

Track team has eligibility woes

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The only two people certain to be eligible for the indoor track season are Coach Bob Parks and his assistant Al Pingel.

It seems the toughest competition the Hurons may face all year just might have been in the fall semester. Problems with academic eligibility are nothing new or unusual to college athletics, it just looks like Parks may find a few of his runners not dressed in the Green and White this winter.

There were even rumors that Parks only asked Santa for one thing at Christmas and that was to have everyone in uniform and healthy on Jan. 15. That is the date of the EMU Invitational.

If everything goes well for Parks, this is how the Eastern trackmen will look:

SPRINTS

Bruce Taylor, senior from Detroit Cody, and Ken Delor, junior from Grosse Pointe North before his short stay at the University of Michigan,

are two of the men to watch in the dashes. Taylor has personal bests of 6.1 to surpass in the 60-yard dash and 31.8 in the 300. Delor has run one click behind Taylor in the 60-yard dash at 6.2, but comes out ahead in the 300 at 30.9.

There's more talk around, Bowen though, that this could be sophomore Russell Bailey's year. Bailey, from Inkster, equaled Delor's time in the 60-yard dash and sandwiched in between the two upper-classmen in the 300 at 31.5. These times were run by the smooth-striding Bailey while still a freshman. To add testimony to his talent is the 100-yard dash he ran in 9.5 outdoors last year. That effort was equivalent to those of Delor and Taylor.

Another sprint threat could be senior Eric Williams from Detroit Pershing. Williams is fifth on the all-time indoor records for the Eastern team with a clocking of 7.1 in the 70-yard dash.

HURDLES

Jeff Dils is ready to bloom fully. The sophomore from Ohio Trotwood-Madison could take over as the leader of the "Big Three Point" gang (Dils, Delor and Bailey). Last season, Dils ran 7.3 in the 60-yard high hurdles, missing the NCAA qualifying standard by one tenth. Dils also returns to his position on the mile relay with a 46.8 split.

Joining Dils on the hurdles will be Kevin Jackson, a sophomore from Pontiac Central. Other prospects that could give the Hurons a potent hurdle relay include three freshmen, Gary Ramsey (Neptune, New Jersey), Ed Taylor (Flint Northern), and Andy Wells (East Lansing), son of MSU track coach Jim Bibbs.

MIDDLE DISTANCE

The two-mile relay is the record most likely to be broken this season. Returning from last year is senior Mike Arnold from Bridgeport, who had a third-place finish in the 600 at

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BOB PARKS

Green-White meet impressive

Eastern track team has horses again

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Bob Parks will have few chances this year to better the perfect 39-0 dual meet indoor track record he amassed at Eastern Michigan in 10 seasons of coaching.

It's not because he doesn't once again have the "horses for the courses" but rather because the Huron schedule has only one meet during the 1977 indoor season which could be considered dual.

That Eastern does have the talent and the depth to attempt to regain the Central Collegiate Conference indoor crown it lost in 1975 and the Mid-American Conference

title it lost in 1974 was proven Saturday night at the annual Green and White intrasquad track meet.

The Green team scored a 149-120 victory in the match which featured the EMU women's team and age group competition too.

Two Green and White men's records fell and two others were tied while one women's record was broken during the night.

Chelsea sophomore Jeff Dils was the meet's outstanding performer. The 6-foot-2, 180-pound speedster tied the meet record of 49.2 seconds in the 440-yard dash, ran the anchor leg on the record tying mile relay squad with Rick Keirn,

Craig Gully and Jerry Wojtala in 3:22.7 and won the 65-yard high hurdles in eight seconds flat.

Parks hinted at the Huron depth when speaking of the well-rounded Dils.

"He might be the premier quarter miler in the MAC and we might not run him there," Parks said with a smile. "He might run the high hurdles, the intermediate hurdles and the mile relay."

Jim Deren, ineligible for the indoor season but preparing for the outdoor slate, broke one meet record when he stormed to a 1:53.6 in the 880 run.

