

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 107, HEA...
100-HH-Jacobs (M-S) :16.4
100-Walden (H) :10.8
880-Johnson (M-S) 2:02.8
880-Relay-Heyworth (Miss, Whitney, Miller, Under) 1:51.6
440-Williams (M-S) :58.1
330-LH-Forrest (H) :41.7
220-Walden (H) :22.4
220-Mile-James, (M-S) 10:27.9
Mile Relay-Heyworth (Read, Forrest, Rehgmeyer, Walden) 3:49.2
Discus-Lindsey (M-S) 121.3
Shot put-Walden (H) 45.9
Long jump-Karr (M-S) 19.3
High jump-Rayburn (M-S) 5.6
Pole vault-B. Williams (M-S) 9
Triple jump-Kessler (M-S) 38.4
440 Relay-M-S (Karr, Kessler, Saylor, Jacobs) :48.3

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 112, FARMER...
120-HH-Jacobs (M-S) :15.8
100-Karr (M-S) :10.9
880-Warren (M-S) 2:12.7
880-Relay-Mahomet-Seymour 1:38.7
240-T. Williams (M-S) :35.5
230-LH-Jacobs (M-S) :46.7 (school record)
Mile-James (M-S) 4:51.2
220-Dubson (FC-M) 42.5
Two-Mile-Johnson (M-S) 9:44.2
Mile Relay-Mahomet-Seymour 3:48.0
Discus-Maynard (FC-M) 132.2
Shot Put-Lindsey (M-S) 44.0
Long jump-Karr (M-S) 19.4
High jump-Rayburn (M-S) 6.0
Pole Vault-Kessler (M-S) 30.0
Triple jump-Kessler (M-S) 40.4
440 Relay-Mahomet-Seymour :48.2

MAHOMET 97 1/2, GIBSON CITY 59 1/2, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 25
440 Relay-Central Catholic (Glass, Walseth, Sigobiano, Jordan) 46.5
Two-Mile-Bill James (MS), 10:30.8
120 High Hurdles-Dave Jacobs (MS), 16.3
Shot-Rick Rhodes (CC), 47.1/5
100-Doug Hager (CC), 10.4
880-Mark Johnson (MS), 2:07.6
Discus-Tim Lindsey (MS), 127.5
880 Relay-Mahomet (Kent Leonard, Jacob, Eric Saylor, Steve Karr) 1:42.2
440-Hager (CC) 35.5
Pole Vault-Mike Kelly (MS) 10.0
High Jump-Steve Rayburn (MS) 5.6
330 Low Hurdles-Jacob (MS) 42.9
Mile-James (MS) 4:56.0
220-Karr (MS) 24.4
Long Jump-Wally Jordan (GC) 19.5/4
Triple Jump-Mark Johnson (MS) 40.4/4
Mile Relay-Gibson City (Troy Royal, Roger Rhodes, Hager, Jordan) 3:49.5

Danville, Mahomet Rule Urbana Open

By DAVID WOODS
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For most of the day, it was just like old times for Urbana High's track and field team. The Tigers, who won the Urbana Open every year but one between 1952 and 1971, were leading the Class A race in their second annual Open Relays.

But Danville's Vikings spoiled what could have been a nostalgic Saturday. They outscored Urbana 23-8 in the last three events and won the Class A championship by a 71-60 margin. Rantoul was third with 50 points and Champaign Central fourth with 41.

Mahomet-Seymour, meanwhile, maintained a tradition of sorts. It won its second straight Class B title with 32 points, eight more than runner-up Kincaid. Unity was third with 23. Freshman-sophomore titles were won by Rantoul in Class A and Tuscola in Class B.

Most spectators left before completion of the pole vault. And understandably so, since the meet had already lasted seven hours. But those who remained an extra 90 minutes saw perhaps the best event of the day.

Pontiac's Terry Christopher, one of the state's top vaulters, won with a meet record of 13 feet 6 inches. Also clearing 13 feet, last year's state qualifying height, were Centennial's Paul Uhl (second, 13 - 3), Danville's Steve Luke (third, 13-3) and Urbana's Mike Murphy (fourth, 13-0).

State qualifying height this year has been raised to 13-6. Danville won five varsity events, more than any other school. The Vikings went ahead of Urbana to stay by winning the Class A 880 relay, the third-to-last event, in 1:35.3. The Tigers failed to score in the race.

The only double winner was Danville junior Alvin Perryman, who won the triple jump with a meet record of 43-7 and the long jump with 19-10 1/2.

Stan Miller was Danville's only other individual winner, coming from behind to win Urbana's victory in the Class B mile and Frank Lee in the Class A 330 low hurdles, :39.7 to :39.8. Both setting spring medley foursome.

Team Points

CLASS A VARSITY
Danville 71, Urbana 60, Rantoul 50, Champaign Central 41, Centralia 20, Champaign Centennial 15, Stephen Decatur 15, Mattoon 14, Olympia 14, Pontiac 13, Metamora 6.
CLASS B VARSITY
Mahomet-Seymour 32, Kincaid 24, Unity 23, Monticello 15, Homer 10, Oaklaid 9, Tuscola 9, Atwood-Hammond 7, Arcola 6, ABL 4, Arthur 4, St. Joseph-Ogden 2.

CLASS A FROSH-SOPH
Rantoul 44, Danville 40, Mattoon 30, Champaign Central 27, Stephen Decatur 19, Pontiac 11, Urbana 10, Centralia 4, Metamora 3.

CLASS B FROSH-SOPH
Tuscola 25, Urbana Jr. High 13, Unity 11, Mahomet-Seymour 8, Monticello 7, Danville East Park Jr. High 6, ABL 6, Atwood-Hammond 6, Champaign Edison Jr. High 4, St. Joseph-Ogden 3, Arcola 2, Danville South View Jr. High 2, Danville North Ridge Jr. High 1/2.

High jump with a meet record of 40:2 set last year by Mattoon's Rick Moss, who was third this time in 40:1.

Although he failed to win an event, George Davidson contributed 12 points for Urbana by finishing second in the high jump (6-0), long jump (19-10 1/2) and triple jump (41-4).

Olympia's Kent Shifflett, another one of the state's top field event specialists, won the high jump with meet record of 6-5.

Urbana's lone winners were Larry Jackson in the shot put (52-0 1/2) and the two-mile relay team, which used Dave Plager's 2:00.3 anchor 880 to set a meet record of 8:15.4.

Rick Rundus, rounding into form following a knee injury, anchored Central to record victories in the Class A sprint medley and the open distance medley. He first ran an 880 of 2:01.9, then came back less than an hour later to run a 4:34.5 mile.

"That's as good a double as he's done so far this year," said Central distance coach Dike Stirrett.

What about Rundus' knee? "I must ask him about that three or four times a week, if not every day," replied Stirrett. "He says, 'No problem, no problem.'"

Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson also had "no problem," leading his team to the Class B title with a decisive 4:32.5 victory in the Class B mile and Frank Lee in the Class A 330 low hurdles, :39.7 to :39.8. Both setting spring medley foursome.

Summary Of Events

OPEN VARSITY
100 dash-1. Warner (Rantoul) :10.3 (meet record); 2. Conner (Rantoul) :10.5; 3. Lutzel (Centennial) :10.5; 4. Jarratt (S. Decatur) :10.8; 5. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9; 6. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9; 7. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9; 8. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9; 9. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9; 10. Dorlamm (Atwood) :10.9
Mile relay-1. Rantoul (Jones, Poage, Foster, Lowell) 3:55.0; 2. Danville 3:34.5; 3. Urbana 3:38.0; 4. Centralia 3:39.3; 5. S. Decatur 3:39.7
Two-mile relay-1. Urbana (Toland, Ekstrom, Wustman) 8:13.4 (meet record); 2. Rantoul 8:17.9; 3. Danville 8:19.7; 4. Centennial 8:31.3; 5. Olympia 8:34.0
Distance medley (880-440-220) mile-1. Central (Wolf, Frost, Williams, Rundus) 7:58.8 (meet record); 2. Centralia 8:00.4; 3. S. Decatur 8:03.0; 4. Centennial 8:03.1; 5. Rantoul 8:04.1
High jump-1. Shifflett (Olympia) 6-5 (meet record); 2. Davidson (Urbana) 6-0; 3. Harbink (Mattoon) 5-10; 4. Miller (Arcola) 5-10; 5. Leach (Pontiac) 5-10
Long jump-1. Perryman (Danville) 19-10 1/2; 2. Davidson (Urbana) 19-10 1/2; 3. Moss (Mattoon) 19-10; 4. Warner (Rantoul) 19-8; 5. Karr (Mah-Sev) 19-6 1/2
Triple jump-1. Perryman (Danville) 42-7 (meet record); 2. Davidson (Urbana) 42-7; 3. Council (Rantoul) 40-11 1/2; 4. Kelley (Urbana) 39-1 1/2; 5. Williams (Central) 38-1 1/2
Shot put-1. Christopher (Pontiac) 52-0 1/2 (meet record); 2. Uhl (Centennial) 43-3; 3. Luke (Danville) 33-3; 4. Murphy (Urbana) 33-0; 5. Sedon (Urbana) 32-0 1/2
Pole vault-1. Jackson (Pontiac) 12-5 (Tuscola) 51-1/4; 2. O'Brien (Danville) 50-3; 3. Cole (Arthur) 48-9 1/2; 4. Striegel (Monticello) 47-1; 5. Fford (Olympia) 44-1; 6. Jackson (Urbana) 43-1 1/2; 7. Little (Tuscola) 43-0; 8. Hoffman (Rantoul) 43-0
CLASS A VARSITY
Mile run-1. Parks (Centralia) 4:31.3; 2. Rhode (Pontiac) 4:31.9; 3. Berg (S. Decatur) 4:36.0; 4. Green (Centralia) 4:40.3; 5. Pollitt (Danville) 4:44.4
330 low hurdles-1. Miller (Danville) 39.7 (meet record); 2. Lee (Urbana) 39.8; 3. Moss (Mattoon) 40.1; 4. Sheffer (Pontiac) 41.4; 5. Eckery (Urbana) 41.6
440 relay-1. Danville (Gentry, Lull, Miller, Glover) :45.2; 2. Central :45.3; 3. Mattoon :46.0
880 relay-1. Danville (Gentry, Allis, Miller, Glover) 1:35.3; 2. Central :35.5; 3. Rantoul 1:36.3; 4. Metamora 1:55.9; 5. Decatur 1:57.0
Sprint medley (440-220-880)-1. Central (Dickerson, J. Eichelberg, Young, Rundus) 3:41.5 (meet record); 2. Urbana 3:44.3; 3. Rantoul 3:46.0
CLASS B VARSITY
Mile run-1. Johnson (Mah-Sev) 4:42 (meet record); 2. Mohr (ABL) 4:39.0; 3. James (Mah-Sev) 4:40.0; 4. Moore (Monticello) 4:41.0; 5. Mohr (Urbana) 4:42.0
330 low hurdles-1. Miller (Horr) 42.1 (meet record); 2. Jacobs (Urbana) 42.5; 3. Horn (Oakwood) 42.4; 4. Mur (Arthur) 43.9; 5. Crowder (Tuscola) 44.2
440 relay-1. Kincaid (Merano, Cont, Lenz, Hartley) :46.9 (meet record); 2. Unity 47.0; 3. Mahomet-Seymour :47.1; 4. Kincaid :48.4
880 relay-1. Kincaid (Merano, Cont, Lenz, Hartley) :3:37.7 (meet record); 2. Unity 3:38.5; 3. Atwood-Hammond 3:42.1; 4. Oakland 3:39.0; 5. Tuscola 3:44.4
Sprint medley (440-220-880)-1. Mahomet-Seymour (Brown, Karr, Jac, Johnson) 3:48.0 (meet record); 2. Monticello 3:53.3; 3. Unity 3:53.8; 4. Homer 3:55.0; 5. St. Joseph-Ogden 3:56.0
CLASS A FROSH-SOPH WINNERS-X
Class A 440-Otto (Tuscola) :55.4
880-Cooper (ABL) 2:08.0
Mile-Nobles (Danville) 4:28.6
High jump-Peacock (Urbana Jr. H) 6-0
Long jump-Emmons (S. Decatur) 19-10 1/2
Triple jump-Cherry (Atwood-Ham) 41-2
Pole vault-Dickerson (Central) 12-4
CLASS B FROSH-SOPH WINNERS-X
Discus-Maxwell (Urbana) 127-10
440 relay-Rantoul :46.9
880 relay-Danville 1:38.23
Class A sprint medley-Mattoon 3:41.5
Class B sprint medley-Tuscola 4:39.7
X-All freshman-sophomore marks meet records except for long jump and Class B sprint medley.

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 88 1/2, ST. JOSEPH-OGDEN 57 1/2, AT ST. JOSEPH
120 HH-Jacobs (M-S) :15.9
100-Karr (M-S) :10.8
880-Relay-St. Joseph-Ogden (Moore, Corn, Spurts, Pausch) 1:44.2
440-Stark (S-J-O) 35.3
220-LH-Leard (M-S) :43.9
Mile-Johnson (M-S) 4:41.0
220-Stark (S-J-O) :24.0
Two-Mile-Johnson (M-S) 10:08.6
Mile Relay-Mahomet-Seymour (Warren, Williams, Jacobs, Brown) 3:51.6
Discus-Lindsey (M-S) 129.4
Shot put-Ristey (S-J-O) 44.3
Long jump-Karr (M-S) 19-1
High jump-James (M-S) 5-8
Pole Vault-Riley (S-J-O) 11-0
Triple Jump-Williams (S-J-O) 28-5
440 Relay-(Ile) St. Joseph-Ogden and Mahomet-Seymour :48.3
880 Relay-Mahomet-Seymour (Stute, Glaze, Slade, Rayburn) 1:48.9

MAHOMET-SEYMOUR 88 1/2, HOMER 22 1/2, DeLAND-WELDON 17
at Mahomet
120 HH-Jacobs (M-S) :15.6
100-Karr (M-S) :10.4
880-Johnson (M-S) 2:04.2
880 Relay-Mahomet-Seymour (Anderson, Kessler, Leonard, Jacobs) 1:41.4
440-Williams (M-S) :57.1
330 LH-Jacobs (M-S) :40.9
Mile-James (M-S) 5:00.9
220-Karr (M-S) :24.5
Two-Mile-James (M-S) 10:49.8
Mile Relay-Mahomet-Seymour (Brown, Jacobs, Anderson, Johnson) 3:45.8
Discus-Lindsey (M-S) 123.7
Shot Put-Lindsey (M-S) 44-11
Long Jump-Karr (M-S) 19-3
High Jump-Rayburn (M-S) 5-10
Pole Vault-Williams (M-S) 10-0
Triple Jump-Kessler (MS) 40-10 1/2
440 Relay-Mahomet-Seymour (Anderson, Kessler, Leonard, Jacobs) :48.5

15 SCHOOLS IN SPARTAN TRACK CLASSIC

Mahomet, Paxton Top Field?

Three favored in SJ-O meet

St. Joseph Hoopeston's depth - laden Cornjerkers, Mahomet - Seymour's balanced Bulldogs and Paxton's talented Mustangs are among the 15 Class A teams competing in the St. Joseph-Ogden High School's first Spartan Track Classic.

Preliminaries are set to begin at 2:30 p.m. today with the finals to follow at 5:30 p.m.

Other teams in the meet are host St. Joseph-Ogden, Casey, Catlin, Cumberland, Georgetown, Oakwood, Rossville, Shiloh, Tuscola, Unity, University High of Urbana, and ABL.

Hoopeston's hopes evolve around such top-rated performers as pole vaulter Arlyn Ruden, sprinter John Burke, middle distance aces Marv Gudeman and John Bretz and several strong relay teams.

Mahomet - Seymour's list of individual standouts including distance runners Mark Johnson and Bill James, hurdler Dave Jacobs, sprinter - long jumper Steve Karr and triple jumper Mark Kesler. Paxton's hopes are propelled by sprinters John Overstreet and Benjie Lee, shotpuffer Gary Anderson and high jumpers Cary Colwell and Tom Graham.

Ruden's 12-8 in the pole vault ranks second only to the 13-0 registered by ABL's Ed Bosch.

among entries in the pole vault. The 100 and 220-yard dashes could be among the more interesting races in the meet. Overstreet, Lee, Kar and Burke are all capable of breaking 10.4 in the century. Burke has registered a 23.4 in the 220 and the others have the potential to do as well, if not better. Overstreet, who has a 10.4 in the 100 and a 24.0 in the 220, however, is only a sophomore and is likely to run in the sophomore 100 and 200 - yard events as they also count in the varsity totals.

Johnson and James could score heavily for Mahomet-Seymour in the mile and two-mile events. Johnson, also has the area's best time in the 880 and could elect to run the 880-mile double rather than run the mile and two-mile events. The 880, by the way, could be another thrilling event. Catlin's Tom O'Shaughnessy has a 2:06 clocking and several others, including Bretz and Gudeman, have been under 2:08.

Anderson and Tuscola's Kirk Rich are 50-foot shotputters in the meet. Kesler has gone over 40 in the triple jump, Karr has leaped over 20 in the long jump and Steve Rayburn has cleared 6-0 in the high jump to give the Bulldogs strength in the field events. Paxton also is strong in the high jump. Colwell, another sophomore, has gone 6-2 and Graham has cleared 5-11.

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ST. JOSEPH - Fifteen schools, including defending champions of four conferences of the area, are scheduled to compete in St. Joseph-Ogden's first annual Spartan Track Classic here this Saturday afternoon and night.

Action will get under way with the start of all field events, hurdles and dash prelims, and running of the two-mile relay at 2:30 p.m. Finals will begin at 5:30 p.m. Presentation of trophies is slated for 9:30 p.m.

Hoopeston-East Lynn, 1974 champ of the Wauséca Conference; Tuscola, '74 ruler of the Okaw Valley; Mahomet-Seymour, tops last year in the Sangamon Valley; and Catlin, first in the East Central circuit a year ago, are the four defending titlists in the Spartan field. All are either probable or impossible repeaters in their respective loops this year.

Also well regarded entries in

today's meet are Paxton, Georgetown, and host SJ-O.

If current leaders of events among the schools in the Spartan lineup are indicative, Mahomet-Seymour and Paxton have the teams to beat.

Mahomet-Seymour's bid will be paced by ace distance runner Mark Johnson, who has 4:32.4

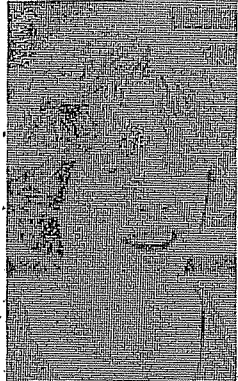
mile and 9:30 two-mile timings to his credit this spring. Paxton's effort will be spearheaded by weight-tosser Gary Anderson, who has put the shot 54 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Frank Dutofi's M-S Bulldogs apparently have prime contenders in eight of today's events. Fred Guyot's Paxton Mustangs have field leaders in six events. No other team has front-runners in more than two events.

