwestern (NW) 30, Saginaw Arthur Hill (A) 27, Bay City Central (BC) 24.
Long jump — 1. Andre Rison (NW), 2. Reg Gallaspy (C), 3. Stacey Johnson (C), 4. Mel Houston (NW), 5. Craig Kimble (C), 6. Delano Burton (N), D-22:11

Discus — 1. Jim Schultz (W), 2. Johnny Wynn (SW), 3. Tim Knight (D), 4. Ken Thurlow (D), 5. John Moore (S), 6. Karl Verity (W), D-136:5

High jump — 1. Johnson (C), 2. Vince Davis (S), 3. Mark Harvey (M), 4. Andra Clark (P), 5. Michael Lacy (N), 6. Jeff Arnold (P), H-6:8. (Equals record by Freels Bacon, Flint Central 1967).

3,200 relay — 1. Southwestern (Lonnie Poole, Derrick Keyes, Dave Etheridge, Calvert Gordon), 2. Dow, 3. Pontiac, 4. Saginaw, 5. Northern (Aaron Lindley, Theodore Ruth, Carl LeSears, Winston Stevens), 6. Western, T-8:15.0. (Automatic record for new event).

Pole vault — 1. Lacy (N), 2. Matt Morrison (M), 3. Steve Moore (D), 4. Keith Kennedy (BC), 5. Ken Franklin (C), Fred Carlson (W) and Derrick Hicks (S), H-14:5. (Breaks record of 14-4 by Lacy, 1983).

110 hurdles — 1. Andy Parker (C), 2. Phil Hendrix (C), 3. Mark Major (C), 4. Matt McNeal (P), 5. Jim Shaffer (M), 6. Antoine McCoy (P), T-10:6.
100 — 1. Derrick Leonard (C), 2. Darnell Davis (S), 3. Rison (NW), 4. Lyle Behmlander (W), 5. Wendell Jefferson (P), 6. Adolph Williams (N), T-10:6.

800 relay — 1. Northern (Dwayne Jude, Eric Spencer, Sam Boyd, Williams), 2. Saginaw, 3. Midland, 4. Southwestern (Anthony Groce, Ed Hughes, Torrance Jarrett, Cedric Smith), 5. Central (Reg Gallaspy, Daryl Greer, Daryl Gilliam, Dwayne Henry), 6. Dow, T-1:31:3.

1,600 — 1. Scott Day (AH), 2. Sam Maza (BC), 3. Mike Ehrmantraut (D), 4. Gordon (SW), 5. Tim See (AH), 6. Jim Rouleau (W), T-4:27:5.
Shot put — 1. Wynn (SW), 2. Gilliam (C), 3. Shaffer (D), 4. Verity (W), 5. Knight (D), 6. Hendrix (C), D-50:2.

400 relay — 1. Central (Gallaspy, Greer, Gilliam, Leonard), 2. Saginaw, 3. Western, 4. Northwestern (Calvin Hurdys, Sy Collins, Jr., Rison, Houston), 5. Southwestern (Joel Love, Hughes, Abdul Fisher, Smith), 6. Pontiac, T-4:29.9.

400 — 1. Darnell Davis (S), 2. Clark (P), 3. Nate Chisolm (S), 4. Kenford Wilson (N), 5. Beau Kelly (M), 6. Levan Buggs (P), T-4:49.9.

800 — 1. Kirk Dietsch (D), 2. James Walker (P), 3. Stan Ruth (N), 4. Mike Umphrey (BC), 5. Keyes (SW), 6. Day (AH), T-2:01:1.

300 hurdles — 1. Shaffer (P), 2. Steve Syring (BC), 3. McNeal (P), 4. Parker (C), 5. Jarrett (SW), 6. Brent Nash (P), T-3:38.5.

200 — 1. Leonard (C), 2. Darnell Davis (S), 3. Rison (NW), 4. Hughes (SW), 5. Behmlander (W), 6. Dave Samuel (S), T-2:22.0.

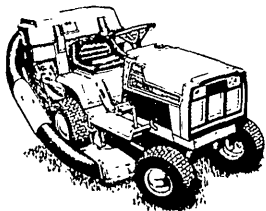
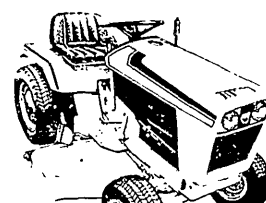
3,200 — 1. Day (AH), 2. Ehrmantraut (D), 3. Maza (BC), 4. Roy Kapp (AH), 5. Steve Charibolis (BC), 6. Larry Cardinal (C), T-9:51:8.
1,600 relay — 1. Saginaw, 2. Southwestern (Jarrett, Groce, Keyes, Smith), 3. Northern (Wilson, LeSears, Stevens, Burton), 4. Central (Kimble, Gilliam, Parker, Greer), 5. Midland, 6. Pontiac, T-2:25:1.

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