The women's mile relay

quartet of Nancy Gavoor, Chris Odden, Sue Parks and Karen McDrugall set a new school record when they blazed to a 4:05.4.

Wes Teeple soared an even 16 feet in the pole vault to smash the other men's meet standard.

Phil Strekal was one of two double winners during the night. The senior field event specialist hurled the 35-pound weight 48-feet-4 and the shot put 43-feet-10 1/2 for his victories.

Freshman Ray Washington showed the surprisingly large Bowen Fieldhouse crowd that underclass help is on the way when he leaped 21-feet-7 in the long jump and 43-feet-4 in the triple jump for wins.

"Our eventual goal is the MAC championships in the spring — that's what we're shooting for," Parks added. "It'll probably boil down to us and Western, maybe

Bowling Green, Kent and Central."

The Hurons will kick off their 10-match schedule Friday when two relay squads travel to the National CYO meet in Maryland.

Their home indoor schedule begins with the EMU Invitational, featuring college teams from the area, Saturday.

Their outdoor season begins April 2 when they host Northern Illinois.

16th Annual Green and White Indoor Track Meet
35-lb. WEIGHT THROW
1. Phil Strekal (W) 48'4"; 2. Jeff Cekovich (G) 41'0"; 3. Ernie Demarse (W) 30'3"

WOMEN'S 1000 Yd. RUN (Heat 1)
1. Karen McHarg (Unatt.) 2:37.8; 2. Rochelle Collins (MCTC) 2:38.3

(Heat 2)
1. Sue Parks (EMU) 2:44.6; 2. Julie Voyles (Liv. Hawks) 2:45.3

BOY'S 10-11 880-Yd. RUN
1. Scott Parks (GTTC) 2:37.9; 2. Jim Perry (Davison) 2:38.2; 3. Chris Landis (Davison) 2:52.0

GIRLS 12-13 880-Yd. RUN
1. Mariann Vollmer (Ohio) 2:39.4

GIRLS 14-15 880-Yd. RUN
1. Tammy Campbell (Ohio) 2:58.5; 2. Shelly Van Sickle (Ohio) 2:59.6

BOY'S 9-UNDER 880-Yd. RUN
1. Brett Sebastian (Davison) 3:15.5

GIRLS 9-UNDER 880-Yd. RUN
1. Stormi Guntch (Fleet Feet) 3:03.0

WOMEN'S 60-Yd. HURDLES (Heat 1)
1. Debbie LaPlante (Unatt.) :08.0; 2. Ann Ewick (Adray) :08.3

(Heat 2)
1. Lisa Coberly (EMU) :10.3; 2. Vela (Adray) :10.4

MEN'S 65-Yd. HIGH HURDLES
1. Jeff Dils (EMU) :08.0; 2. Kevin Jackson (EMU) :08.2; 3. Ed Taylor (EMU) :08.2

SHOT PUT
1. Phil Strekal (W) 43'10 1/2"; 2. Jeff Cekovich (G) 41'10 1/2"; 3. Ernie Demarse (W) 41'0"

WOMEN'S 40-Yd. DASH (Heat 1)
1. Athlen Bowler (MCTC) :06.9; 2. Carrmen Rivers (MCTC) :07.0

(Heat 2)
1. Karen McDrugall (EMU) :07.7; 2. Ann Cwik (Unatt.) :07.7

(Heat 3)
1. Kathy Miller (MCTC) :07.6; 2. Terry Brady (OTC) :07.7

(Heat 4)
1. Kathy Borgman (Redford Union) :07.9; 2. Carol Stefanich (Redford Union) :08.0

60-Yd. DASH (Final standings)
1. Athlene Bowler (MCTC) :06.9; 2. Carrmen Rivers (MCTC) :07.0; 3. Debbie LaPlante (Unatt.) :07.2; 4. Liz Hatz (Unatt.) :07.3; 5. Howard (Unatt.) :07.3; 6. Leslie Lemman (OTC) :07.5