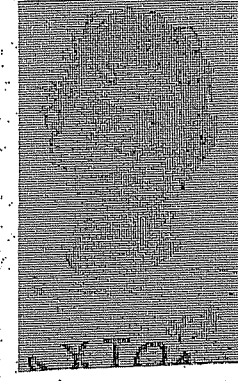
Depth, of course, will be a factor, and Hoopeston-East Lynn especially is expected to make a strong bid because of its depth.

Top Entries In Spartan Classic

- 100 - Ben Lee and John Overstreet, Paxton; Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour, 10.4
- 220 - John Burke, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 23.4; Don Black, Georgetown; Ben Lee, Paxton; Linden Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden, 24.0
- F-S 220 - John Overstreet, Paxton, 24.0; Mike Fiorillo, Paxton; Mike Simpson, Casey, 24.4
- 400 - Linden Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden, 52.4; Rick Royce, Catlin, 54.2
- F-S 400 - John Thornsbrough, Rossville, 54.0; Mike Otto, Tuscola, 55.4
- 800 - Tom O'Shaughnessy, Catlin, 2:06.6; Al Mohr, Unity; Brian Bretz and Marv Gudeman, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 2:07
- F-S 800 - Ed Miller, Catlin, 2:07.2; Roland Cooper, ABL, 2:08
- Mile - Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 4:32.4; Tony Johnson, St. Joseph-Ogden, 4:43
- F-S Mile - Sean Lowry, Unity, 4:53; Marv Kocher, Unity, 4:57
- Two-Mile - Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 9:30; John James, Mahomet-Seymour, 9:57.9
- 120' High Hurdles - Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour, 15.8; Wayne Carver, Casey, 16.1
- F-S 120' High Hurdles - Jim Glaze, Mahomet-Seymour, 17.2; Dave Dietrich, Tuscola, 17.7
- 400 Relay - Paxton, 45.8; Unity, 47.0; Hoopeston-East Lynn, 47.1
- F-S 400 Relay - Unity 48.1; Paxton and Tuscola, 48.4
- 800 Relay - Paxton, 1:37.3; Rossville, 1:38; Catlin, 1:38.2
- Mile Relay - Mahomet-Seymour, 3:45.8; Catlin, 3:46.1; Tuscola, 3:47.2
- Two-Mile Relay - Hoopeston-East Lynn, 8:58; Catlin, 8:43; St. Joseph-Ogden, 8:48
- Discus - Chris Little, Tuscola, and Kim Youkey, Rossville 141-2
- Shot Put - Gary Anderson, Paxton, 54
- 110' Kirk Rich, Tuscola, 51-1
- High Jump - Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour, 20-1; Jim Yates, Casey, 19-11
- Triple Jump - Mark Kesler, Mahomet-Seymour, 40-10; Tim Lindsey, Mahomet-Seymour, 39-5
- High Jump - Cary Colwell, Paxton, 6-2; Tom Graham, Paxton, 5-11
- Pole Vault - Ed Bosch, ABL, 13-0; Arlyn Rudin, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 12-3



MARK JOHNSON



GARY ANDERSON

Hoopeston Tops Mahomet To Capture Spartan Classic

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ST. JOSEPH. — Hoopeston-East Lynn's potent Cornjerkers sped to eight first places during the 24-event program of St. Joseph-Ogden High Schools' first Spartan Track Classic here Saturday to run off with the big, handsome traveling trophy.

The H-EL team, directed by assistant coaches Bob Doty and Quentin Ryder with head coach Dick Hobbs home nursing an ailing stomach, ran up a 101-point total. Mahomet-Seymour's Sangamon Valley worthies were runners-up with 81 points.

Paxton was a distant third in the 15-school field with 53 1/2 points, while Unity shaded Okaw

Valley rival Tuscola for third place, 48-43 1/2. Mahomet-Seymour and Paxton won four events apiece.

The bids of the two top teams were led by double victors. Dashman Dan Eckert raced to individual wins in the 100 and 440 dashes, and he also ran legs on two of the Hoopeston-East Lynn's three victorious varsity relay quartets. Distance star Mark Johnson ran away from his rival in both the mile and two-mile events for Mahomet-Seymour.

John Burke, who prevailed in the 220, and Bob Summers, who ruled the low hurdles, also contributed solidly to Hoopeston-East Lynn's showing. Both were

on all-three winning relay units. Paxton's effort featured Gary Anderson's best shot put yet — one which carried 55 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Unity and Catlin were the only teams other than the first three to win more than one event; each captured two. Unity's successes were scored by sophomore Marv Koehler in the frosh-soph mile and by its frosh-soph 440 relay foursome.

St. Joe-Ogden athletic director Bill Plymire and track coach Gary Garrison plan to make the Spartan Classic an annual event.

King Cornjerkers

- TEAM POINTS**
Hoopeston-East Lynn 101, Mahomet-Seymour 81, Unity 48, Tuscola 42 1/2, Paxton 34 1/2, Rossville-Alvin 26, St. Joseph-Ogden 25 1/2, Casey 14, Georgetown 11, ABL 10 1/2, Cumberland 5, Urbana Uni High 3, Shloh 2, Oakwood 1.
- SUMMARY OF EVENTS**
- TWO MILE RELAY:** 1—Catlin (Royce, O'Shaunessy, Miller, Ross) 8:38.5; 2—Mahomet-Seymour 8:47.8; 3—St. Joseph-Ogden 8:51.5; 4—8:52.8; 5—Unity 9:02.
- HIGH JUMP:** 1—Colwell (Paxton) 6-0; 2—Eisenmann (H-EL) 5-6; 3—(tie) Graham (Paxton), Tranchant (Catlin) 5-0; 4—Cambron (Oakwood) 5-0.
- SHOT PUT:** 1—Anderson (Paxton) 55-11/2; 2—Rich (Tuscola) 48-11; 3—Swaney (Catlin) 48-10 1/4; Little (Tuscola) 46-8 1/2; 5—Weaver (Casey) 45-10.
- TRIPLE JUMP:** 1—Kester (Mah-Sey) 39-11 1/4; 2—Barnard (Ross) 39-0 1/4; 3—Farris (Ross) 36-10 1/4; 4—Fratlich (Georgetown) 36-8 1/4; 5—Silver (SJO) 36-5 1/4.
- LONG JUMP:** 1—Yates (Casey) 20-6 1/2; 2—Barnard (Ross) 20-0; 3—Bloom (Paxton) 19-9 1/2; 4—Karr (Mah-Sey) 19-5; 5—Brooks (Georgetown) 19-0 1/2.
- DISCUS:** 1—Little (Tuscola) 134-5; 2—Youkey (Ross) 133-2; 3—Anderson (Paxton) 127-8; 4—Miller (Mah-Sey) 126-2 1/2; 5—Drollinger (H-EL) 125-3.
- 440 RELAY:** 1—Hoopeston-East Lynn (Summers, Alt, Burke, Eckert) 45.5; 2—Paxton 45.9; 3—Unity 46.9; 4—Catlin 47.4; 5—Rossville-Alvin 47.45.
- F-S 440 RELAY:** 1—Unity (Wilson, Schroeder, Jones, Sinder) 48.9; 2—Mahomet-Seymour 48.2; 3—Tuscola 48.5; 4—Hoopeston-East Lynn 48.6; 5—Catlin 45.7.
- POLE VAULT:** 1—Bosch (ABL) 12-6; 2—Rudin (H-EL) 12-6; 3—Montgomery (Cumberland) 11-4; 4—Brown (Catlin) 11-6; 5—Silver (SJO) 11-0.
- TWO-MILE RUN:** 1—Johnson (Mah-Sey) 10:10; 2—James (Mah-Sey) 10:20.7; 3—G. Weaver (Tuscola) 10:29.2; 4—P. Weaver (Tuscola) 10:49.3; 5—Ostgard (Paxton) 10:49.5.
- 120 HIGH HURDLES:** 1—Jacobs (Mah-Sey) 16.0; 2—Dallide (Geotown) 16.5; 3—Sroutek (Ross) 16.6; 4—Carver (Casey) 16.7; 5—Woodworth (Paxton) 17.3.
- F-S 120 HIGH HURDLES:** 1—Alt (H-EL) 16.2; 2—Dieffrich (Tuscola) 17.2; 3—Glaze (Mah-Sey) 17.7; 4—Thatcher (Paxton) 19.0; 5—Knop (Unity) 19.1.
- 100:** 1—Eckert (H-EL) 10.6; 2—Lee (Paxton) 10.7; 3—Karr (Mah-Sey) 10.8; 4—Overstreet (Paxton) 11.0; 5—Yeats (Casey) 11.1.
- 800:** 1—O'Shaunessy (Catlin) 2:05; 2—Bretz (H-EL) 2:05.3; 3—Mohr (Unity) 2:06.6; 4—Brown (Mah-Sey) 2:08.4; 5—Jideman (SJO) 2:11.0.
- F-S 800:** 1—Stagen (Paxton) 2:08.2; 2—Alt (H-EL) 2:08.3; 3—Cooper (ABL) 2:09; 4—Miller (Catlin) 2:11.4; 5—(tie) Slade (Mah-Sey), Mick (Tuscola) 2:15.6.
- 880 RELAY:** 1—Hoopeston-East Lynn (Summers, Alt, Burke, Gudeman) 1:36.7; 2—Paxton 1:37.3; 3—(tie) Tuscola, Mahomet-Seymour 1:40; 5—Unity 1:40.7.
- 400:** 1—Eckert (H-EL) 52.5; 2—Stark (SJO) 53.7; 3—Rossen (Unity) 53.75; 4—Stene (Shloh) 55.3; 5—Dworschak (Uni High) 55.4.
- F-S 400:** 1—Thornsbrough (Ross) 55.4; 2—Williams (Mah-Sey) 55.9; 3—Hastings



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HOOPESTON HEROES. Prominent in Hoopeston-East Lynn's winning of the Spartan Track Classic at St. Joseph Saturday were (front, left to right) John Burke, Dan Eckert, and Bob Summers, who won four individual events and were the nucleus of three winning relay teams. In back: coaches Bob Doty and Quentin Ryder, who directed the squad in the absence of ailing head coach Dick Hobbs.

Karr, Johnson lead M-S to county track crown

By Lou Engel
Of The Courier
St. Joseph

Mahomet - Seymour's talent-laden Bulldogs scored in every event Friday night to nearly double the score on its closest rival in the 56th running of the Champaign County Track and Field Meet.

Junior Steve Karr was a triple winner and hard-luck senior Mark Johnson a double winner as the Bulldogs won their second consecutive county championship with 99 points. Unity was far behind in second place with 53 and St. Joseph-Ogden was third with 48. ABL had 36, Homer 28, Fisher 16 and University High 14.

Karr won the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the long jump while Johnson doubled in the 880 and mile to spark the Bulldogs to their third county title in the last five years but only their fourth in the 56-year history of the meet. Karr stepped off a 10.5 in the century and a 24.0 in the 220 to go with his season's best long jump of 20.9.

Johnson appeared on his way to a meet record in the 880 when he fell near the finish line. He picked himself up and fell again but still managed to get up and lunge through the tape to win with time of 2:04.2. The blond-haired senior shook off the disappointment of failing to break two minutes in the 880 to win the mile in 4:37.5 later in the evening.

"I was at the point of exhaustion and I just tripped," Johnson said in trying to explain his mishap. "I just didn't lift my leg high enough and my spikes caught. I was going for a school record as well as the meet record," he said.

Other Bulldog winners were Bill James in the high jump,

transfer student Steve Thompson in the discus and the quartet of Kent Leonard, Eric Saylor, Dave Jacobs and Karr in the 880-yard relay. James cleared 5-10 in the high jump. Thompson, a transfer student from Florida who just became eligible this week, threw the discus 144-3/4. The 880-yard relay team stepped off a 1:37.8.

Depth also played a role in Mahomet-Seymour's overwhelming accumulation of points as the Bulldogs were able to place two men in eight of the 17 events in the meet. James was second to ABL's Roger Mohr in the two-mile and third behind Mohr and Johnson in the mile. Jacobs finished second to Homer's Eric Miller in both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 330-yard low hurdles.

Mark Brown was only a tenth of a second behind Johnson at the conclusion of the 880. Craig Nichols was third in the highs and Kent Leonard fourth in the lows. Mark Kesler was second and Tim Lindsey third behind Fisher's Gordon Quick in the triple jump. Lindsey also was second in the shot and third in the discus.

Miller, ABL's Ed Bosch, Mohr and Quick joined Karr and Johnson and individual standouts in the meet. Miller set a meet record of 40.7 in the lows, was clocked in 15.7 in the highs and anchored the Panther mile relay team to a winning time of 3:40.5.

Bosch won the pole vault with a record-setting vault of 13-0, finished second in the 100-yard dash and the long jump and was third in the 220. The Trojan senior had his best ever long jump of 20-3. He was clocked in 10.6 in the 100 and 24.1 in the 220.

Mohr and Quick accounted for the other meet records. Mohr's 10:00.6 lowered the two-mile standard while Quick bettered the triple-jump record with a 41-0 effort.

St. Joseph - Ogden's Linden Stark and Jim Risley were the other individual winners, Stark won the 440-yard dash in 52.9. Risley threw the shot 45-2/4.

Unity's only blue-ribbon efforts came in the 440 and freshman-sophomore 880-yard relays. Gary Rosson, Mike Wood, Jan Meyer and Tom Sinder teamed up for a 46.5 in the 440-yard relay. Sinder also anchored the team of Brent Wil-

son, Steve Lutz and Jeff Jones to victory in the F-S 880-yard relay in 1:40.9.

(See Scoreboard for results)

Bulldogs Breeze

TEAM POINTS	FRESH-SOPH 880 RELAY
Mahomet-Seymour 107 1/2, Unity 53 1/2, St. Joseph-Ogden 48, ABL 31, Homer 28, Fisher 16, Urbana-Uni High 4.	1. Unity (Wilson, Lutz, Jones, Sinder) 1:40.9 (record; old record 1:42.7 by St. Joseph-Ogden in 1974); 2. Mahomet-Seymour 1:41.6; 3. St. Joseph-Ogden 1:43.6; 4. ABL 1:45.7; 5. Fisher 1:47.9.
SUMMARY OF EVENTS (Listed in completion)	220 — 1. Karr (M-S) 24.0; 2. Meyer (Unity) 24.1; 3. E. Bosch (ABL) 24.5; 4. Stark (SJO) 24.7; 5. Dworschak (Uni High) 24.7.
HIGH JUMP — 1. James (M-S) 5-10; 2. Dood (H) 5-9; 3. Rayburn (M-S) 5-7; 4. (tie) Wells (SJO), Wilken (SJO), Mohr (ABL) 5-4.	POLE VAULT — 1. E. Bosch (ABL) 13-0 (record; old record 12-9 1/2 by Bosch in 1974); 2. Meyer (Unity) 12-0; 3. Risley (SJO) 11-0; 4. (tie) Gumbel (Unity), Kelly (M-S) 10-4.
SHOT PUT — 1. Risley (SJO) 45-2/4; 2. Lindsey (M-S) 44-3/4; 3. Thompson (M-S) 42-3/4; 4. Schwelhart (Unity) 42-1/4; 5. McCleary (Unity) 40-7/8.	TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Quick (F) 41-0 (record; old record 39-2 1/2 by Quick in 1974); 2. Kesler (M-S) 39-2/4; 3. Lindsey (M-S) 39-2/8; 4. Wells (SJO) 37-4/8; 5. Resett (Unity) 35-9/16.
DISCUS — 1. Thompson (M-S) 144-3/4; 2. Schwelhart (Unity) 124-0; 3. Lindsey (M-S) 123-5/8; 4. Volins (Unity) 122-7/8; 5. Wilken (SJO) 120-3/4.	440 RELAY — 1. Unity, Rosson, Wood, Meyer, Sinder) 46.5 (record; old record 47.1 by Mahomet-Seymour in 1974); 2. St. Joseph-Ogden 47.2; 3. Mahomet-Seymour 47.7; 4. Homer 47.9; 5. ABL 49.8.
TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Quick (F) 41-0 (record; old record 39-2 1/2 by Quick in 1974); 2. Kesler (M-S) 39-2/4; 3. Lindsey (M-S) 39-2/8; 4. Wells (SJO) 37-4/8; 5. Resett (Unity) 35-9/16.	TWO-MILE RUN — 1. Mohr (ABL) 10:00.6; 2. James (M-S) 10:03.5; 3. Johnson (SJO) 10:16.4; 4. Lewis (Unity) 10:34.8; 5. Woodward (SJO) 10:58.4.
120 HIGH HURDLES — 1. MILLER (H) 15.7; 2. Jacobs (M-S) 15.9; 3. Nichols (M-S) 17.2; 4. Grussing (SJO) 17.25; 5. Norrhen (SJO) 18.1.	100 — 1. Karr (M-S) 10.5; 2. E. Bosch (ABL) 10.6; 3. Sinder (Unity) 10.9; 4. Stark (SJO) 11.0; 5. Quick (F) 11.1.
100 — 1. Karr (M-S) 10.5; 2. E. Bosch (ABL) 10.6; 3. Sinder (Unity) 10.9; 4. Stark (SJO) 11.0; 5. Quick (F) 11.1.	880 — 1. Johnson (M-S) 2:04.2; 2. Brown (M-S) 2:04.3; 3. Mohr (Unity) 2:05; 4. Reiley (H) 2:05.5; 5. Idleman (SJO) 2:08.
880 RELAY — 1. Mahomet-Seymour (Leonard, Saylor, Jacobs, Karr) 1:37.8; 2. Unity 1:38.5; 3. St. Joseph-Ogden 1:39.7; 4. Homer 1:41.7; 5. Fisher 1:45.8.	440 — 1. Stark (SJO) 52.9; 2. Rosson (Unity) 53.0; 3. Dworschak (Uni High) 54.3; 4. Williams (M-S) 55.8; 5. Sturis (SJO) 56.0.
330 LOW HURDLES — 1. Miller (H) 40.7 (record; old record 41.8 by Nichols in 1974); 2. Jacobs (M-S) 42.0; 3. Quick (F) 43.5; 4. Leonard (M-S) 43.7; 5. Sinder (Unity) 44.0.	MILE — 1. Johnson (M-S) 4:37.5; 2. Mohr (ABL) 4:41; 3. James (M-S) 4:42.4; 4. Kocher (Unity) 4:52.1; 5. (tie) Resjo 4:53.2.

SVC Meet Suspended By Rain

By E. W. HESSE
News-Gazette Sports Writer

ARGENTA — The Sangamon Valley Conference, running into a familiar bugaboo, rain, was forced to suspend its annual track and field meet after just six events had been completed here Tuesday afternoon.

