

Beecher's Burgess leaps 6-10

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Last week, despite heavy wind and rain, the Beecher High boys track team looked mighty impressive

So with Friday's cloudless 80-degree temperatures, the Bucs weren't expected to be anything less than outstanding.

They were

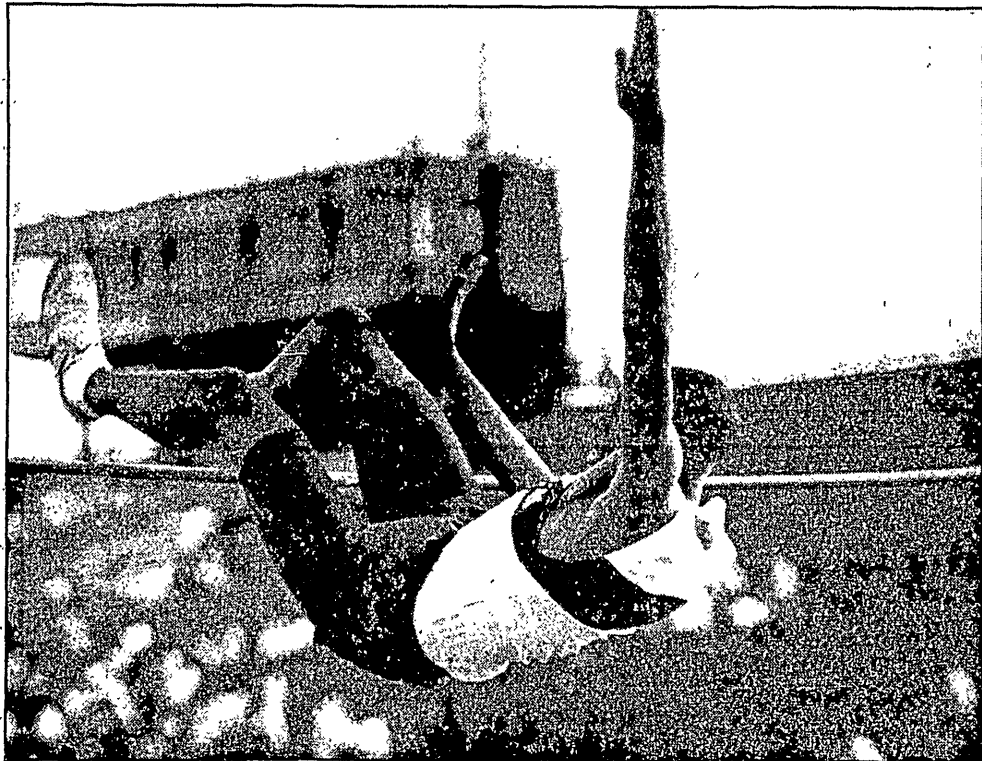
Beecher blitzed the field in the C.S. Mott Relays at Houston Stadium. The Bucs scored a whopping 113 points, more than 2½ times more than second-Ann Arbor Huron which scored 44.

BEECHER WON eight of 13 events in winning the meet for the second straight year. It was the Bucs' seventh Mott crown, tying Flint Northern for the most first-place finishes in the 24-year history of the meet.

"I don't think we could do a whole lot better than we did today," Beecher Coach Martin Crane said. "The kids really performed well tonight "

Junior TaRon Burgess highlighted the meet, setting a Mott Relays individual record in the high jump at 6-foot-10. Combined with a 6-foot-2 leap by teammate

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Beecher's TaRon Burgess clears 6-10 in the high jump.

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Joe Bullock, Beecher also set a team record of 13-feet in the event, breaking the record of 12-foot-11 set in 1981 by Midland Dow

Burgess, who broke his school record of 6-9, barely missed on two attempts at clearing 7-feet.

"I wanted to do better, but I made a few minor mistakes," the 6-foot-7 Burgess said.

Burgess pulled up short of his jumping mark twice while the bar was set at 7-feet

"You could tell it was a mental thing with his approaches," Crane said "The second time he was on his mark, but he stopped. I think the adrenaline got him going."

Other first-place finishes for the Bucs were: 800-meter C.S. Mott relay; shuttle hurdle relay; long jump relay; sprint medley relay; 3200 meter relay; 400 meter relay; and the 1600 meter relay.

In the other five events, Beecher placed second twice, third once and fifth once. The Bucs were blanked only in the pole vault.

"Every time I turned around, somebody was running a great sprint," Crane said "We didn't

botch any passes today. This was just one of those nights you'd love to have."

After sweeping through opponents for the past few weeks, what could be next for the Bucs?

"The state meet - that's the one that means the most," Crane said. "I'd like to take these guys there right now."