ONE-MILE RUN
1. Joe Caruso (G) 4:14.7; 2. Rich Fethse (G) 4:18.1; 3. Ed Grabowski (G) 4:19.3

440-Yd. DASH
1. Jeff Dils (G) :49.2 (ties meet record); 2. Ken Delor (W) :50.3; 3. Larry Calus (G) :51.1

1000 YARD RUN
1. Maurice Weaver (W) 2:12.6; 2. Keith McCraru (G) 2:17.8; 3. Rick Kern (G) 2:18.0

600 YARD DASH
1. Mike Arnold (G) 1:12.1; 2. Ben Gibson (W) 1:12.5; 3. Howard Mitchell (W) 1:14.3

60-YARD DASH (Heat 1)
1. Bruce Taylor (G) :06.3; 2. Eric Williams (W) :06.4

(Heat 2)
1. Robert Clark (W) :06.7; 2. Brian Bolin (W) :06.8

880 YARD RUN
1. Jim Doron 1:53.6 (Meet record); 2. Jerry Wojtala (G) 1:53.7; 3. Guy Cole (W) 1:54.4

WOMEN'S ONE MILE RELAY
1. MCTC (Rivers, Collins, Ware, Smitherman) 3:58.2; 2. EMU (Gavoor, Odden, Parks, McDrugall) 4:05.4; 3. Ohio Track Club 4:05.6

HIGH JUMP
1. Tom Korpai (G) 6'6"; 2. Bill Brestin (W) 6'2"

300-YD. DASH
1. Billy Ray (W) :31.4; 2. Russell Bailey (W) :31.6

Heat 2
1. Brian Austin (G) :33.6; 2. Brian Bolin (W) :33.8

WOMEN'S ONE MILE RELAY Heat 2
1. EMU "B" (Whitfield, Millard,

Adcock, Gabraya) 4:22.0; 2. EMU "C" 4:36.5; 3. EMU "D" 4:53.3

LONG JUMP
1. Ray Washington (G) 21'7"; 2. Ken McKay (W) 20'8"; 3. Tom Korpai (G) 20'3"

TRIPLE JUMP
1. Ray Washington (G) 43'4"; 2. Tom Korpai (G) 40'10"; 3. Santiago Bosque (W) 37'0"

TWO MILE RUN
1. Brian Penn (G) 9:12.4; 2. Maurice Weaver (W) 9:20.1; 3. Gordon, Minty (Unatt.) 9:26.8

ONE MILE RELAY
1. Dils Team (Keirn, Gully, Wojtala, Dils) 3:22.7 (Ties meet record); 2. Mitchell's Team (Rounda, Williams, Jackson, Mitchell) 3:26.7; 3. Gibson's Team (Ray, Hoskins, Evans, Gibson) 3:28.8

PENTATHLON
1. Tom Korpai (G) 3567; 2. Ray Washington (W) 3333; 3. Brian Bolin (W) 2979

POLE VAULT
1. Wes Teeple (G) 16-foot-0; 2. Nat Durham (W) 15-foot-6; 3. Tom Korpai (G) 12-foot-0

Three win pair in Eastern track tune-up

By SUE PARKS

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Eastern's men's and women's track teams tuned up for the opening of their regular season Saturday night in the 16th annual Green and White Intra-Squad Meet.

In the men's competition the Green team defeated the White by a score of 149-120 while the women competed with various other athletes from the area in selected open events.

Sophomore Jeff Dils, senior tri-captain Phil Strekal and freshman Ray Washington were all double-winners for the Hurons.

Dils, a very strong runner, won the high hurdles in eight seconds flat and the 440-yard dash in 49.2 (which tied the meet record), and anchored the winning one-mile relay team (which also tied the meet record of 3:22.7).