At that point, host Argenta-Oreana, with weight-tossing Rolf Wilson already a double repeat champion, topped the team point table with 32½. Defending champion Mahomet-Seymour, whose Steve Karr and Mark Johnson had won the long jump and two-mile run respectively showed 24 points. All teams but Fisher had broken into the scoring.

Tim Sinkowski had given Argenta-Oreana first in a third event, the high jump, while Octavia had claimed the 440-yard relay.

Wilson's discus effort broke the record he set last year. He boosted his mark from 142 feet 9½ inches to 149-9.

It was decided Wednesday morning to complete the meet at Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington Thursday starting at 4 p.m.

EVENTS COMPLETED

LONG JUMP—1. Karr (M-S) 20-7; 2. Musick (A-O) 20-1½; 3. Conrod (F-C) 19-8; 4. Blackard (A-O) 19-3½; 5. De la Garza (S-A) 19-5.

SHOT PUT—1. Wilson (A-O) 51-11; 2. Short (L) 46-4½; 3. Walden (H) 45-5; 4. Erdman (F-C) 44-6½; 5. (tie) Carlson (L), Kelson (F-C) 43-5.

DISCUS—1. Wilson (A-O) 149-9 (record; old record 142-9½ by Wilson in 1974); 2. Thompson (M-S) 148-1; 3. Maynard (F-C) 136-1; 4. Gregory (D-W) 132-5; 5. Lindsey (M-S) 124-2.

HIGH JUMP—1. Sinkowski (A-O) 6-3; 2. Brucker (Och) 6-2; 3. (tie) Blackard (A-O), Conrod (F-C) 5-10; 5. James (M-S) 5-10.

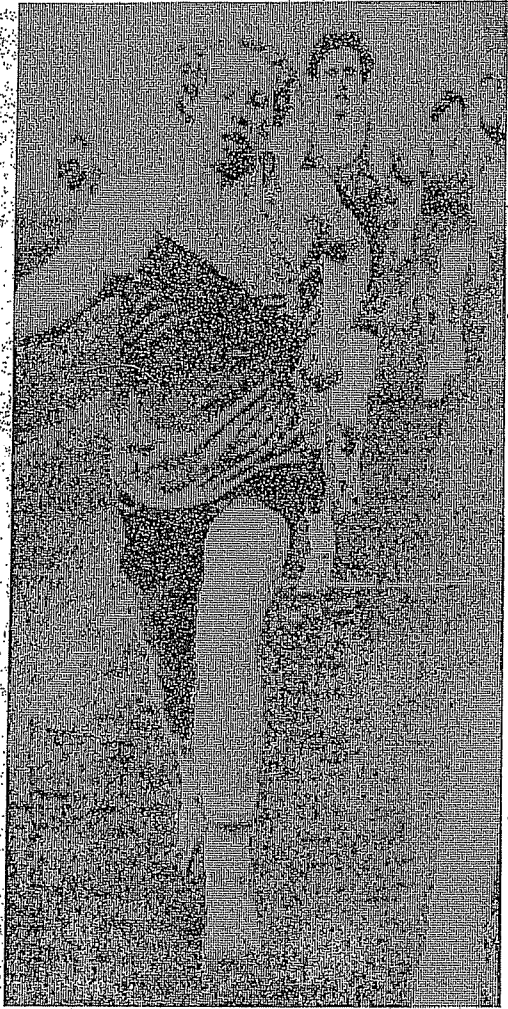
440 RELAY—1. Octavia (Karr, Brinkman, Lee, Krieg) 47.3; 2. Fairbury-Cropsey 47.3; 3. Argenta-Oreana 47.7; 4. Mahomet-Seymour 48.1; 5. Farmer City-Mansfield 48.2.

TWO-MILE RUN—1. Johnson (M-S) 10:00.6; 2. James (M-S) 10:11.8; 3. Cortright (A-O) 10:19.0; 4. Friedman (F-C) 10:32.4; 5. Blair (Och) 10:37.8.

TEAM POINTS

(After six events)

Argenta-Oreana 32½; Mahomet-Seymour 24; Fairbury-Cropsey 14; Octavia 11; LeRoy 4½; Farmer City-Mansfield 4; Heyworth 3; DeLand-Weldon 2; Saybrook-Arrowsmith 1; Fisher 0.



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1-2 IN 2-MILE. Just before rain suspended the Sangamon Valley Conference track meet at Argenta Tuesday, Mark Johnson of Mahomet-Seymour, with teammate Bill James running second, ruled the two-mile event in 10:00.6. Runner-up James was clocked in 10:11.8.

Sangamon Valley

TEAM SCORING

Mahomet-Seymour 24; Argenta-Oreana 32½; Fairbury-Cropsey 14; Octavia 30; Heyworth 2; LeRoy 1½; Farmer City-Mansfield 1½; Fisher 7; DeLand-Weldon 5; Saybrook-Arrowsmith 1.

Triple jump—1. Jeff Blackard (Argenta) 41-7 (meet record); 2. Quick (Fisher); 3. Conrod (Fairbury); 4. Price (LeRoy); 5. Kesler (Mahomet).

Pole vault—1. John Kaisner (Fairbury) 11-9; 2. Lewis (Argenta); 3. James (Farmer City); 4. Hamblin (LeRoy); 5. Kelley (Mahomet).

120 high hurdles—1. Randy Ricketts (Fairbury) 15.2 (ties meet record); 2. Jacobs (Mahomet); 3. Doane (Argenta); 4. Sessions (Farmer City); 5. Albert (LeRoy).

100—1. Steve Karr (Mahomet) 10.2 (ties meet record); 2. Walden (Heyworth); 3. Doane (Argenta); 4. Musick (Argenta); 5. Stocker (LeRoy).

880—1. Marc Brown (Mahomet) 2:01.3 (meet record); 2. Frey (LeRoy); 3. Spencer (Octavia); 4. Warren (Mahomet); 5. Likens (Farmer City).

880 relay—1. Octavia (Steve Kruse, Jay Brinkman, Albert Lee and Joe Krieg) 1:35.5 (meet record); 2. Mahomet-Seymour; 3. DeLand-Weldon; 4. Argenta-Oreana; 5. LeRoy.

440—1. Tom Williams (Mahomet) 53.5; 2. Lee (Octavia); 3. Anderson (Mahomet); 4. Brant (Farmer City); 5. Ingrum (Fisher).

320 low hurdles—1. Scott Doane (Argenta) 40.0 (meet record); 2. Forrest (Heyworth); 3. Jacobs (Mahomet); 4. Sessions (Farmer City); 5. Albert (LeRoy).

Mile—1. Mark Johnson (Mahomet) 4:24.6 (meet record); 2. James (Mahomet); 3. Cortwright (Argenta); 4. Friedman (Fairbury); 5. Schmid (Fairbury).

220—1. Walden (Heyworth) 22.9; 2. Karr (Mahomet); 3. Brinkman (Octavia); 4. Stocker (LeRoy); 5. Goslin (Fairbury).

Mile relay—1. Mahomet-Seymour (T. Williams, K. Williams, Anderson and Brown) 3:37.4 (meet record); 2. Heyworth; 3. Octavia; 4. Fisher; 5. Argenta-Oreana.

(Tuesday's results)

Long jump—1. Steve Karr (Mahomet) 20-7; 2. Musick (Argenta) 20-1½; 3. Conrod (Fairbury) 19-8; 4. Blackard (Argenta) 19-3½; 5. Deleagarza (Saybrook) 19-3.

Shot—1. Rolf Wilson (Argenta) 51-11; 2. Short (LeRoy) 48-4; 3. Walden (Heyworth) 45-5; 4. Erdman (Fairbury) 44-6½; 5. (tie) Carlson (LeRoy) and Kelson (Fairbury) 43-5.

Discus—1. Rolf Wilson (Argenta) 149-9 (meet record); 2. Thompson (Mahomet) 148-1; 3. Maynard (Farmer City) 136-1; 4. Gregory (DeLand) 132-5; 5. Lindsey (Mahomet) 124-2.

440 relay—1. Octavia (Steve Kruse, Jay Brinkman, Albert Lee and Joe Krieg) 47.1; 2. Fairbury-Cropsey 47.3; 3. Argenta-Oreana 47.7; 4. Mahomet-Seymour 48.1; 5. Farmer City-Mansfield 48.2.

Two-mile—1. Mark Johnson (Mahomet) 10:00.6; 2. James (Mahomet) 10:11.8; 3. Cortwright (Argenta) 10:19.0; 4. Friedman (Fairbury) 10:32.4; 5. Blair (Octavia) 10:37.8.

High jump—1. Tim Sinkowski (Argenta) 6-3; 2. Brucker (Octavia) 6-2; 3. (tie) Blackard (Argenta) and Conrod (Fairbury) 5-10; 5. James (Mahomet) 5-10.

Argenta-Oreana second

Bulldogs take Sangamon

Bloomington

Tuesday afternoon's rain interrupted Mahomet-Seymour's drive for a second straight Sangamon Valley Conference track title but it certainly didn't slow the Bulldog athletes.

They came back Thursday afternoon on the Illinois Wesleyan track to set three meet records and tie a fourth to win the team championship with 80 points. The meet began Tuesday on the Argenta-Oreana track but was halted by rain after the completion of six events.

A total of five records were set and two more were tied out of the nine running events held Thursday on the Wesleyan

oval as Argenta-Oreana finished a distant second with 62 1/2 points. Fairbury-Cropsey was far back in third place with 33, three points ahead of Octavia. Heyworth had 21, LeRoy 18 1/2, Farmer City-Mansfield 14, Fisher 7, DeLand-Weldon 5 and Saybrook-Arrowsmith 1.

Middle distance runners Mark Johnson, Bill James and Marc Brown led the Mahomet-Seymour onslaught along with sprinter Steve Karr. Johnson shattered the old meet record of 4:35.6 by Fisher's Mike Brehm in the mile with an area best clocking of 4:24.6. James pushed his teammate all the way to finish second with a time of 4:29.3. The two also ran 1-2 in the two-mile Tuesday before the meet was stopped at Argenta.

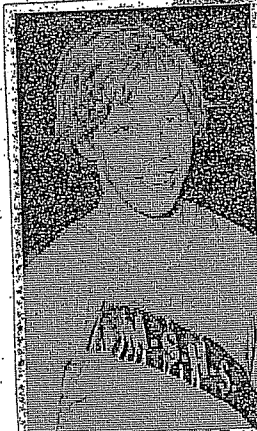
Brown bettered the 800 record of 2:03.0 set by Larry Rutledge in 1967 with a 2:01.3 effort.

Brown also ran the anchor leg on the Bulldog mile relay quartet that lowered the meet standard of 3:37.5 by one tenth of a second. It had been set by Mahomet-Seymour in 1970. Other runners on Thursday's record-setting foursome were Tom Williams, Ken Williams and Brian Anderson.

Karr, who had won the long jump Tuesday, was clocked in 10.2 in the 100-yard dash Thursday to tie the meet record set by Saybrook-Arrowsmith's Bill Warsaw in 1963. Karr also ran second to Heyworth's Mike Walden in the 220. Walden's time of 22.9 was close to the meet standard of 22.7.

Argenta-Oreana hurdler Scott Doane and the Octavia 880-yard relay team accounted for the other meet records on the track while Fairbury-Cropsey's Randy Ricketts tied another.

(See Scoreboard for results)



MARK JOHNSON
mile in 4:24.6

Mahomet Repeats In SVC; Milers Johnson, James Star

By E. W. HESSE

News-Gazette Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON.— Sub-4 1/2-minute miles by both Mark Johnson and Bill James of Mahomet-Seymour helped the Bulldogs outdistance Argenta-Oreana 80-60 1/2 and repeat as Sangamon Valley track and field champions in the completion of the conference's annual meet on Illinois Wesleyan University's all-weather layout here Thursday afternoon.

Competition had begun at

determination to do well: the excellent hard-surface IWU track and the fact that they hadn't run the two-mile race earlier in the afternoon — they had finished 1-2 in that one at Argenta Tuesday.

The track seemingly had something to do with the record performances; marks were broken in six of the 11 events conducted here.

Mahomet-Seymour sprinter Steve Karr bowed to defending champ Mike Walden of Heyworth in the 220-yard dash,

teamed for a 3:37.4 timing.

Then, just for good measure, Mahomet-Seymour won an added "no-count" feature: the Weightman's 440 Relay. Jeff Slade, Steve Thompson, Tony Pierce, and Tim Lindsey thundered to a 49.9 clocking.

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the Sports Editor

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Mahomet takes title in Sangamon again

By Jeff Fritzen
Pantagraph Sports Writer

Indefatigable Mark Johnson smashed the record in the mile run, teammate Mark Brown established a new mark in the 880-yard run and Steve Karr equalled the 100-yard dash standard in leading Mahomet-Seymour High School to its second straight Sangamon Valley Conference track championship Thursday on the Illinois Wesleyan University track.

The Bulldogs rolled up 80 points to 63½ for second-place Argenta. Octavia was third with 30.

Mahomet-Seymour, which finished second in 1971, 1972 and 1973, took three days to wrap up its title.

Point table

1. Mahomet-Seymour 80, 2. Argenta 63½, 3. Octavia 30, 4. Fairbury-Cropsey 29, 5. Heyworth 21, 6. Farmer City-Mansfield 19, 7. LeRoy 18½, 8. tie, De Land-Weldon and Fisher 5, 10. Saybrook-Arrowsmith 1.

The meet started Tuesday night at Argenta, but just six events were completed before rain forced postponement until Thursday.

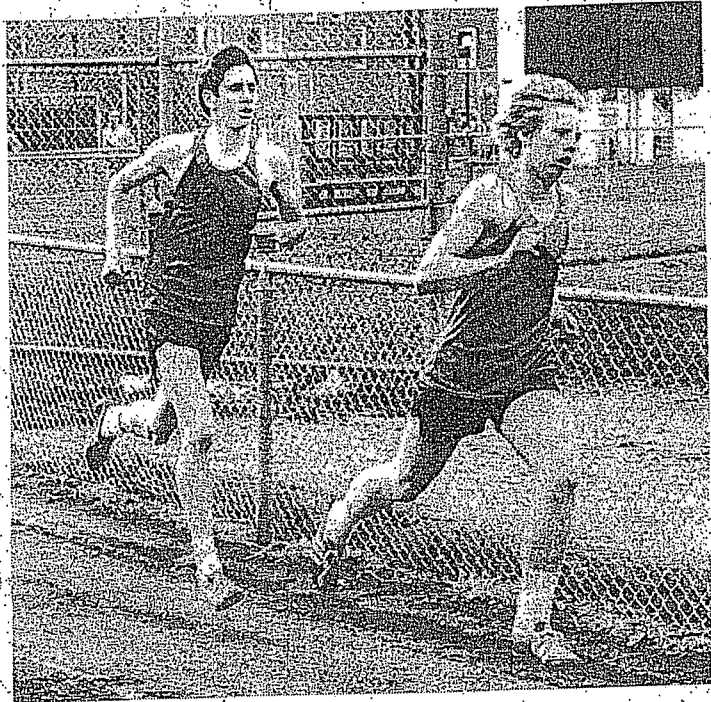
In all, eight records were broken or tied with Mahomet-Seymour accounting for half of those.

Johnson sped through the mile in 4 minutes 24.6 seconds, less than three seconds ahead of teammate Bill James, who also was under the old record of 4:35.6.

It was the fastest mile ever for the blond-haired senior, who also won the two mile Tuesday in 10:00.6 in spite of the heavy rain. James also finished second in that race.

Karr tied the 100 mark, churning to one of his two individual firsts in 10.2 seconds. He also won the long jump Tuesday with an effort of 20 feet 7 inches and took second in the 220-yard dash.

Brown trimmed the half-mile standard from 2:03.6 to 2:01.3.



One-two punch

Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson, right, and Bill James, left, shown here in the mile run, finished one-two in both the mile and two mile races. Johnson won the mile in a record 4:24.6, while James was second in 4:29.3, also eclipsing the old mark.

Mahomet-Seymour's mile relay team of Tom and Ken Williams, Brian Anderson and Brown won in 3:37 even to slice five-tenths of a second off the old mark.

Argenta, the team champion in 1972 and 1973, set three records and Octavia established one.

Octavia's mark came in the 880-yard relay as Steve Kruse, Jay Brinkman, Albert Lee and Joe Krieg took first in 1:35.5. The old record was 1:36.6. The same foursome won the 440-yard relay, held Tuesday.

Argenta's Scott Doane won the 330-yard low hurdles, breaking his own record of 40.7 seconds with a :40.0 clocking.

Jeff Blackard turned back the challenge of a fine field in the triple jump with a 41 feet 7 inches hop-skip-jump, bettering the old record of 39.6.

In addition to Johnson and Karr, Argenta's Rolf Wilson was a double winner, taking both weight events on Tuesday. He sailed the discus a record 149-9 and won the shot put with a heave of 51-11.

His discus throw was 7 feet ½ inch better than the record he set last year.

100-YARD DASH—1. Karr (Mahomet-Seymour), 2.

Mahomet Tops Paxton For Title

By E. W. HESSE
News-Gazette Sports Writer
TOLONO — Mahomet-Seymour's dogged prep trackmen, mounting their third

major title defense in a week, came through successfully for the third time here Friday night, besting Paxton's talented team, 71-62, for Unity's Invitational Championship.

Paxton, which had demonstrated its potency earlier in the week by outscoring defending Wauseca Conference champ Hoopston-East Lynn in a triangular meet, held the lead in this competition most of the way. With 17 of the 21 events recorded, the Mustangs' margin was 52-48. None of the other schools in the 16-team field were in contention.

Then Mark Kessler gave Mahomet-Seymour the lead, winning the triple jump with a record 40-foot 2-inch leap.

When Mark Johnson and Bill James followed with a 1-2 finish in the mile run with times of 4:32.6 and 4:38.4 respectively — not as sensational as the sub-4½-minute clockings they earned Thursday in clinching the Sangamon Valley Conference title at Bloomington, perhaps, but just as important — the Bulldogs of coach Frank Dutton were almost home.

Ben Lee and John Overstreet ran 1-2 in the 220-yard dash to keep Paxton in mathematical contention, but the Mustangs didn't have a mile relay foursome to match Mahomet-Seymour's quartet of Tom Williams, Ken Williams, Brian Anderson, and Mark Brown, who outfought St. Joseph-Ogden and Unity teams in the final event.

Paxton might have come closer had it not suffered a baton drop in the 880 relay, but "even then," pointed out Mustang coach Fred Guyot, "we wouldn't have had enough points to win.



FRANK DUTTON
3 titles in 8 days.

Mahomet-Seymour coach Dutton savored the victory.