Saginaw High won the girls meet with 89 points Defending champion Brighton was second with 44 points and Midland third with 35. Flint-area teams were shut out from first-place medals as Saginaw took six, and Brighton, Midland and Arthur Hill two apiece.

The closest any Flint girls squad came to winning were seconds by Southwestern Academy in the discus and 400 meter run.

1992 C.S. Mott Relays

BOYS

TEAM STANDINGS - 1 Beecher 113 2 Ann Arbor Huron 44 3 Flint Central 37 4 Flint North 36 5 Midland 35 6 Flint Northwestern 26 7 Midland Dow 24 8 Flint Southwestern Academy 19 9 Saginaw Arthur Hill 16 10 Pinckney and Saginaw Buena Vista 8 12 Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 4 13 Inkster 0

RELAYS - 6400 A.A. Huron (Robson Monaghan Carson Martens) 19 25 3 2 Northern 3 Beecher 4 Dow 5 Arthur Hill C.S. Mott - Beecher (Ramsey Watkins Obie Perry Jimmy Lacy Garth Spight) 1 30 9 2 Central 3 Northwestern 4 Northern 5 Huron pole vault Midland Dow (McManus, Hill) 25-0 2 Midland 3 Huron 4 Pinckney shuttle hurdle Beecher (Perry Reggie Allen Ronald Allen, Ramsey Watkins) 59 36 2 Central 3 Midland 4 Huron 5 Loy Norrix long

jump - Beecher (Marcus Tipton, McKinley Tipton) 42-5 1/2 2 Central 3 Buena Vista 4 Northwest-arn 5 Midland, sprint medley - Beecher (Lacy, Jossie Broom, Spight Radarick Hall) 2 25 71, 2 Northwestern 3 Northern, 4 SW Academy, 5 Arthur Hill 3200 - Beecher (Marcus Tipton Demetrius MaGee Marcus Brown Marcus Tipton) 8 15 7 2 Midland 3 SW Academy 4 Central 5 Northern shot put Midland Dow (Murray Parmora) 95 6 2 Midland 3 Pinckney 4 Buena Vista 5 Beecher distance medley A.A. Huron 11 08 2 2 Beecher 3 Arthur Hill 4 SW Academy 5 Northern discus A.A. Huron (DaCamp Andy Fiskol) 284 2 2 Beecher 3 Midland 4 Pinckney 5 Central 400 Beecher (Antwan Williams Lacy Perry Spight) 43 24 2 Central 3 Northern 4 Northwestern 5 Buena Vista high jump Beecher (TaRon Burgess, Joe Bullock) 13-0 2 Arthur Hill 3 Midland 4 Loy Norrix 5 SW Academy 1600 Beecher (Ronald Allen McKinley Tipton, Lacy Marcus Tipton) 3 20 53 2 Northern, 3 Northwestern, 4 SW Academy 5 Central

GIRLS

TEAM STANDINGS - 1 Saginaw 89 2 Brighton 44 3 Midland 35 4 Ann Arbor Huron 31, 5 Lansing Sexton 21 6 Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, Flint Southwestern Academy and Saginaw Arthur Hill 20 9 Inkster 16 10 Flint Northern 15, 11 Flint Central 5 12 Flint Northwestern and Saginaw Buena Vista 0

RELAYS - C.S. Mott - Saginaw (Holmes, Tate, Thomas Nelson) 7 14 2 2 Loy Norrix 3 Brighton, 4 Northern 5 Midland shot put Arthur Hill (Sylvester Culbert) 69 1 2 Sexton 3 Saginaw 4 Huron 5 Brighton shuttle hurdle Brighton 1 10 95 2 Saginaw 3 Brighton 4 Inkster 5 Midland high jump Midland (McKay Schlickling) 9 8 2 Huron 3 Saginaw 4 Brighton 5 Sexton long jump Midland (Washington McKay) 29 10 2 Saginaw 3 Huron 4 Sexton 5 Central 800 Saginaw 1 45 39 2 Inkster 3 SW Academy 4 Northern 5 Sexton 3200 Brighton 10 12 32 2 Midland 3 Loy Norrix 4 Huron 5 Central 100 meters Patricia Hayes (Saginaw) 12 28 2 Lynn (Inkster) 3 Washington (Saginaw) 4 Watkins (Central) 5 Sykes (NW) 1600 run Janice Nilson (Saginaw) 5 30 1 2 Boyer (Brighton) 3 Putnam (Midland) 4 Kiman (Huron) 5 Green (Brighton) 400 Saginaw 49 81 2 SW Academy 3 Brighton 4 Huron 5 Northern discus Arthur Hill (Sylvester Culbert) 187 2 2 SW Academy 3 Saginaw 4 Sexton 5 Huron 1600 Saginaw 4 11 09 2 Huron 3 Loy Norrix 4 Northern, 5 Sexton