Strekal won his specialty, the 35 pound weight in a personal best of 48 feet, four inches and also took the shot put at 43 feet, 10-and-one-half inches.

Washington, a talented newcomer, won the long jump (21 feet, seven inches) and the triple jump (43 feet, four inches). He had only practiced about a week since first learning how to do the triple jump.

Highly-rated Brooklyn, N.Y.

freshman, Maurice Weaver, showed his heels to the field in the 1,000-yard run (2:12.6), winning by a large margin and then came back to run 9:20.1 for a strong second in the two-mile. Fellow frosh, Brian Penn, placed in the mile, then came back to run 9:20.1 to win the two-mile.

MAC cross-country champion, Joe Caruso, moved down to the mile and ran, a personal best of 4:14.7 to outdistance the field, while the third senior tri-captain, Mike Arnold, edged frosh Ben Gibson in the 600-yard run (1:21.1 to 1:21.5).

Bruce Taylor won a tight race in the 60-yard dash as he clocked 6.3 while frosh Billy Ray nipped sophomore Russell Bailey in the 300-yard dash (31.4 to 31.6). Another frosh, Tom Korpala, not only won the high jump (six feet, six inches) and placed in a number of other events, but also ran up 3,567 points to win the five-event pentathlon, in preparation for his outdoor quest for the decathlon.

Probably the top race of the night was the half-mile in which veteran Jim Deren broke the meet record with a time of 1:53.6. He led the first four finishers to personal indoor bests as they sought to qualify for the Hurons' two-mile relay team berths. Jerry Wojtala was second in

1:53.7, Guy Cole third in 1:54.4, and Craig Gully fourth in 1:54.6.

Wes Teeple broke the meet record in the pole vault as he cleared 16 feet for the first time ever indoors. Nat Durham cleared 16 feet in practice warming up before the meet but had to settle for second place at 15 feet after spectacularly shattering his pole in a try at the winning height.

The women's mile relay team broke the school record in their event for the second time this season as they clocked 4:05.4. Nancy Gavoor, Debbie Odden, Sue Parks and Karen McDougall carried the stick for the Hurons with

McDougall anchoring in 59.2 to come from fourth place to second at the wire.

Olympian and former Eastern runner, Deby LaPlante, won the 60-yard hurdles while Sue Parks won her heat in the 1,000-yard run and placed fifth in the overall standings.

A surprisingly large crowd witnessed the meet in the friendly confines of Bowen Fieldhouse. Both the men's and women's teams open their home season Saturday in the EMU Invitational. The men will be sending two relay teams to the National Invitational in College Park, Md. on Friday night.

Good night for Eastern Michigan

ANN ARBOR — Eastern Michigan University's track team had an excellent night Saturday at the Michigan Relays, picking up four first places. No teams scores were kept.

"We really ran well," a delighted coach Bob Parks said of his team's performance. "We were the dominant team in the meet."

The 300 yard dash was the best event for Eastern as it had the top three runners. Russell Bailey won in :30.7, Ken Delor was second and Billy Ray third. Ben Gibson finished sixth.

The 240 shuttle hurdle relay was first with Gary Ramsey, Ed Taylor, Kevin Jackson and Jeff Dils winning in :28.6. The sprint

medley team of Howard Mitchell, Bruce Taylor, Russ Bailey and Mike Arnold won in 3:26.9.

Eastern also won the mile relay with Ben Gibson, Ken Delor, Mike Arnold and Jeff Dils qualifying for the NCAA meet with a 3:14.9 time.

Dils qualified for the NCAA meet with an :8.3 clocking in the 70 yard high

hurdles semi-finals but in the finals he hit two hurdles and finished fourth.

Joe Caruso bettered his time in the three mile by 25 seconds as he finished second in 13:43.4. The distance medley relay finished third in 9:50.0 and the two-mile relay was fourth in 7:43.2. Brian Penn finished second for EMU in the two-mile with a 9:00.6.