"My boys must be a bit tired about now," he said, "especially Mark Johnson and Bill James. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if rigor mortis hit us tomorrow."

Dutton could look back with considerable satisfaction on what his team had accomplished during the last eight days. Two Fridays ago it encircled a Champaign County champion on this track. Tuesday it began defense of its Sangamon Valley title at Argenta, but interrupted by rain—had to finish it at Bloomington Thursday.

And now a repeat title in Unity's Invitational.

Paxton shaded the Bulldogs in number of events won, seven to six, with speedster Lee winning two—the 100 and 220 dashes. Cary Colwell nabbed a new

record of 6-2 in winning the high jump, and the 440 relay team also registered a new mark. Johnson, winning both mile and two-mile events for the Bulldogs, set new meet records

Bulldogs Again

TEAM POINTS

Mahomet-Seymour 71, Paxton 62, Unity 34, Alwood-Hammond 27, Arcola 20, Georgetown 19½, St. Joseph-Ogden 17, Tuscola 17, Monticello 16½, Homer 15, Arthur 13, Westville 7, ABL 6, Bement 6, Oakland 5, Urbana Uni High 0.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

HIGH JUMP: 1—Colwell (Paxt) 6-2 (record); 2—Butler (Arc) 6-1; 3—Glannon (Bem) 6-0; 4—Rayburn (Mah-Sey) 6-0; 5—Dodd (Homer) 5-10.

SHOT PUT: 1—Anderson (Paxt) 52-11½; 2—Rice (Tus) 50-1; 3—Reynolds (Geotown) 48-9; 4—Strelgel (Mont) 48-8½; 5—Darnell (A-H) 48-6.

DISCUS: 1—Thompson (Mah-Sey) 150-4; 2—Faber (Art) 147-7¾; 3—Norfleet (Mont) 147-3; 4—Mikeworth (Paxt) 136-10; 5—Blackburn (Mont) 135-0½.

440 RELAY: 1—Paxton (Pilcher, Taylor, Lee, Overstreet) 45.4 (record); 2—Unity 45.9; 3—Alwood-Hammond 46.5; 4—Georgetown 46.9; 5—Oakland 47.0.

1-MILE RELAY: 1—Unity (Wilson, Lutz, Jones, Slinder) 4:57 (record); 2—Arcola 4:57.0; 3—Mahomet-Seymour 4:57.1; 4—Paxton 4:57.2; 5—Georgetown 4:57.3.

2-MILE: 1—Johnson (Mah-Sey) 9:49.5 (record); 2—James (Mah-Sey) 9:58.5; 3—R. Weaver (Tus) 10:08; 4—Osigard (Paxt) 10:11; 5—Riggins (Mont) 10:13.

100-YARD HURDLES: 1—Jacobs (Mah-Sey) 15.46 (record); 2—Miller (Homer) 15.5; 3—Dallid (Geotown) 15.7; 4—Murray (Art) 16.1; 5—Woodworth (Paxt) 16.5.

220-YARD DASH: 1—Lee (Paxt) 10:54; 2—Karr (Mah-Sey) 10:56; 3—Dorjahn (A-H) 10:7; 4—Galey (Tus) 10:75; 5—Seaman (Arc) 11.0.

880 RELAY: 1—Overstreet (Paxt) 10:6; 2—Slinder (Unity) 10:8; 3—Cherry (A-H) 10:9; 4—Singer (Mah-Sey) 11.0; 5—Spahnook (Arc) 11.1.

1-MILE: 1—DeBarba (Westville) 2:04.2; 2—Brown (Mah-Sey) 2:04.7; 3—Mohr (Unity) 2:05.2; 4—Reeley (Homer) 2:07; 5—Glannon (Bem) 2:08.8.

2-MILE: 1—Stagen (Paxt) 2:07.2; 2—Lowry (Unity) 2:07.5; 3—Slade (Mah-Sey) 2:12.3; 4—Butler (Unity) 2:12.4; 5—Woodward (SJO) 2:13.1.

POLE VAULT: 1—Cherry (A-H) 12-11; 2—Butler (Arc) 12-11; 3—Bosch (ABL) 12-7; 4—Hinton (Bem) 12-6; 5—Cresap (Mont) 12-6.

880 RELAY: 1—Unity (Reitsteck, Slinder, Wood, Mever) 1:37.96; 2—St. Joseph-Ogden 1:38.4; 3—Arthur 1:39.5; 4—Georgetown 1:38.6; 5—Tuscola 1:39.0.

1-MILE: 1—Dorjahn (A-H) 2:11; 2—Stark (SJO) 53.0; 3—Coffey (Oakld) 53.05; 4—Rosson (Unity) 53.1; 5—Williams (Mah-Sey) 53.5.

2-MILE: 1—Butler (Arc) 2:03.3; 2—Karr (Mah-Sey) 1:57; 3—Bloom (Paxt) 1:56.4; 4—Brooks (Geotown) 1:56.7; 5—Lilly (Mont) 1:55.

3-MILE: 1—Cross (Tus) 18:9; 2—(tie) Kinsler (Mont), Bowles (Geotown) 18:3; 4—Laird (Geotown) 18:2; 5—Christ (Art) 17:5.

4-MILE: 1—Miller (Homer) 40:3 (record); 2—Meyer (Paxt) 41.3; 3—Jacobs (Mah-Sey) 42.0; 4—Woodworth (Paxt) 42.3; 5—Crowder (Tus) 42.4.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1—Kessler (Mah-Sey) 40-2 (record); 2—Wells (SJO) 39-3; 3—Frattek (Geotown) 38-0; 4—James (Mah-Sey) 37-8; 5—Frattek (Geotown) 36-4.

400-YARD RELAY: 1—Mahomet-Seymour (T. Williams, K. Williams, Anderson, Brown) 3:39.4; 2—St. Joseph-Ogden 3:40.4; 3—Unity 3:40.45; 4—Homer 3:42.1; 5—Oakland 3:42.7.

in both and was shadowed by James in both. Dave Jacobs cracked the high hurdles mark for M-S.

Prep Track

Unity Invitational

Mahomet-Seymour 71, Paxton 62, Unity 34, Alwood-Hammond 27, Arcola 20, Georgetown 19½, Tuscola 17, St. Joseph-Ogden 17, Monticello 16½, Homer 15, Arthur 13, Westville 7, ABL 6, Bement 6, Oakland 5, Urbana Uni High 0.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

High Jump: 1. Cary Colwell (Paxton) 6-2 (meet record); 2. Butler (Arcola) 6-1; 3. Glannon (Bement) 6-0; 4. Rayburn (Mahomet) 6-0; 5. Dodd (Homer) 5-10.

Shot: 1. Gary Anderson (Paxton) 52-11½; 2. Rich (Tuscola) 50-1; 3. Reynolds (Georgetown) 48-9; 4. Strelgel (Monticello) 48-8½; 5. Darnell (Alwood) 48-6.

Discus: 1. Steve Thompson (Mahomet) 150-4; 2. Faber (Arthur) 147-7¾; 3. Norfleet (Monticello) 147-3; 4. Mikeworth (Paxton) 136-10; 5. Blackburn (Monticello) 135-0½.

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880 relay: 1. John Overstreet (Paxton) 10:6 (ties meet record); 2. Slinder (Unity) 10:8; 3. Cherry (Alwood) 10:9; 4. Sawyer (Mahomet) 11.0; 5. Spahnook (Arcola) 11.1.

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Pole vault: 1. Randy Cherry (Alwood) 12-11; 2. K. Pullen (Arcola) 12-11; 3. E. Bosch (A-H) 12-7; 4. Hinton (Bement) 12-6; 5. Cresap (Monticello) 12-6.

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1 mile: 1. Lyle Dorjahn (Alwood) 2:11; 2. Stark (St. Joseph) 53.0; 3. Coffey (Oakland) 53.05; 4. Rosson (Unity) 53.1; 5. T. Williams (Mahomet) 53.5.

2 mile: 1. Jeff Butler (Arcola) 2:03; 2. Karr (Mahomet) 1:57; 3. Bloom (Paxton) 1:56.4; 4. Brooks (Georgetown) 1:56.7; 5. Lilly (Monticello) 1:55.

3 mile: 1. Eric Miller (Homer) 40:3 (meet record); 2. Meyer (Paxton) 41.3; 3. Jacobs (Mahomet) 42.0; 4. Woodworth (Paxton) 42.3; 5. Crowder (Tuscola) 42.4.

3 mile long jump: 1. Gordon Cross (Tuscola) 18-9; 2. (tie) B. Kinsler (Monticello) and Bowles (Georgetown) 18-3; 4. Laird (Georgetown) 18-2; 5. Christ (Arthur) 17-5.

400 yard relay: 1. Mark Kessler (Mahomet) 40-2 (meet record); 2. Wells (St. Joseph) 39-3; 3. Murray (Arthur) 38-5; 4. Lilly (Monticello) 38-3; 5. Frattek (Georgetown) 38-0.

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220 yard dash: 1. Bennie Lee (Paxton) 22.5 (ties meet record); 2. Overstreet (Paxton) 22.7; 3. Dorjahn (Alwood) 22.8; 4. Hammel (Alwood) 24.2; 5. Karr (Mahomet) 24.5.

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Lou Engel on Prep Sports

Preparation important in Bulldog track program

Mahomet-Seymour's track team had already clinched the championship of the Unity Class A district track meet Friday evening.

Still, Bulldog coach Frank Dutton was dancing around like a barefoot man on a hot tin roof as he awaited the start of the meet-concluding mile relay.

"I've got four guys in this race that can go to the state meet that wouldn't get to go any other way if we can finish first or second," Dutton said.

Close race

Dutton continued to pace nervously around the Unity football field as sophomore Tom Williams gave the Bulldogs a narrow lead at the end of the first 440 yards. Seniors Ken Williams and Brian Anderson retained the lead until Anderson handed off to sophomore Marc Brown for the final 440. Brown fell behind on the backstretch but stayed close enough to keep the inside lane. Then he came on strong around the final curve to nip St. Joseph-Ogden's Linden Stark at the tape.

"Wow, that really makes me happy," Dutton shouted as he let his clipboard fly just as Brown broke the tape. "Brown thought he had done poorly when he finished fifth in the 880 but he really made up for it here," The Bulldog coach said.

It is obvious that the six points the Bulldogs received for winning the mile relay were far less important to Dutton than the fact four more individuals qualified for the state meet or that a sophomore like Brown came back with a gutsy effort on the heels of a disappointing performance.

It also may explain why Dutton has built a good Mahomet-Seymour track program into one of the Courierland's best in his four years as head coach. It also may explain why Dutton is a backer of the two-class track system that the Illinois High School Association

has reverted to this year for the first time since 1925.

"I'm totally in favor of the class system," Dutton said. "Its been proven in basketball. Its no less of a thrill to win the Class A basketball title one weekend than Class AA the next.

"Sure, we want to see who is the best but the state track meet should also be an educational experience for as many boys as possible. I came from a small school (Homer) and we used to hope that the coach wouldn't enter us in the district. We would usually be embarrassed."

Statistics uphold Dutton's contention. The Bulldogs will take 12 individuals to Charleston for the finals next Friday and Saturday. Junior Steve Karr qualified in the 100, long jump and ran a leg on the 880-yard relay team. Seniors Mark Johnson and Bill James ran first and second in both the mile and two-mile. Johnson also ran a leg on the 880-yard relay quartet.

Junior Steve Thompson qualified in the discus, senior Mark Kessler in the long jump and junior Dave Jacobs in the 120-yard high hurdles. Eric Saylor and Kent Leonard were the other runners on the 880-yard relay team. The Williamses, Anderson and Brown also qualified for their performance in the mile relay.

"The most we ever took in the one-class system was two," Dutton said. "Johnson and high jumper Galen Dale qualified last year. We had a mile relay team that ran a 3:33.0 and didn't make it."

Dutton's coaching philosophy runs parallel to his thinking as far as the class system is concerned.

"We'll work with anyone who chooses to come out and abide by the rules," Dutton said.

"This means they have to accept our training rules and be good citizens. We will try to get them to be the best they can be in any sport." Dutton is head football coach as well as track coach. "We've had

great co-operation from the athletes, parents and the school administration.

Prepare to win

"Our philosophy is to prepare to win," Dutton continued. "If you emphasize preparation, winning will take care of itself. If you have done your best and still lost, you can walk off the field with your head high."

There seems to be little doubt that Dutton's philosophy has been a successful one at Mahomet-Seymour. In addition to the district crown, the Bulldogs won the Sangamon Valley, Unity Invitational, Champaign County and Urbana Open titles and finished second in the St. Joseph-Ogden Classic. The Bulldogs also won the Sangamon Valley Conference freshman-sophomore meet and the Clinton F-S meet and finished second in the St. Joseph-Ogden F-S Invitational.

The Bulldogs were undefeated in dual-meet competition this season and lost only once, a one-pointer to Unity, in 1974. The Bulldogs have a 29-5 dual-meet record in Dutton's four years as head coach.

"Assistant coaches John King, Bob Handlin and Ted Phelps also deserve a lot of credit," Dutton said. "King has done a tremendous job with the distance runners. Phelps works with the sprinters and hurdlers and Handlin with the weightmen and long and triple jumpers. I fill out the entries and I'm also the team's No. 1 cheerleader," Dutton said jokingly.

"Our distance people are a very closely knit group," Dutton said. "They are a group within a group. All our coaches have their groups but they all pull together and they are pulling for one another. Larry Cowgur also does a very good job with the junior high program, Dutton said. "You sometimes have a tendency to forget things like that."

Johnson and James are good examples of the determination of the Bulldog athletes as well as the camaraderie among the

members of the team.

"I sometimes feel sorry for Mark," Dutton said. "He is just expected to win and we work with Bill to finish right behind him. We sometimes take Mark for granted. This was true in the district. We figured Mark could win both the two-mile and the mile. We wanted Bill to go out in the two-mile and get as much as he could. We know (Roger) Mohr of ABL has a tremendous kick. If Mohr can run his race for seven laps he'll get you in the eighth."

"Bill, however, has a lot of leg speed that he can use in the mile but is usually just too tired to use in the two-mile. So he used his leg speed to come from behind and get second in the mile. A lot of this credit has to go to Bill, though," Dutton pointed out. "He had already qualified for the state in the two-mile which was his dream. He wouldn't have had to go all-out in the mile, like he did. Coach King does a tremendous job of convincing his runners of what they have to do to be better than average."

Logical approach

The Bulldog coaching staff also is taking a very logical approach as far as the state meet is concerned.

"We feel that a lot of things can happen," Dutton said. "We feel we have some people who can score in the state meet. All we have to worry about is that we do our best. We can't worry about the competition."

"We are going to work hard this week to be mentally prepared for the meet," Dutton explained. "We feel we have two distance men who are among the 10 best in the state. Karr has really come along in the 100 and the long jump. We want to go to Charleston and do our best and see what happens. We want to compete."

Regardless of where the Bulldogs place in the Class A meet this weekend, they should be able to leave the track with their heads held high.

M-S 1st at Unity

By Lou Engel
Of The Courier

Tolono.

Mahomet-Seymour's track team completed a highly successful week Friday night by repeating as champion of the fifth annual Unity Invitational Track Meet.

The Bulldogs had just won the Sangamon Valley Conference championship Thursday night before heading into Friday night's meet at Unity.

Tom Williams, Ken Williams, Brian Anderson, and Marc Brown combined for a 3:39.4 to win the meet-finishing mile relay to assure the Bulldogs of victory in the meet which coach Frank Dutton had said earlier was for his team to have fun and just compete.

The Bulldogs had to compete to edge Paxton's sprint-oriented Mustangs for the team title. Mahomet-Seymour had a narrow three-point lead going into the mile relay. Paxton failed to score in the event and the Bulldogs finished with a 71-62 win over the Mustangs. Unity was far back in third place in the 16-team meet with 34 points. Atwood-Hammond had 20 and Georgetown 19½. Tuscola and St. Joseph-Ogden tied for sixth with 17 each.

Mahomet-Seymour needed superb efforts from Mark Johnson and Bill James for the second day in a row to edge Paxton for the title. Johnson set meet records of 9:49.5 in the two-mile and 4:32.6 in the mile just after running a 4:24.6 mile Thursday. James pushed Johnson in both events just as he had in the mile Thursday when he was clocked in 4:29.3. The hard-working senior's times Friday were 9:58.5 in

the two-mile and 4:38.4 in the mile.

Steve Thompson, Dave Jacobs and Mark Kesler were the only other blue-ribbon winners for the Bulldogs. Thompson twirled the discus 150-4. Jacobs edged rival Eric Miller of Homer in the 120-yard low hurdles with a meet record time of 15.4. Kesler set a meet mark of 40-2 in the triple jump.

High jumper Cary Colwell and shot putter Gary Anderson gave Paxton an early lead and sprinters Bennie Lee and John Overstreet almost kept the Mustangs in front all the way. In fact, a missed handoff in the 380-yard relay would have made the score even closer.

Colwell raised the meet standard to 6-2 in the high jump and Anderson won the shot put with a 52-11¼ toss before the action moved over to the track.

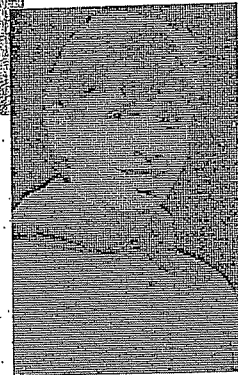
The Mustangs started fast there, too, as Jim Pilcher and Mike Taylor combined with Lee and Overstreet to win the 440-yard relay in a record-setting time of 45.4. Lee then won the varsity 100 in 10.5 and Overstreet the freshman-sophomore 100 in 10.6. Lee also won the 220 in 23.5 to tie the meet record and Overstreet was two-tenths of a second behind in second place. Lee also had staked the Mustangs to a lead in the 380-yard relay and Overstreet was waiting to anchor the quartet when Pilcher and Taylor missed connections on the exchange between the second and third runners. Brian Stagen gave Paxton another first with a 2:07.2 clocking in the F-S 380-yard run.

Miller accounted for the other meet record Friday night

as he rebounded from his loss to Jacobs in the highs to win the 380-yard lows in 40.5. Paxton's Phil Meyer was second and Jacobs third.

Relay teams accounted for a bulk of Unity's points while senior Lyle Dorjahn and sophomore Randy Cherry were individual standouts in Atwood-Hammond's drive for fourth place. Unity won both the F-S 440-yard relay and the varsity 380-relay. Dorjahn won the 440-yard dash in 52.1 and was third in the 220 and 100-yard dashes. Cherry won the pole vault with a 12-11 clearance and was third in the F-S 100-yard dash.

(See scoreboard for results)



BILL JAMES
In the long run . . .



MARK JOHNSON
Mahomet-Seymour

Most Area Stars At Unity, Watseka

By E. W. HESSE
News-Gazette Sports Writer

Class A (small school) prep track and field leaders of the area are almost evenly divided between the district meets scheduled at Unity (Tolono) and Watseka Friday night as they bid for advancement to the state finals at Charleston May 23-24.

Nine event toppers will be at large at Unity, seven at Watseka. Another will make his try at Eureka's district Friday night, and still another will vie in the meet slated at Farmer City Saturday.

Fields involving area schools will number 24 at Unity, 23 at Watseka, 25 at Eureka, 23 at

Champaign's district meet last May.

Interestingly, Summers finished second to Watseka's Mark Stevens in the Wauseca's low hurdles race Tuesday, and another Watseka boy, Dan Irwin, shares the area's best low hurdles time of 40 seconds flat this season. Homer's Eric Miller and Argenta-Oreana's Scott Doane, the others with 40-second clockings, are both in the Tolono meet.

Mahomet-Seymour, spearheaded by its distance-running tandem of Mark Johnson and Bill James, looks like the team to beat at Tolono, although two other conference champions—Monticello of the Okaw

Mahomet-Seymour, Hoopeston are favorites

Class A meets at Unity, Watseka

By Lou Engel
Of The Courier

Small-school track athletes get their chance to shine this weekend as Class A district track meets will be staged throughout the state.

A majority of the Courier-land's small schools will be contending Friday night at either the Unity Class A District at Tolono or the Watseka Class A District. Arcola, Arthur and Oakland will be among the 25 teams at Cumberland Saturday while Farmer City - Mansfield and LeRoy will be among the 23 teams in the Farmer City - Mansfield District Saturday.

Sangamon Valley Conference rivals Mahomet - Seymour and Argenta - Oreana are among

the favorites in the 24-team field at Unity while Wauseka Conference foes Hoopeston and Paxton could battle for top honors at Watseka. Competition at Unity begins with the preliminaries at 4:30 p.m. The prelims begin at 4 p.m. at Watseka with both finals set to start at 7 p.m. The top two finishers in each of the 14 individual events and the three relay races will qualify for the Class A finals May 23-24 at Charleston. Third, fourth and fifth-place finishers meeting specific state qualifying standards also will advance.

The Unity Class A District may be one of the strongest in the state with such teams

as Okaw Valley Conference champion Monticello and East Central Conference champion Catlin in the field along with Sangamon Valley Conference kingpin Mahomet - Seymour and SV runnerup Argenta - Oreana.

Still Mahomet - Seymour has to be the team to beat as the Bulldogs of coach Frank Dutton appear to have the depth as well as the individual standouts it takes to win a major meet. Argenta - Oreana, Monticello and Catlin don't appear to have the overall depth needed to stay with the talented Bulldogs.

Bulldog leaders include the distance running duo of Mark Johnson and Bill James, sprinter - long jumper Steve Karr, hurdler Dave Jacobs, discus thrower Steve Thompson and triple jumper Mark Kesler. Johnson and James are a threat to run 1-2 in both the mile and two-mile events. Karr has the area's best time of 10.2 in the 100-yard dash and the area's best leap of 20-9 in the long jump. Jacobs is in the low 15s in the high hurdles and has been under 41 in the lows. Kesler is a 40-foot triple jumper and Thompson a 150-foot discus thrower.

Other individual standouts at Unity will include Argenta-Oreana hurdler Scott Doane, Atwood - Hammond sprinter Lyle Dorjahn, ABL pole vaulter - sprinter - long jumper Ed Bosch, Homer hurdler Eric Miller, Monticello's Terry Brewer in the 880-yard run, Villa Grove sprinter weightman

Joe Waymire, Monticello weightmen Phil Norfleet and Tom Striegel and Tuscola shot putter Kirk Rich.

Paxton and Clifton Central appear to be the only teams capable of giving Hoopeston's powerful track machine any competition at Watseka. The Cornjerkers are loaded with such individual standouts as sprinters Bob Burke and Danny Eckert, hurdlers Bob Summers and Mark Alt, 880-yard runners Marv Gudeman and Brian Bretz, distance runner Ernie Linares, and pole vaulter Arlyn Ruden. The Cornjerkers also have the area's best time in the 880 and mile relays and are tied with Paxton in the 440-yard relay.

Paxton has several individual standouts, including sprinters Bennie Lee and John Overstreet, shot putter Gary Anderson, high jumper Cary Colwell and discus thrower Bryan Mikeworth. Clifton Central's hopes revolve around sprinter Steve Ullom.

Gilman distance ace R. O. Rorem also will be in the field at Watseka along with such other individuals as Gibson City long and triple jumper Wally Jordan, Fisher triple jumper Gordon Quick and such Watseka athletes as weightman - long jumper Lyndon Swanson and hurdlers Ray Stevens and Dan Irwin.

Qualifying Standards

(Both Class AA and Class A)
440 relay 44.5, Discus 150-0, Two-mile 9:28.0, Long jump 21-6, 120 high hurdles 15.0, Triple jump 43-6, High jump 6-2, 440 51.0, 100 10.0, 320 low hurdles 28.8, Pole vault 13-6, Mile run 4:52.0, 880 1:58.0, 220 22.6, Shot 52-0, Mile relay 3:27.5, 880 relay 1:32.0.

A-O, M-S dominate at Unity

By Lou Engel
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Sangamon Valley Conference rivals Mahomet-Seymour and Argenta-Oreana dominated the scoring Friday night in Unity's Class A District Track and Field Meet.

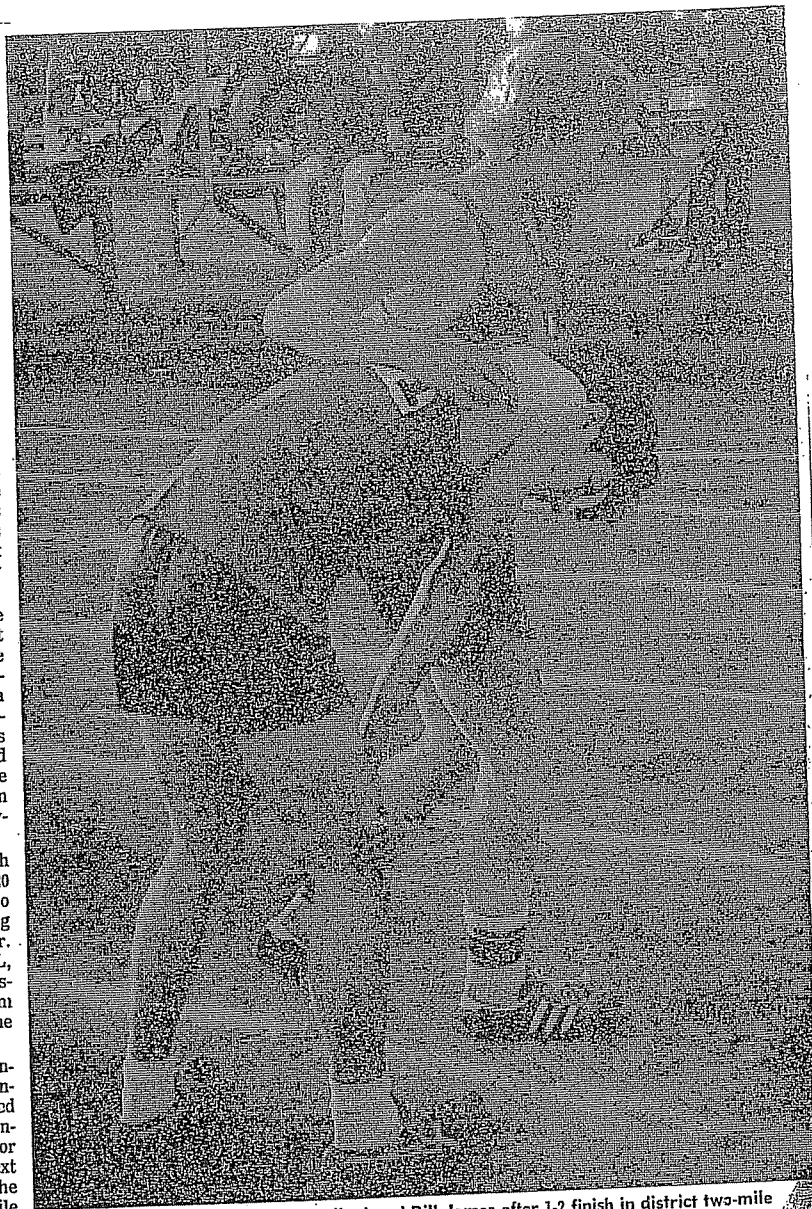
The Bulldogs won the team championship with 60 points and earned 11 berths in next week's state track meet in the process. Argenta-Oreana was second in the team standings with 41 points and earned six spots in the Class A finals May 23-24 at Charleston.

East Central Conference champion Catlin was a distant third with 22 points and three qualifying berths. Mahomet-Seymour and Argenta-Oreana took 17 of the 34 berths available as the top two finishers in each of the 17 events moved on to the state finals. None of the third-place finishers in the meet equaled state qualifying standards.

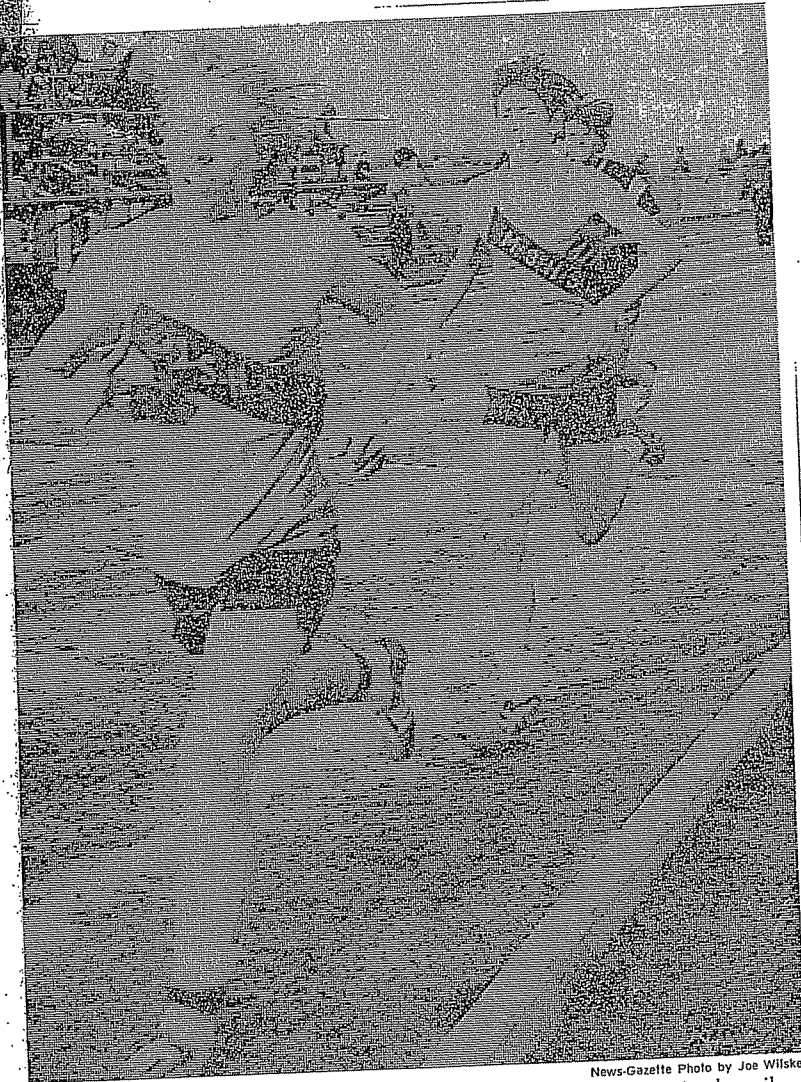
St. Joseph-Ogden was fourth in the team standings with 20 points and also earned two spots in the state meet along with Villa Grove and Homer. Jamaica, Tuscola, Unity, ABL, Atwood - Hammond, Warrensburg - Latham, Ridge Farm and Westville qualified for one berth each.

Distance runners Mark Johnson and Bill James and sprinter-long jumper Steve Karr led the Mahomet - Seymour onslaught and each qualified for two different events in next week's finals. Johnson won the two-mile in 9:50.0 and the mile in 4:29.9. James trailed Johnson all the way in the two-mile to take second in 9:52.1 before finishing strong in the mile to take second in 4:34.2. Karr won the 100-yard dash in 10.2 and the long jump with a leap of 20-1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Mahomet - Seymour's other qualifiers were Steven Thompson in the discus, Mark Kester in the triple jump, Dave Jacobs in the 120-yard high hurdles and the 380-yard and mile relay teams. Thompson was second to Argenta-Oreana double winner Rolf Wilson with a 157-2 throw in the discus. Kester lost to Argenta's Jeff Blackard in the triple jump despite going 40-3. Blackard won with a 40-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ leap. Jacobs ran a 15.2 but was nipped by Homer dou-



Bulldogs' Mark Johnson (standing) and Bill James after 1-2 finish in district two-mile
(Photo by Phil Green)



News-Gazette Photo by Joe Wilcke

THE OLD 1-2. Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson (left) and Bill James shown enroute to their 1-2 finish in the district two-mile run for the Bull-

dogs. They ran the same in the mile later to provide the M-S team with its margin of victory.

Mahomet, Argenta Encore Sangamon Finish In District

By E. W. HESSE

News-Gazette Sports Writer

TOLONO — The Class A prep Here, with 23 schools bidding, off here Friday evening smacked of an encore of the Sangamon Valley Conference competition of last week: Mahomet-Seymour and Argenta-Oreana finished a strong 1-2, far ahead of the rest of the field.

Here, with 23 schools bidding, the M-S Bulldogs collected 60 points, the A-O Bombers 41. Catlin, champion of the East Central Conference, was a distant third with 22 points. Monticello's Okaw Valley winners wound up fifth with 16.

grind, Johnson 4:29.9 and James 4:34.2 in the mile here.

Sangamon athletes ruled nine of the district meet's 17 events. Mahomet-Seymour's Steve Karr, like Johnson, encored his conference triumphs, taking the long jump with a 20-foot 13 1/2-inch leap and winning the 100-yard dash in 10.4. And the Bulldogs' mile relay foursome of Tom Williams, Ken Williams, Brian Anderson, and Mark Brown climaxed the meet with a 3:37.1 victory, Brown thrilling Bulldog fans by making up ground he himself had lost.

"Yow!" yelled Mahomet-Seymour coach Frank Dutton as an announcement from a huddle in



Area's Small-School Trackmen Earn 68 Individual, 18 Relay Bids In State

By E. W. HESSE
News-Gazette Sports Writer

"I want to go on record as favoring the two-class system in state high school track," declares Mahomet-Seymour coach Frank Dutton. "It gives the small-school trackman a real shot at winning something in a state meet."

A recapitulation of what the two-class system has done in advancing small-school trackmen to the state meet dramatically drives home Dutton's contention.

Last year, when all prep trackmen still competed on a single basis, News-Gazette area athletes qualified for 37 individual and five relay berths in

the state meet. Twenty-seven of the individual and all five of the relay qualifiers represented what are now designated as large schools (751 enrollment or more).

This year, with the separate categories of competition, the area's large schools qualified for 20 individual and four relay berths in Class AA, figures rather comparable to last year's 27-5 totals.

But look at the counts for the Class A (enrollments 750 or less) schools of the area. Sixty-eight individual and 18 relay berths in the state finals have been won!

"It was a discouraging and deflating experience for most small-school athletes under the

old system," points out Dutton. "The average small-school athlete, even in the district meets, didn't stand a chance against those of the large schools."

"And he generally would lose bad . . . he'd be whipped. In

Area Qualifiers

(Season Best in Parentheses)

100-YARD DASH
John Burke, Hoopston-East Lynn (10.2); Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour (10.2); Mike Walden, Heyworth (10.3); Joe Waymire, Villa Grove (10.3); Kevin Stocker, LeRoy (10.5)

200-YARD DASH
Mike Walden, Heyworth (22.9); Joe Waymire, Villa Grove (23.0); Dan Eckert, Hoopston-East Lynn (22.4); Lon Gardner, Ridge Farm (23.7); Kevin Stocker, LeRoy (23.9)

400-YARD DASH
Al Fennor, Warrensburg-Latham (51.0); Linden Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden (52.0); Doug Hager, Gibson City (52.5)

800-YARD RUN
Marve Gudeman, Hoopston-East Lynn (2:04.2); Mike DeBarba, Westville (2:01.5); Brian Bretz, Hoopston-East Lynn (2:01.6); Tom O'Shaughnessy, Callin (2:02.4); Kevin Deckard, Arthur (2:05.2)

MILE RUN
Reo Rorem, Gilman (4:24.3); Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour (4:24.6); Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour (4:29.3); Ernie Linares, Hoopston-East Lynn (4:34.0); Dan Schmid, Fairbury-Crossey (4:45.0)

TWO-MILE RUN
Reo Rorem, Gilman (9:22.0); Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour (9:30.0); Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour (9:52.1); Ernie Linares, Hoopston-East Lynn (10:07.6)

120 HIGH HURDLES
Eric Miller, Homer (15.1); Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour (15.2); Randy Rickeltis, Fairbury-Crossey (15.2); Ron Groufek, Rossville-Alvin (15.7); Max Honn, Oakland (15.9); Randy Murray, Arthur (15.9)

330 LOW HURDLES
Scott Doane, Argenta-Oreana (40.0); Eric Miller, Homer (40.0); Bob Summers, Hoopston-East Lynn (40.3)

400 RELAY
Hoopston-East Lynn (44.6); Paxton (45.4); Callin (45.5); Unily (45.9); Octavia (47.2)

800 RELAY
Hoopston-East Lynn (1:32.0); Paxton (1:35.0); Octavia (1:35.5); Arcolia (1:36.8); Callin (1:36.9); Mahomet-Seymour (1:37.2); Farmer City-Mansfield (1:38.4); LeRoy (1:39.2); Oakland (1:39.2)

MILE RELAY
Mahomet-Seymour (3:37.0); St. Joseph-Ogden (3:37.3); Oakland (3:41.0); Arthur (3:41.4)

DISCUS
Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana (167.5); Lyndon Swanson, Waukesha (169.2); Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour (157.2); Eric Fabert, Arthur (153.4); Eric Stoier, Waukesha (145.5); Mike Maynard, Farmer City-Mansfield (142.5)

SHOT PUT
Lyndon Swanson, Waukesha (58.2); Gary Anderson, Paxton (55.1); Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana (51.1); Kirk Rich, Tuscola (51.7); Bob Cole, Arthur (47.6)

HIGH JUMP
Tim Sinkovsky, Argenta-Oreana (6-3); Brian Brucker, Octavia (6-2); Jeff Butler, Arcolia (6-2); Cary Colwell, Paxton (6-2); Mike Woodard, Jamaica (6-2); Bob Devine, Waukesha (6-0)

LONG JUMP
Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour (20-9); Mark Bernard, Rossville-Alvin (20-5); Ken Musick, Argenta-Oreana (20-1); Charles Sessions, Farmer City-Mansfield (20-0)

TRIPLE JUMP
Jeff Blackard, Argenta-Oreana (41-11); Mark Kester, Mahomet-Seymour (40-10); Buddy Price, LeRoy (40-7); Gary Evans, Octavia (40-4); Mike Predmore, Gibson City (40-0)

POLE VAULT
Ed Bosch, ABL (13-3); Randy Cherry, Atwood-Hammond (12-0); Arlyn Rudin, Hoopston-East Lynn (11-3); Rick Pullen, Arcolia (12-1); Stan Onken, Ford Central (12-6); Steve Welch, Arcolia (12-0)

field events like the discus, shot put, long and triple jumps; he probably wouldn't even rate a measurement, since it was established early that anything less than certain distances would never be in contention.