Runners qualify for NCAA

By SUE PARKS

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ANN ARBOR—Eastern's track team tore up the field Saturday in the Michigan Relays. Competing against eight Mid-American Conference teams, two Big 10 teams and many others, the Hurons were in the thick of the competition all the way.

Eastern won three of the relay events. The shuttle-hurdle relay team of Gary Ramsey, Ed Taylor, Kevin Jackson and Jeff Dils won their event in 28.6 seconds, tying the varsity record and avenging a loss to Michigan last week as they led all the way to win by two-tenths of a second.

They also won the sprint-medley relay, as Howard Mitchell (49.8), Bruce Taylor (22.2), Billy Ray (22.5) and Mike Arnold (1:52.3) came from behind to catch Michigan State on the last lap and win in 3:26.9, also a new varsity record.

In the final event of the night the mile-relay foursome of Ben Gibson (50.2), Ken Delor (49.2), Mike Arnold (48.2) and Jeff Dils (47.3) won in 3:14.9, which qualified them for the NCAA meet at Cobo Hall in March. Arnold took the lead on the third leg and the Hurons ran away from the field after that.

The Green and White also qualified for the nationals in the distance medley relay as they took a close third in 9:50.0. Craig Gully (1:54.9), Howard Mitchell (49.1), Maurice

Weaver (2:59.2), and Rick Goodman (4:06.7) were close behind the Spartans and the Wolverines with Weaver and Goodman both running personal bests.

Weaver also ran a strong anchor leg on the two-mile relay, coming from behind to finish fourth, less than a second out of first.

Jeff Dils hit the NCAA qualifying standard in the 70-yard high hurdle semi-finals as he clocked 8.3 seconds but hit two hurdles in the

finals and finished fourth ahead of teammate Kevin Jackson who finished fifth.

The Hurons dominated the 300-yard dash as Russell Bailey took first in 30.7 seconds, a new meet and fieldhouse record. He was followed across the line by Ken Delor and Billy Ray for a one-two-three Eastern sweep.

Joe Caruso bettered his three mile time by 25 seconds, finishing second in 13:43.4.

Dils blazes to third NCAA qualification

Huron sophomore Jeff Dils blazed the 440-yard dash in 47.8 seconds Saturday night at the EMU Track Classic to qualify in his third event for the NCAA track championship to be held March 11-12 at Cobo Arena.

Dils, from Trotswood-Madison in Ohio, had previously qualified for the 70-yard high hurdles and is a member of the Hurons' qualifying one-mile relay team.

He also won the 60-yard hurdles in a time of 7.3 seconds Saturday at the eighth annual Track Classic.

Sophomore Bruce Taylor was also a double winner in the meet. The Detroit sprinter won the 70-yard and 300-yard dashes in 7.2 and 31.4 seconds, respectively.

Freshman Tom Korpak of Mt. Clemens set a personal best mark of 6 feet 8 inches in the high jump.

Ed Grabowski won the two-mile event in a time of 9:01 while senior Rick Goodman took the three-mile in 14:17.8.

Dils meets mark for NCAA 440

Eastern Michigan University's men's track team captured a majority of first places and had one qualification for the NCAA indoor finals during the eighth annual Eastern Michigan Track Classic Saturday in Bowen Field House.

Bad weather cut the field but enough trackmen arrived to provide competition.

Jeff Dils qualified for the NCAA 440 with a winning time of :47.7, the second best in Eastern Michigan history. Dils also won the 60 yard high hurdles in :07.3.

Bruce Taylor was another double winner for EMU, taking the 70 and 300 yard dashes.

Eastern's Tom Korpál set a freshman record when he won the high jump at 6'8" and he also captured the triple jump.

A complete list of results will appear in Monday's Press.

Tracksters second at CCC meet

By JIM DEREN
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Eastern's men's track team displayed a lot of depth and balance at the Central Collegiate Championships as they placed second in the team standings behind the host University of Michigan team. The Hurons had first-place finishes from Russell Bailey, the two-mile relay team, Steve Elliot and Nat Durham, as they fought back from several mishaps which likely cost them a chance to close in on the Wolverines.