"But for the kid himself, it could have been the best he'd ever done, maybe a school record, but because it didn't compare with the large-school efforts, it was nothing."

Dutton's Mahomet-Seymour team, champion of the Sangamon Valley Conference and Unity district, incidentally, earned nine individual and two relay berths in the state. This shaded the 8-2 showing of Hoopston-East Lynn, champ of the Waukesha Conference.

With Argenta-Oreana gaining six individual berths and five other Sangamon schools also earning places, the SVC outclassed the other conferences of the area. It will have 26 individual and six relay shots at state glory.

The Waukesha will have 15-4, the Little Okaw 10-3, the East Central 6-2, the Okaw Valley 5-3, and the Vermillion Valley 3-0.

Class 'A' State Meet To Have The Look Of 'AA' Districts?

By DAVID WOODS
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This weekend's Class A state track and field meet at Charleston will probably be comparable to a Class AA district meet.

For instance, the winning marks in last Friday's Class AA Normal District are better than the best Class A district marks in nine of 17 events.

In six events, no more than two Class A marks bettered the state qualifying standard. The top two in each district automatically advance to the state meet along with those placing third, fourth or fifth and meeting the standard.

In the 440- and 880-yard relays, the top Class A team would not have advanced out of the Normal District.

Six pole vaulters in the Class

Leaders In Class A Districts

100-YARD DASH
10.0—Neil Johnson, Prophetstown
10.1—Joel Maynard, Hampshire; Steve Altier, Wheaton Christian; Dwayne Johnson, Cairo; Terry Nettles, Greenfield

220-YARD DASH
22.3—Steve Saffranski, Putnam County
22.5—Dwayne Johnson, Cairo
22.7—Neil Johnson, Prophetstown
22.8—Steve Altier, Wheaton Christian
23.0—Shed Cooper, Mounds Meridian
23.1—Glenn Schellhorn, LaMoille; Jerry Bryan, Clay City

440-YARD DASH
49.5—Mark Claypool, Kaneland
49.7—Barry Wright, Greenfield
50.2—Tom Maag, Waterloo

AA Normal District cleared the state qualifying height of 13 feet, 6 inches. Only three did so in all of Class A.

News-Gazette area athletes posted the leading Class A district marks in five events.

Gilman junior Reo Rorem had the fastest district times in the mile and two-mile, clocking 4:24.3 and 9:22.0 respectively. His two-mile time is seventh in Classes A and AA combined.

Other area leaders are Waukesha's Lyndon Swanson in the shot put (58-2), Argenta-Oreana's Rolf Wilson in the discus (167-5) and Hoopston-East

Lynn in the 880 relay (1:32.7). Wilson is third in Classes A and AA combined and Swanson is sixth.

Other Class A athletes in the top 10 on a statewide basis are Kaneland sophomore Mark Claypool in the 440 (fourth, :49.5) and triple jump (ninth, 45-4); Greenfield's Barry Wright in the 440 (tied for sixth, :49.9); Kaneland's Ron Ackerman in the 880 (second, 1:54.2); Brown County's Ed Wort in the long jump (fifth, 22-7); Putnam County's Steve Saffranski in the long jump (ninth, 22-3); and Carthage's Bill Lawson in the triple jump (third, 45-9).

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Kaneland Cinch In Class A; Hoopeston, Mahomet Eye 2d

By E. W. HUSSE
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CHARLESTON — Kaneland of Maple Park, as widely predicted, all but wrapped up Illinois' new Class A (small) high school track and field trophy as the first double-standard state competition in the sport in 50 years was reeled off in Friday's sun and heat at Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Field.

Bruce Peterson's Knights, displaying more than enough horses to romp to the championship, qualified seven individual finalists and one relay foursome for Saturday's wind-up, due to begin with the Class A long jump, pole vault, and high jump at 9 a.m. Track events are to lead off with the 440-yard relay at 12:30 p.m.

Kaneland has the leader in four of the six events in which it advanced contestants: Jim Bishop, far ahead in the shot put with a 57-foot 3/4-inch effort; Mark Claypool with a 49.9 clocking in the 440-yard dash; Ron Ackerman with a 1:57.4 time in the 880, and its mile relay team with a 3:25.3 mark. Claypool, moreover, ranks second in the triple jump with a 45-foot-3/4-inch reading.

So there is little question that Kaneland will win the Class A title; speculation centers upon how many points the Knights will score in claiming the championship.

The arena seems set for a spirited battle for runner-up honors. Granville of Putnam County, with stalwart Steve Safranski as bellwether, could bid strongly for the No. 2 spot. So might Hoopeston-East Lynn, the Waukesha Conference champ, which advanced three individuals and two relay quartets to the final day. So might Mahomet-Seymour, the Sangamon Valley king, which moved three tough Bulldogs to the finale.

Safranski recorded the fastest 220-yard dash of the day, his 21.8 time being even swifter than anything achieved by the Class AA (large) school athletes present. He also topped the Class A long jump crowd with a 22-foot, 11-inch leap, and anchored his school's 440 relay team to the fourth best clocking in its class.

Hoopeston-East Lynn's Arlyn Rudin is one of nine Class A vaulters who cleared 12 feet 9 inches, its Bob Summers posted the fifth best 330 low hurdles time of 38.8, and its Mary Gudeman notched the eighth

which both Johnson and James have qualified. Hoopeston-East Lynn also has a two-mile entrant, Ernie Linares.

Watska, with giant Lyndon Swanson tossing his weights around, is sure to register, possibly even in two figures. Swanson ranks second in both discus and shot with 156-10 and 52-1 measurements.

Watska had two other athletes at the meet — sophomore Eric Slotter in the discus and Bob Devine in the high jump — and both managed to make the finals.

Remarkably, all six of the News-Gazette area's discuss entrants won places in an eight-boy wind-up. In addition to Watska's Swanson and Slotter and Mahomet's Seymour's Thompson, Rolf Wilson of Argenta-Oreana advanced with 154-9, Eric Fabert of Arthur with 152-2, and Mike Maynard of Farmer City-Mansfield with 145-1.

On the other hand, Swanson was the only area hope to survive in the shot put. Paxton's Gary Anderson fell short with 48-3/4.

But while Anderson missed, Paxton's 880 relay team provided giddy consolation by earning the fastest Class A time in its event—1:32.1. Ben Lee, Jim Pilcher, Mike Taylor, and John

Overstreet performed for that sparkling performance.

Homer's Eric Miller won his heat of the 330 low hurdles in 39.4 to move on to the finals after being denied advancement in the 120 high when he was third in his heat.

Villa Groves' Joe Waymire ran second in his 220 heat and therefore advanced, although his time of 23.3 was more than that of Dwayne Johnson of Cairo, 23.1, Eckert of Hoopeston-East Lynn, 23.2, and Mike Walden of Heyworth, 23.2, each a third-place in the other heats.

Ed Bosch of ABL was one of 11 pole vaulters clearing 12 feet 9 inches for Saturday berths. Jamaica's Mike Woodard high jumped 6-1, and Arcola's Jeff Butler 6-0 to become finalists in that event.

Leading Qualifiers

School	Ind.	Relays	Total
Maple Park (Kaneland)	7	1	8
Hoopeston (H. East Lynn)	3	2	5
Aurora (Marmion Acad.)	3	2	5
Granville (Putnam Co.)	3	1	4
Pleasant Hill	4	0	4
Normal (University)	4	0	4
Watska	4	0	4
Chicago (Prov. St. Mel)	1	2	3
Tampico	3	0	3
Flanagan	3	0	3
Cairo	2	1	3
Farrington (East)	3	0	3
Lebanon	2	1	3
Mahomet-Seymour	3	0	3
New Lenox (Providence)	1	1	2
Moons Meridian	1	1	2
Moines	1	1	2
Prophetstown	2	0	2
Greenfield	2	0	2

Class A Summary

<p>100-YARD DASH LEADING QUALIFIERS: Danni Ullom, Clifton Central, 10.06; Dwayne Johnson, Cairo, 10.06. AREA QUALIFIERS: None. AREA PERFORMANCES: Joe Waymire, Villa Grove, 10.25; Mike Walden, Heyworth, 10.29; Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour, 10.36; Kevin Stocker, LeRoy, 10.52.</p>	<p>880 YARD RELAY LEADING QUALIFIER: Paxton (Ben Lee, Jerri Philcher, Mike Taylor, John Overstreet), 1:32.31. AREA QUALIFIERS: Paxton; Hoopeston-East Lynn (Bob Summers, Mark Alt, John Burke, Danny Eckert), 1:33.06. AREA PERFORMANCES: Octavia, 1:35.11; Arcola, 1:35.14; Oakland, 1:36.50; Farmer City-Mansfield, 1:36.72; Mahomet-Seymour, 1:36.84; LeRoy, 1:37.09; Callin, 1:38.84.</p>
<p>220-YARD DASH LEADING QUALIFIER: Steve Safranski, Putnam County, 23.81. AREA QUALIFIER: Joe Waymire, Villa Grove, 23.29. AREA PERFORMANCES: Danny Eckert, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 23.77; Mike Walden, Heyworth, 23.21; Kevin Stocker, LeRoy, 23.99; Lon Gardner, Ridge Farm, 23.43; John Overstreet, Paxton, 23.71.</p>	<p>MILE RELAY LEADING QUALIFIER: Kaneland, 3:25.26. AREA QUALIFIERS: None. AREA PERFORMANCES: St. Joseph-Ogden, 3:36.55; Oakland, 3:36.58; Mahomet-Seymour, 3:37.36; Octavia, 3:37.52; Arthur, 3:39.94.</p>
<p>440-YARD DASH LEADING QUALIFIER: Mark Claypool, Kaneland, 49.9. AREA QUALIFIERS: None. AREA PERFORMANCES: Alan Fanner, Warrensburg-Latham, 51.63; Lyndon Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden, 52.00; Doug Hager, Gibson City, 52.78.</p>	<p>DISCUS LEADING QUALIFIER: John Yingling, Brown County, 157-1. AREA QUALIFIERS: Lyndon Swanson, Watska, 156-10; Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana, 154-9; Eric Fabert, Arthur, 152-2; Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour, 152-0; Eric Slotter, Watska, 145-5; Mike Maynard, Farmer City-Mansfield, 145-3.</p>
<p>800-YARD RUN LEADING QUALIFIER: Ron Ackerman, Kaneland, 1:57.44. AREA QUALIFIER: Marv Gudeman, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 2:00.42. AREA PERFORMANCES: Mike DeBarba, Westville, 2:01.40; Brian Bretz, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 2:01.90; Tom O'Sanghnessey, Callin, 2:04.40; Kevin Deckard, Arthur, 2:09.15.</p>	<p>SHOT PUT LEADING QUALIFIER: Jim Bishop, Kaneland, 57-3/4. AREA QUALIFIER: Lyndon Swanson, Watska, 52-1. AREA PERFORMANCES: Gary Anderson, Paxton, 48-9/4; Ron Cole, Arthur, 47-10/4; Kirk Rich, Tuscola, 44-8/4.</p>
<p>MILE RUN LEADING QUALIFIER: Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 4:22.53. AREA QUALIFIERS: Ron Rotsam, Gilman, 4:28.56; Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour, 4:28.65. AREA PERFORMANCES: Don Schmid, Fairbury-Cropsey, 4:45.42.</p>	<p>TRIPLE JUMP LEADING QUALIFIER: Randy Polk, St. Anne, 45.54. AREA QUALIFIERS: None. AREA PERFORMANCES: Mike Fredmore, Gibson City, 42-4/4; Gary Evans, Octavia, 40-8; Buddy Price, LeRoy, 39-10/4; Mark Kessler, Mahomet-Seymour, 39-10/4.</p>
<p>120-YARD HIGH HURDLES LEADING QUALIFIER: Ed Barth, Marmion Military Academy, 14.76. AREA QUALIFIERS: None. AREA PERFORMANCES: Randy Rickelbs, Fairbury-Cropsey, 14.55; Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour, 15.09; Eric Miller, Homer, 15.23; Ron Stroufek, Rossville-Alvin, 15.90; Randy Murray, Arthur, 16.00; Max Horin, Oakland, 16.21.</p>	<p>HIGH JUMP LEADING QUALIFIERS: Nine tied at 6-1 including Mike Woodard, Jamaica, 6-1. AREA QUALIFIERS: Bob Devine, Watska, 6-0; Jeff Butler, Arcola, 6-0. AREA PERFORMANCES: Tim Slinkowski, Argenta-Oreana, 5-10; Gary Colwell, Paxton, 5-10; Brian Bruker, Octavia, 5-10.</p>
<p>330-YARD LOW HURDLES LEADING QUALIFIER: Dennis Ullom, Clifton Central, 38.26. AREA QUALIFIERS: Bob Summers, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 38.8; Eric Miller, Homer, 39.42. AREA PERFORMANCES: Scott Doane, Argenta, 39.98.</p>	<p>POLE VAULT LEADING QUALIFIERS: Eleven tied at 12-9 including Arlyn Rudin, Hoopeston-East Lynn; Ed Bosch, ABL. AREA PERFORMANCES: Steve Wesch, Arcola, 12-6; Leonard Onken, Piper City, 12-0; Rick Puffen, Arcola, 12-0; Randy Cherry, Atwood-Hampden, 12-0; Randy Hinton, Bement, did not clear a height.</p>
<p>400-YARD RELAY LEADING QUALIFIER: Providence, 3:44. AREA QUALIFIER: Hoopeston-East Lynn (Bob Summers, Mark Alt, John Burke, Danny Eckert), 44.13. AREA PERFORMANCES: Unity, 44.93; Paxton, 45.33; Octavia, 45.60; Callin, 46.23.</p>	

Roerem a possible double winner

Kaneland is A favorite

By Lou Engel
Of The Courier

Kaneland of Maple Park was a high school few people had heard of before the Knights finished second to Ridgway in the 1973 Class A Illinois High School Association Basketball Tournament.

The Knights may become even more famous this weekend by winning the championship of the First Class A (small school) IHSA State Track Meet staged since 1925.

Lebanon and Granville High School of Putnam County appear to be the only schools with any hopes of staying with the Knights this weekend as the meet for schools of 750 or less unfolds at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston along with the Class AA meet.

Preliminaries in both the field and running events in both the A and AA divisions get under way at 9 a.m. Friday. The finals in each of the 17 events set to begin at noon.

A superb mile relay quartet and several other standout individuals make Kaneland the team to beat in the race for the Class A crown. The Knights posted a 3:25.7 in the mile relay in district competition. The next best times were a 3:28.7 by Marmion Military Academy of Aurora and a 3:32.4s by Lebanon and Polo.

Mark Claypool, Ron Ackerman, Larry Will and Jim Bishop also should score points for the Knights. Claypool's 49.5 in the 440 was the best time in district competition. His 45-4½ leap in the triple jump was second only to a 46-9 effort by Bill Lawson of Hancock Central of Carthage.

Ackerman and Lebanon's Don Burns could put on quite a show in the 880-yard run while Will is a contender in both the 330-yard low hurdles and the pole vault. Ackerman was clocked in 1:54.2 and Burns



Reo Roerem

in 1:56.2 in district meets. The only other time under two minutes in the two-mile was a 1:57.5 by Marmion Academy's John Cychol. Will's 38.5 also was a district best in the lows. His 13-3 vault also is among the leaders.

Bishop's 55-3½ effort in the shot put in the district was second to a 58-2½ registered by Watseka's Lyndon Swanson. Mike Jorgensen, John Russell and Bruce Weller also could score for the Knights in the field events. Jorgensen qualified in the shot with a put of 51-10½. Russell cleared 6-2 in the high jump and Weller sailed 43-9¼ to join Claypool among the leaders in the triple jump.

Putnam County's title hopes revolve around sprinter Steve Safranski, who posted a 22.3 in the 220 and a 22-3¼ in the long jump, and anchored the 440-yard relay team to a district best time of 44.1. Safranski's 220 time also was the best time in district competition while the long-jump leap was second to a 22-7 effort by Ed Wort of Mount Sterling High of Brown County.

Lebanon should pick up points in the middle distance and distance races with Burns in the

880 and Greg Högg in the mile and two-mile runs. The Greyhounds also qualified a team in the 440 relay as well as the mile relay.

Mahomet-Seymour and Hoopeston rank among the leaders in number of qualifiers but both schools would have to have excellent efforts from all their athletes to challenge for the team championship. Mahomet-Seymour qualified in nine individual events and two relays and Hoopeston in eight individual events and two relays.

The best Bulldog bets to score include Mark Johnson and Bill James in the mile and two-mile runs and Steve Thompson in the discus. Steve Karr qualified in the 100-yard dash and long jump, but is not among the leaders in either event. Mark Kesler made the triple jump field and Dave Jacobs qualified in the 120-yard high hurdles, but neither figure among the leaders. Neither do the Bulldog 880 and mile relay quartets.

Hoopeston's situation is similar to the one faced by Mahomet-Seymour. The Cornjerkers have a scoring possibility in Danny Eckert in the 220 and the 440-yard relay team, but the other Cornjerkers are going to have to come up with all-time best effort to reach Saturday's finals.

Several Courierland athletes, however, are candidates to win individual Class A state championships. Foremost in this group is Gilman's Reo Roerem. The Owl junior is the favorite to win both the mile and two-mile events after posting district best times of 4:24.3 in the mile and 9:22.0 in the two-mile.

Argenta-Oreana's Rolf Wilson, Watseka's Swanson and Homer's Eric Miller are other possibilities. Wilson's 167-8 throw in the discus was the best in area competition. Swanson also ranks among the dis-

cus leaders as well as having the best put in the shot. Miller is a challenger in both hurdle races.

Area A Qualifiers

- (District marks in parenthesis)
- 100—Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour (10.4); Joe Waymire, Villa Grove (10.5); John Burke, Hoopeston (10.5); Mike Walden, Heyworth (10.5); Kevin Stocker, LeRoy (10.7).
 - 220—Danny Eckert, Hoopeston (23.4); Mike Walden, Heyworth (23.4); Joe Waymire, Villa Grove (23.7); John Overstreet, Paxton (24.0); Lon Gardner, Ridge Farm (24.0); Kevin Stocker, LeRoy (24.2).
 - 440—Alan Fonner, Warrensburg-Latham (51.0); Linden Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden (52.0); Doug Hager, Gibson City (52.2).
 - 880—Marv Gudeman, Hoopeston (2:01.0); Mike Debarba, Westville (2:01.5); Tom O'Shaughnessy, Callin (2:02.4); Brian Bretz, Westville (2:04.9); Kevin Deckard, Arthur (2:06.2).
 - 1-mile—Reo Roerem, Gilman (4:24.3); Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour (4:29.9); Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour (4:34.2); Ernie Linares, Hoopeston (4:34.8).
 - Two-mile—Reo Roerem, Gilman (9:22.0); Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour (9:50.0); Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour (9:52.1); Ernie Linares, Hoopeston (10:01.6).
 - 120 high hurdles—Eric Miller, Homer (15.1); Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour (15.2); Ron Sroufek, Rossville (15.7); Randy Murray, Arthur (16.1); Max Honn, Oakland (16.2).
 - 330 low hurdles—Bob Summers, Hoopeston (39.9); Eric Miller, Homer (40.1); Scott Doane, Argenta-Oreana (40.8).
 - 440 relay—Hoopeston (44.6); Paxton (45.3); Unity (46.2); Callin (46.6); Octavia (47.2).
 - 880 relay—Hoopeston (1:32.7); Paxton (1:33.3); Callin (1:35.9); Mahomet-Seymour (1:37.2); Callin (1:37.4); Arcola (1:37.9); Farmer City-Mansfield (1:38.4); LeRoy (1:38.4); Oakland (1:38.5).
 - Mile relay—Mahomet-Seymour (3:37.1); St. Joseph-Ogden (3:37.3); Octavia (3:39.2); Oakland (3:41.0); Arthur (3:41.5).
 - Long jump—Charles Sessions, Farmer City-Mansfield (20-4½); Mark Benard, Rossville (20-1¾); Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour (20-1¾); Ken Musick, Argenta-Oreana (19-6).
 - Triple jump—Dan Predmore, Gibson City (40-9); Jeff Blackard, Argenta-Oreana (40-3¼); Gary Evans, Octavia (40-4); Mark Kesler, Mahomet-Seymour (40); Buldy Price, LeRoy (40-2¼).
 - High jump—Cary Colwell, Paxton (6-0); Tim Sinkowsky, Argenta-Oreana (6-0); Mike Woodard, Jamaica (6-0); Jeff Butler, Arcola (6-0); Bob Devine, Watseka (6-0); Brian Brucker, Octavia (5-8).
 - Pole vault—Randy Cherry, Atwood-Hammond (13-0); Ed Bosch, Abi (12-9); Rick Patten, Arcola (12-6); Steve Wesch, Arcola (12-6); Arlyn Ruden, Hoopeston (12-6); Leonard Onken, Piper City (12-6).
 - Shot—Lyndon Swanson, Watseka (58-2½); Gary Anderson, Paxton (52-1); Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana (51-6); Kirk Rich, Tuscola (50-7); Ron Cole, Arthur (50-8).
 - Discus—Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana (167-8); Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour (157-2); Eric Fiers, Arthur (151-2½); Lyndon Swanson, Watseka (149-4); Eric Sifter, Watseka (147-7½); Mike Maynard, Farmer City-Mansfield (142-5½).

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A large group of Courierland athletes will be on the inside looking out today during the finals of the 1975 Illinois High School Association Track and Field Meets.

Area schools will have 26 chances to score in the finals of the Class A division of the first two-class system since 1926 instead of being relegated to spectator status as was usually the case in the one-class meet.

The discus, mile run, 880-yard relay and the 330-yard low hurdles were the best events for the area in Friday's preliminaries on the O'Brien Field all-weather track.

Six of the eight finalists in Class A discus come from the Courierland as well as two qualifiers each in the mile, low hurdles and 880-yard relay including the best times in both the mile and relay.

Watseka's Lyndon Swanson is second behind John Yingling of Mount Sterling of Brown County going into today's 12 noon finals in the discus. Swanson threw 156-10 Friday compared to 157-1 for Yingling. Argenta-Oreana's Rolf Wilson is third at 154-9, Arthur's Eric Fabert fourth at 152-2 and Mahomet-Seymour's Steve Thompson fifth at 152-0. Watseka sophomore Eric Slotter threw 145-5 and Farmer City-Mansfield's Mike Maynard went 145-1 to also make the finals.

Mahomet - Seymour's Mark Johnson posted the best time in the Class A field as the ran away with the second heat of the mile with his all-time best clocking of 4:22.5. Gilman junior Reo Rorem was second and Mahomet-Seymour's Bill James fourth behind Stillman Valley's Craig Young in the first heat. Young outkicked Rorem to finish in 4:23.4. Rorem's time was 4:23.6. James also turned in an all-time best of 4:28.7.

Johnson, Rorem and James will run in the two-mile today as well as the finals of the mile. Prelims were not required Friday in the two-mile.

Paxton's 880-yard relay quartet of Bennie Lee, Jim Pilcher, Mike Taylor and John Overstreet was the only other area event leader Friday. The four-



Gilman's Reo Rorem leads eventual winner Craig Young in Class A mile prelims

Hoopeston's Bob Summer and Homer's Eric Miller also came through with career bests to make the final 330-yard low hurdle field. Summer won his heat in 38.8 and Miller stepped off a 39.4 to break the tape in the fourth heat. The best time in the event was a 38.2 by Clifton Central's Dennis Ulom in the first heat.

Other area qualifiers are Jamaica's Mike Woodard, Watseka's Bob Devine and Arcola's Jeff Butler in the high jump, Swanson in the shot put, ABL's Ed Bosch and Hoopeston's Arlyn Ruden in the pole vault, Villa Grove's Joe Waymire in the 220, Hoopeston's Marv Gudeman in the 880 and Hoopeston's 440-yard relay team.

Woodard cleared 6-1 and Butler and Devine 6-0 in the high jump. It took a jump of 6-0 or better to make today's finals. Paxton's Gary Colwell, Argenta-Oreana's Tim Skinowski

Atwood - Hammond's Randy Cherry, Arcola's Rick Pullen and Piper City's Leonard Onken went out at 12-0, and Arcola's Steve Wensch failed at 12-6.

Waymire's time of 23.29 was the slowest among the 220-yard qualifiers but was still good enough to place him second behind Putnam County's Steve Safranski in the first heat. Safranski's time of 21.81 is the best going into today's finals. Hoopeston's time of 44.1 was the third best time behind a 43.4 by Providence New Lenox and a 44.0 by Mounds Meridian in the 440-yard relay.

While the area will be well-represented in today's finals, there are plenty of other athletes who failed in their qualifying bids Friday.

Mahomet - Seymour's Steve Karr ran sixth in his heat of the 100-yard dash and also missed the long jump cut with his best leap being 10-11. Ross-

in 15.2. Mahomet - Seymour's Dave Jacobs ran 15.1 but finished fourth in his heat. Rossville's Ron Sroufek was sixth and Oakland's Max Honn eighth in the same heat with Miller.

Gudeman's fourth-place finish in the time of 2:00.4 was good for a spot in today's 880-yard run finals. Catlin's Tom O'Shaughnessy was ninth in the same heat with a 2:04.4 clocking. Hoopeston's Brian Brez was fifth in 2:01.9 and Arthur's Kevin Deckard eighth in 2:09.1 in the second heat.

Warrensburg-Latham's Alan Fonner was third and St. Joseph-Ogden's Lynden Stark fourth in the first heat of the 440-yard dash. Fonner ran 51.6 and Stark 52.0. Gibson City's Doug Hager was seventh in the fourth heat in 52.7.

Gibson City's Mike Predmore and Argenta-Oreana's Jeff Blackard came up with season-best efforts in the mile prelims.

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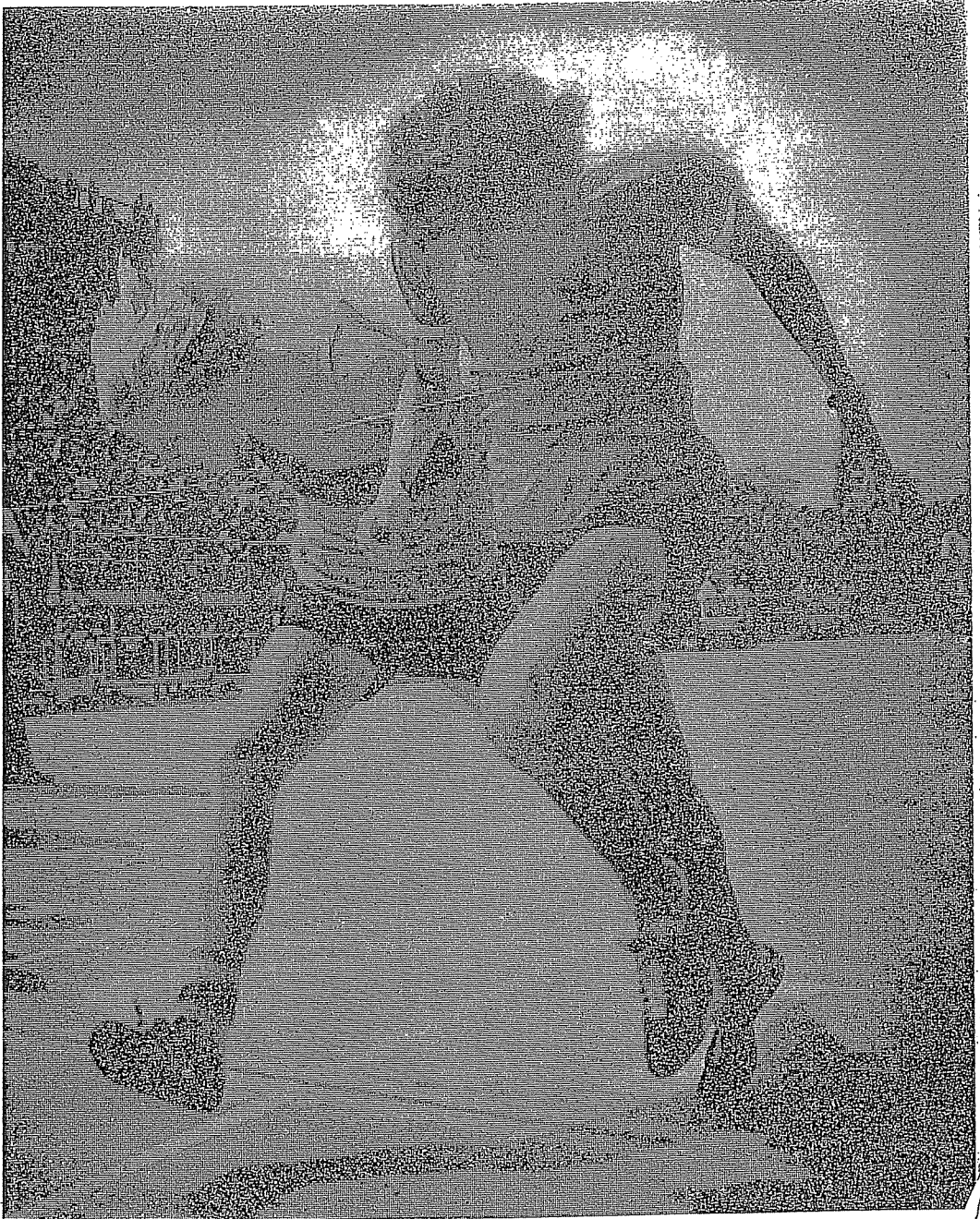
30 points compared to Kane-land's 34 in the race for the team championship. Hoopeston tied Putnam County for second place with 17 points on Eastern Illinois University's all-weather track. Watseka scored eight points for a five-way tie for eighth and Paxton tallied four. Gilman tied for fourth place with 10 points and Mahomet - Seymour was deadlocked for sixth with nine. Arthur scored one point to account for all the Courrier-land scoring in Class A.

Senior Bob Summers was the Hoopeston workhorse Saturday as he won the 330-yard low hurdles in 38.35 and ran the leadoff legs on the winning 880-yard relay team and the second-place 440-yard relay quartet to figure in 16 of the 18 Cornjerker points. Sophomore Mark Alt and seniors John Burke and Danny Eckert were the other runners on the 880 relay team that posted a 1:31.49 and the 440-yard foursome that was second to Providence New Lenox in 43.7. Arlyn Ruden was fourth in the pole vault with a 13-1 effort for Hoopeston's other points.

Lyndon Swanson was second in the shot put with a 54-4 toss and second in the discus at 156-10 to account for Watseka's eight points. Paxton's 880-yard relay team of Bennie Lee, Jim Pilcher, Mike Taylor and John Overstreet trailed the Cornjerkers in the 880-yard relay in 1:31.8 to give the Wauseca Conference a 1-2 finish in the event.

Reo Rorem edged Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson in the mile after finishing second to Stillman Valley's Craig Young in the two-mile to account for Gilman's 10 points. Johnson also was third in the two-mile. Mahomet - Seymour's other two points came on Steve Thompson's fourth - place finish in the discus. Arthur's Eric Fabert was fifth and Argenta-Oreana's Rolf Wilson third in the discus. Wilson threw 154-9, Thompson 152-10 and Fabert 152-2.

Rorem and Johnson finished in a near dead heat in the mile with Rorem surging through on the inside in 4:26.44 with Johnson being timed in



Gilman's Reo Rorem, right, edges Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson in spectacular mile finish
(Photos by Curt Beam)

Kaneland Rules Hoopeston Seco

By E. W. HESSE
 News-Gazette Sports Writer
CHARLESTON — The Kaneland Knights of Maple Park Saturday made official what virtually everyone had conceded already Friday — that they are the state's Class A (small) high school track and field champions for 1975 — by posting an impressive team total of 34 points.

Claiming a share of the runner-up position with a somewhat surprising bag of 18 points was Wauseca Conference champion Hoopeston-East Lynn, tied with Putnam County of Granville.

Gilman, strictly on the efforts of junior distance runner Reo Rorem, matched Prophetstown for fourth place with 10 points, and Mahomet-Seymour, whose Mark Johnson finished back of Rorem in the two-mile race and veritably "next" to him in a rugged mile duel, tied Hancock Central of Carthage for sixth place with a score of 9.

"If you'll check the scores," observed Watseka coach Gordon McKenzie, "I think you'll find that our district athletes made the strongest showing in the state."

Apparently they did. Hoopeston-East Lynn, Gilman, Watseka, Clifton Central (8), Paxton (4), and St. Anne (4) all tied in the Watseka district. Combined, they claimed 52 of the state meet's 272 points.

"We scored more than we figured to," admitted Hoopeston-East Lynn coach Dick Hobbs, all smiles over his team's showing, "mostly because Bob Summers won the low hurdles for us. I think he did better than ever today because he had more time to rest up from running in the relays with a double meet going on."

Summers was leadoff runner in both of the Cornjerkers' relay efforts, with Mark Alf, John Burke, and Danny Eckert following him in that order in both. They bested Paxton's Ben Lee, Jim Pichek, Mike Taylor, and John Overstreet in the 800-meter race, 1:31.19 to 1:31.7.

Arlyn Rudin, placing fourth in the pole vault with a 17-foot 1-inch clearance, earned Hoopeston-East Lynn's two other points. Gilman's 10 points resulted from Rorem's winning of the mile in a grueling stretch duel with Johnson of Mahomet-Seymour — the electronic timings were 4:26.44 and 4:26.15 respectively — and a second in

were produced by big Lyndon Swanson, second in both discs and shot put.

Argenta-Oreana and Arthur both made the scoring table in the discus. Rolf Wilson placed third for A-O with 154-9, and Eric Fabert wound up fifth for Arthur with 152-2.

Area athletes who missed scoring Saturday included Marv Gudeman of Hoopeston-East Lynn, sixth in the 880 in 1:56.95.

Mike Woodard of Jamaica, sixth in the high jump though he cleared 6-2. Mike Maynard of Farmer City-Mansfield, sixth in the discus at 145-10, and Eric Slotter of Watseka, seventh at 145-5. Eric Miller of Homer, eighth in the low hurdles in

40.04; Joe Grove, eighth and Jeff But for eighth in a clearance. Bosch of ABL the pole vau feet. . . at Mahomet-Sey file and tv times of 4:4

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Class A Summary

Long Jump — 1, Steve Sifranski, Granville-Putnam County, 22-11. 2, Chuck Miller, Fulton, 22-10. 3, Rod Slover, Biggsville-Union, 22-7/8. 4, Ed Wort, Mount Sterling-Brown County, 21-7. 5, Darrell Sargent, Auburn, 21-6 1/2.

High Jump — 1, Rich Rames, Vandalla, 6-5. 2, Rolfe Himes, Spring Valley-Hall Township, 6-4. 3, Jim Braksick, Flanagan, 6-3. 4, Greg Heist, Port Byron-Riverdale, 6-2. 5, Fred Swenkel, Neoga, 6-2.

Pole Vault — 1, Bill Lawson, Carthage-Hancock Central, 14-6. 2, Tony Stolo, Rushville, 14-0. 3, Larry Will, Maple Park-Kaneland, 13-9. 4, Arlyn Rudin, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 13-1. 5, (tie) David Peck, Sparta, and Randy Stevenson, Yorkville, 12-6.

Shot Put — 1, Jim Bishop, Maple Park-Kaneland, 59-2. 2, Lyndon Swanson, Watseka, 54-4. 3, Scott Krey, Farmington East, 53-5 1/2. 4, Mel Blazer, Taylor Ridge-Rockridge, 52-8 1/2. 5, Mike Jorgensen, Maple Park-Kaneland, 52-5 1/2.

Discus — 1, John Yingling, Mount Sterling-Brown County, 157-1. 2, Lyndon Swanson, Watseka, 156-10. 3, Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana, 154-9. 4, Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour, 152-10. 5, Eric Fabert, Arthur, 152-2.

Two Mile — 1, Craig Young, Stillman Valley, 9:21.15. 2, Reo Rorum, Gilman, 9:25.93. 3, Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 9:27.7. 4, Tom Logue, Aurora-Marmion, 9:47.28. 5, Gregg Grubb, Stillman Valley, 9:52.82.

400 Relay — 1, New Lenox-Providence 44.0. 2, Mike Mores, Kevin Johnson (Greg D'Amico), Mike Mores, Kevin Johnson, Gordon Patterson), 45.63. 3, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 43.7. 4, Madison, 43.97. 4, Granville-Putnam County, 44.04. 5, Chicago Providence, 44.1.

Triple Jump — 1, Mark Claypool, Maple Park-Kaneland, 45-7/8. 2, Renny Polk, St. Anne, 45-6 1/2. 3, Bill Lawson, Carthage-Hancock Central, 45-6. 4, Cliff Douglas, Chicago Parker, 44-2 1/2. 5, Kurt Naiziger, Carlisle, 43-11 1/2.

120 High Hurdles — 1, Tom Jump, North High, 14.28. 2, John Vanderkamp, Elmhurst Timothy Christian, 14.63. 3, Jim Braksick, Flanagan, 14.76. 4, Mark Kin-scherff, Pleasant Hill, 14.19. 5, Ed Barth, Auroras-Marmion, 14.54.

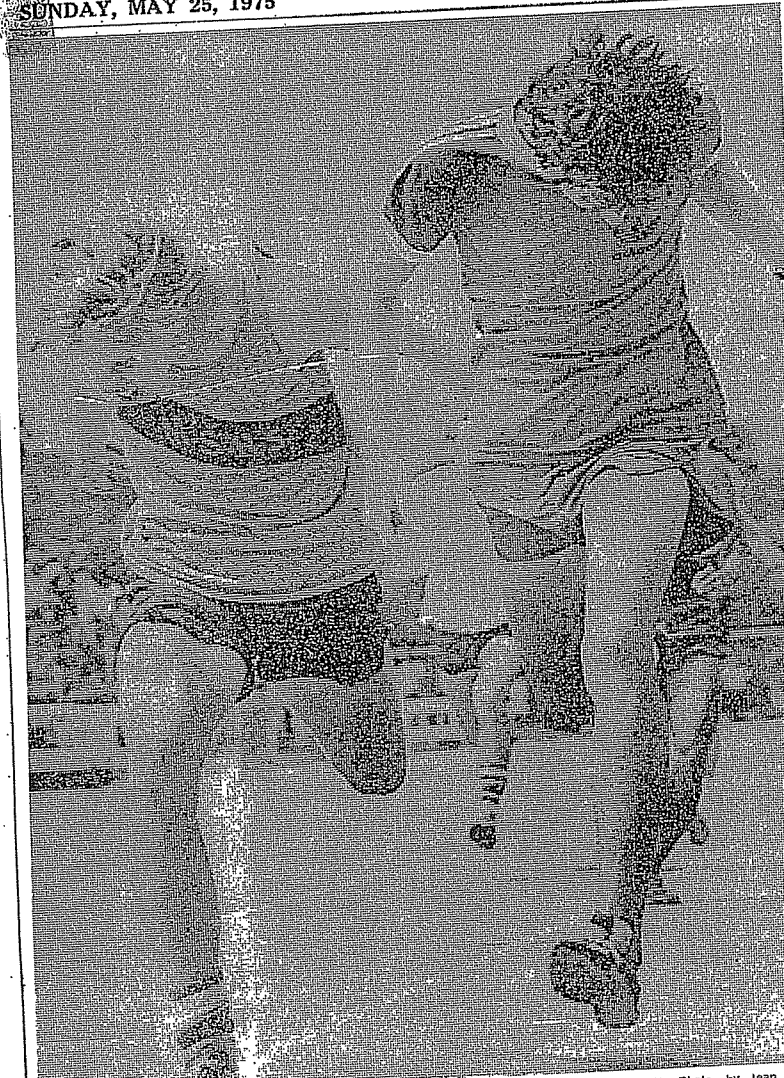
800 — 1, Neil Johnson, Prophetstown, 1:31.77. 2, Dennis Ulton, Clifton Central, 1:31.9. 3, Dwayne Johnson, Cairo, 1:32.4. 4, Terry Nettles, Greenfield, 1:32.7. 5, Steve Altier, Watseka, Christian, 1:33.

1600 — 1, Ron Ackerman, Maple Park-Kaneland, 1:53.23. 2, Don Burns, 1:54.44. 3, Scott Bartell, Peo, 1:55.89. 4, John Lynch, Aurora-Marmion, 1:57.2. 5, John Bell, Farmington East, 1:58.8.

800 Relay — 1, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 4:04. 2, Mark Alf, John Burke, Danny Eckert, 4:07. 3, Paxton, 4:10. 4, 1:19.2. 5, Cairo, 4:12.97.

400-Prudence, 4:19.2. 5, Cairo, 4:12.97.

100-yard dash — 1, Mark Claypool, Maple Park-Kaneland, 49.88. 2, Tony D'Amico, Granville-Putnam County, 49.94. 3, Mark Kroy, 49.97. 4, Jim Bruce, Clifton Central, 50.24. 5, Jim Bruce, Clifton Central, 50.24.



ROREM FROM BEHIND. Gilman's Reo Rorem, battling elbow-to-elbow with Mahomet-Seymour's Mark Johnson in a rugged stretch duel in the Class A state mile run, was inches behind until the final stride of two when he nudged to victory in 4:26.44.



Courierland Class A Honor Roll

100-yard dash

10.2—Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour.
10.3—John Overstreet, Paxton; Bonnie Lee, Paxton; Joe Waymire, Villa Grove; John Burke, Hoopeston.
10.4—Greg Kinser, Monticello; Doug Hager, Gibson City; Ralph Coffey, Oakland.

220-yard dash

22.9—Mike Walden, Heyworth.
23.2—Ed Bosch, ABL.
23.4—John Burke, Hoopeston.
23.5—Joe Waymire, Villa Grove; Bonnie Lee, Paxton.
24.4—Jay Brinkman, Octavia.
23.7—John Overstreet, Paxton; Lon Gardner, Ridge Farm.
23.8—Lyle Dorjahn, Atwood-Hammond.

440-yard dash

51.5—Danny Eckert, Hoopeston.
52.1—Lyle Dorjahn, Atwood-Hammond.
52.4—Linden Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden.
52.8—Gary Rosson, Unity; Doug Hager, Gibson City.
53.0—Ralph Coffey, Oakland.
53.4—John Thornsbrough, Rossville.
53.5—Tom Williams, Mahomet-Seymour.

880-yard run

2:01.3—Marc Brown, Mahomet-Seymour.
2:02.7—Phil Frey, LeRoy.
2:02.8—Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour.
2:03.2—Brian Betz, Hoopeston.
2:04.3—Marv Gudeman, Hoopeston.
2:04.2—Mike DeBarba, Georgestown.
2:04.6—Steve Keath, Waukesa.

Mile run

4:24.6—Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour.
4:29.3—Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour.
4:30.1—Reo Rorem, Gilman.
4:38.8—Tom O'Shaughnessy, Catlin.
4:39.0—Roger Mohr, ABL.
4:41.0—Terry Brewer, Monticello.
4:42.1—Al Mohr, Unity.

Two-mile run

9:22.5—Reo Rorem, Gilman.
9:44.2—Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour.
9:57.0—Terry Brewer, Monticello.
9:57.9—Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour.
10:00.6—Roger Mohr, ABL.
10:04.8—Tom O'Shaughnessy, Catlin.
10:06.2—Ernie Linares, Hoopeston.

120-yard high hurdles

15.2—Randy Ricketts, Fairbury-Crosby.
15.4—Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour.
15.5—Eric Miller, Homer; Mark All, Hoopeston.
15.7—Mike Dalde, Georgestown; Ron Sroufe, Rossville.
15.8—Ken Albert, LeRoy.
15.9—Phil Meyer, Paxton.

330-yard low hurdles

40.0—Dann Irwin, Waukesa; Scott Doane, Argenta-Oreana.
40.5—Eric Miller, Homer.
40.6—Bob Summers, Hoopeston.
40.7—Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour.

440-yard relay

45.4—Paxton (Jim Picher, Mike Taylor, Bonnie Lee and John Overstreet); Hoopeston (Bob Summers, Mark All, John Burke and Danny Eckert).
45.9—Unity (Gary Rosson, Mike Wood,

Jan Meyer and Tom Sinder),
46.5—Waukesa (Kerry Bell, Bob Fulk, Randy Koonce and Dann Irwin).

880-yard relay

1:32.8—Hoopeston (Bob Summers, Mark All, John Burke and Danny Eckert).
1:35.0—Paxton (Bonnie Lee, Rick Schaumburg, Mike Taylor and John Overstreet).
1:35.5—Octavia (Steve Kruse, Jay Brinkman, Albert Lee and Tom Krieg).
1:37.2—Catlin (Jeff Burrows, Rick Brown, Rick Royce and Brent Bowman).

Mile relay

3:33.4—Hoopeston (Bob Summers, Marv Gudeman, John Burke and Danny Eckert).
3:37.4—Mahomet-Seymour (Tom Williams, Ken Williams, Brian Anderson and Marc Brown).
3:39.5—Waukesa (Eric Stoler, Bill Stahler, Kerry Bell and Dave Sandness).
3:39.9—Rossville (Ken Sroufe, Steve Crumpler and John Thornsbrough).

Triple jump

41.11—Jeff Blackard, Argenta-Oreana.
41.1—Steve Conrod, Fairbury-Crosby.
41.2—Gordon Quirk, Fisher.
40.6—Mark Kester, Mahomet-Seymour.
40.10—Lon Gardner, Ridge Farm.
40.7—Chester Price, LeRoy.

Long jump

20.9—Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour.
20.9—Ron Mazy, Oakland.
20.5—Mark Benard, Rossville.
20.5—Wally Jordan, Gibson City.
20.4—Steve Conrod, Fairbury-Crosby.
20.4—Lyndon Swanson, Waukesa.
20.3—Ed Bosch, ABL; Jeff Butler, Arcola.

High jump

6.3—Tim Sinkovsky, Argenta-Oreana.
6.2—Zane Giannopolis, Baymen; Cary Colwell, Paxton; Jeff Butler, Arcola; Brian Brucker, Octavia.
6.1—Merle Eisenman, Hoopeston.
6.1—Mike Woodard, Jamaica; Steve Conrod, Fairbury-Crosby; Steve Rayburn, Mahomet-Seymour; Jeff Blackard, Argenta-Oreana.

Pole vault

13.3—Randy Hinton, Bement.
13.0—Ed Bosch, ABL; Randy Cherry, Atwood-Hammond.
12.11—Rick Fuller, Arcola; Arlyn Runden, Hoopeston.
12.6—Terry Cresap, Monticello.
12.3—Leonard Diken, Ford Central.
12.0—Jan Meyer, Unity; Scott Lewis, Argenta-Oreana.

Discus

161.8—Phil Norfleet, Monticello.
161.1—Lyndon Swanson, Waukesa.
153.4—Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana.
150.4—Steve Thompson, Monticello.
148.107—Eric Fabert, Arthur.
145.1—Bryan Mikeworth, Paxton.
145.1—Mark Blackburn, Monticello.

Shot put

56.1—Lyndon Swanson, Waukesa.
55.1—Gary Anderson, Paxton.
51.1—Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana.
50.0—Joe Waymire, Villa Grove; Mark Darbatt, Atwood-Hammond.

Hoopeston Winner Of Mythical Meet

By E. W. HESSE

News-Gazette Sports Writer
Hoopeston-East Lynn's strong showing in last weekend's Class A (small high school) state track and field meet—a tie for second with Putnam County behind champion Kaneland—is reflected in a review of this

area's best performances in the sport for 1975.

Dick Hobbs' Cornjerkers emerge as winners of the News-Gazette's annual mythical meet with the impressive total of 51½ points. Only real challenger of the Waukesa champions was Mahomet-Seymour, the Sangamon Valley ruler, with 41½ points. Argenta-Oreana, the M-S Bulldogs' primary rival in the Sangamon, was a solid third with 26.

Area's Best In '75

TEAM POINTS

Hoopeston-East Lynn 51½, Mahomet-Seymour 41½, Argenta-Oreana 26, Waukesa 13½, Paxton 13, Bement 10, Gilman 10, Fairbury-Crosby 9, Heyworth 8, Oakland 8, St. Joseph-Ogden 8, Villa Grove 7½, ABL 6, Atwood-Hammond 6, Homer 6, Warrensburg-Latham 6, Gibson City 5, Monticello 5, Arcola 4½, Octavia 4½, Melvin-Sibley 3, Ridge Farm 2, Unity 2, Westville 2, Catlin 2½, Ford Central 2, Tuscola 2, Jamaica 1½, Arthur 1, Fisher 1, LeRoy 1, Rossville-Alvin 1.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

100-YARD DASH: 1—John Burke, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 10.2; 2—(tie) Steve Karr, Mahomet-Seymour and Joe Waymire, Villa Grove, 10.25; 4—Mike Walden, Heyworth, 10.29; 5—Ben Lee, Paxton, 10.3.

220-YARD DASH: 1—Mike Walden, Heyworth, 22.9; 2—Joe Waymire, Villa Grove, 23.0; 3—Danny Eckert, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 23.4; 4—Ed Bosch, ABL, 23.4; 5—(tie) John Burke, Hoopeston-East Lynn, and Ben Lee, Paxton, 23.5.

440-YARD DASH: 1—Al Fenner, Warrensburg-Latham, 51.0; 2—Danny Eckert, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 51.5; 3—Lyndon Stark, St. Joseph-Ogden, 52.0; 4—Lyle Dorjahn, Atwood-Hammond, 52.1; 5—Doug Hager, Gibson City, 52.5.

880-YARD RUN: 1—Marv Gudeman, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 1:56.95; 2—Marc Brown, Mahomet-Seymour, 2:01.3; 3—Mike DeBarba, Westville, 2:01.5; 4—Brian Betz, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 2:01.6; 5—Tom O'Shaughnessy, Catlin, 2:04.2.

MILE RUN: 1—Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 4:29.3; 2—Reo Rorem, Gilman, 4:29.5; 3—Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour, 4:29.6; 4—Ernie Linares, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 4:34.8; 5—Tony Johnson, St. Joseph-Ogden, 4:37.2.

TWO-MILE RUN: 1—Reo Rorem, Gilman, 9:22.5; 2—Mark Johnson, Mahomet-Seymour, 9:44.2; 3—Bill James, Mahomet-Seymour, 9:57.0; 4—Terry Brewer, Monticello, 9:57.9; 5—Roger Mohr, ABL, 10:00.6.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1—Randy Ricketts, Fairbury-Crosby, 14.95; 2—Dave Jacobs, Mahomet-Seymour, 15.09; 3—Eric Miller, Homer, 15.1; 4—(tie) Ken Albert, LeRoy; Mark All, Hoopeston-East Lynn; and Scott Doane, Argenta-Oreana, 15.4.

330-YARD LOW HURDLES: 1—Brian Summers, Hoopeston-East Lynn, 38.8; 2—Scott Doane, Argenta-Oreana, 39.2; 3—Eric Miller, Homer, 39.4; 4—Mark Stevens, Waukesa, 39.9; 5—Dann Irwin, Waukesa, 40.0.

440-YARD RELAY: 1—Hoopeston-East Lynn (Bob Summers, Mark All, John Burke, Danny Eckert), 44.4; 2—Mahomet-Seymour, 44.5; 3—Unity, 44.93; 4—Paxton, 45.33; 5—(tie) Catlin and Waukesa, 45.5.

880-YARD RELAY: 1—Hoopeston-East Lynn (Bob Summers, Mark All, John Burke, Danny Eckert), 1:32.0; 2—Paxton, 1:32.31; 3—Octavia, 1:35.11; 4—Arcola, 1:35.14; 5—Oakland, 1:36.5.

MILE RELAY: 1—Hoopeston-East Lynn (Bob Summers, Marv Gudeman, John Burke, Danny Eckert), 3:33.4; 2—St. Joseph-Ogden, 3:35.55; 3—Oakland, 3:36.58; 4—Mahomet-Seymour, 3:37.0; 5—Catlin, 3:37.4.

DISCUS: 1—Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana, 167.5; 2—Lyndon Swanson, Waukesa, 163.2; 3—Phil Norfleet, Monticello, 161.8; 4—Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour, 157.2; 5—Eric Fabert, Arthur, 157.7.

SHOT PUT: 1—Lyndon Swanson, Waukesa, 52.2; 2—Gary Anderson, Paxton, 55.1; 3—Rolf Wilson, Argenta-Oreana, 51.1; 4—Steve Thompson, Mahomet-Seymour, 50.0; 5—Eric Fabert, Arthur, 49.5.

Hoopeston-East Lynn finished first in all three relays and in six events all told. The Cornjerkers piled up all but three of their 51½ points in track events. Mahomet-Seymour, topping two events, totaled 33½ on the track, while Argenta-Oreana, first in three events, racked up 21 of its 26 points in field competition.

While Hoopeston-East Lynn gave the Waukesa the highest scoring team in the "paper" meet, Mahomet-Seymour and Argenta-Oreana carried the Sangamon to conference honors: the SVC outpointed the Waukesa, 90-86.

Area conference champions outside of Hoopeston-East Lynn and Mahomet-Seymour didn't fare well in the "area" meet. Okaw Valley winner Monticello managed just 5 points, Little Okaw king Arthur notched but 1, East Central Conference champ Catlin netted only 2½, Vermilion Valley victor Melvin-Sibley just 3, and Kickapoo's Pepper Bellflower didn't register.

While the Sangamon shaded the Waukesa, the Little Okaw outscored the Okaw Valley, 38½-28½, which contrasts to the result of a "matching" of their conference meet performances; that gave the Okaw Valley a 155½-86½ triumph.

(Interestingly, in a similar vein, Waukesa coach Gordon McKenzie recently pointed out that the meet-makers in his district meet would have defeated those of Unity's district, 152-115.)

No individual won more than one event in the "area" meet.

Bob Summers and John Burke of Hoopeston-East Lynn, however, topped one event each, and both ran legs on all three of the Cornjerkers' leading relay teams.

Track Meet 1975

Date	1 mile	2 mile	high jump	880	440 Pts	
1. Mar. 29	—	10:18	—	(1040) 2:35.4	—	0
2. Apr. 8	4:50.8	10:27.9	—	—	:60	8
3. Apr. 10	4:56.6	10:24.8	—	—	:61.2	6
4. Apr. 12	4:40	—	5'8"	—	:57.3	3
5. Apr. 16 ⁵	4:48.3	—	5'8"	2:07.7	—	13
6. Apr. 18 ⁷	5:00.4	10:49.8	5'8"	—	:62.3	12½
7. Apr. 22	4:51.2	9:57.8	—	—	:62	8
8. Apr. 26	—	10:20.7	5'8"	2:05	—	6
9. Apr. 29	4:56	10:30.7	—	—	—	10
10. May 2	4:41.2	10:03.	5'10"	—	—	13
11. May 6	—	10:12	5'10"	—	—	5
May 8	4:29.3	—	—	—	—	4
12. May 9	4:38.4	9:58	5'8"	—	—	8
13. May 16	4:34.2	9:52.1	—	—	—	8
14. May 23	4:28.6	—	—	—	—	0
May 24	4:43.2	10:01	—	—	—	0