The Hurons had winners in four events with perhaps the most surprising being freshman Steve Elliott in the high jump. The yearling from Sterling Heights,

whose previous best was only 6-feet-8½ inches, cleared seven feet to break the varsity record as well as the "magic barrier." He actually had the event won at 6-feet-10-inches on misses, but made the next height anyway to clinch it.

Senior Nat Durham successfully defended his pole vault title as he cleared 16-feet-6-inches for a new CCC record. Behind on misses at 16 feet, he cleared the winning height on his first try as some of his followers flashed a sign, "Rise With Christ."

Inkster sophomore Russell Bailey ran his fastest time, 30:54, to win the 300-yard dash, nipping his teammate, Ken Delor, by just two-hundredths of a second. They

had previously taken third and fourth in the 60-yard dash behind Bruce Taylor, who was second. Taylor's 6.18 and Delor's 6.25 automatic times qualify them for the NCAA meet. Bailey had made the standard earlier in the 60. The 300-yard dash is not an NCAA event.

The two-mile relay team of Guy Cole (1:56.0), Don Hubbard (1:52.6), Craig Gully (1:55.7) and Maurice Weaver (1:52.5) took over the lead on the second leg and were never headed as they won by almost five seconds in 7:36.8, a new IM fieldhouse record. The Hurons also won this event last year.

Rick Goodman proved to be a crowd favorite as he waved to his

fans enroute to a second-place finish (14:03.8) in the three-mile run. Ed Grabowski also ran a fine race as he placed third in the two-mile with a time of 8:55.2, his personal best. Weaver came back on a double after his two-mile relay duties and placed third in the 1,000 yard run in 2:10.8, just off the NCAA standard and only one-tenth of a second out of first. Far back with a lap to go, he came on like a shot and just missed winning the event.

Mike Arnold moved up a spot from last year to take second in the 600-yard dash (1:11.1), just ahead of frosh Ben Gibson (1:11.8). This is the fourth straight year that Arnold has placed in the event at the CCC. (see-SECOND page 8)

Second best

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While most things went right for Eastern, a few things did not. The distance medley team, which had "high hopes" for first place, had them dashed when leadoff man Craig Gully, running second at the time, had the baton knocked from his hand. The remaining runners, Arnold, Hubbard and Grabowski, did a great job in moving up to take fifth place.

Another sad note was the failure of Jeff Dils to place in the 440-yard dash. The sophomore whiz, who had previously qualified for the NCAA meet in three events, hurt his leg two weeks ago at Western Michigan and was unable to run his specialty, the hurdles, in this meet. He did try the 440 and was the fastest qualifier in the prelims. The leg failed to hold up in the finals, however, and he did not place. The NCAA is now only three weeks away and his leg will have to respond quickly to treatment in order for him to be ready.

The Hurons' mile relay team has been sensational this year, but with Dils out and Howard Mitchell's leg also hurting from his open 440 effort, the team failed to live up to expectations and did not place. All four members had run many races in the meet and simply ran out of gas in the last event.

Even with all of these things going right, it is doubtful if Eastern could have caught Michigan. The defending champions (also defending Big 10 champs) ran up 148 points to the Hurons' 114. The score was tied 85-85 late in the meet, but the half-mile long jump, shot put and mile relay turned the tide for the winners.

Other scores were: Penn State-66; Air Force-63; Kentucky State-37; Kent State-32; Pittsburgh-32; Western Michigan-29; Bowling Green-21; Central Michigan-19; Michigan State-9; Toledo-7; Wayne State-6; Notre Dame-3; Southern Illinois-2; and DePaul-0.

Since joining the CCC in 1970, the Hurons have placed fourth, first, second, second, first, first, third and now second in the indoor championships. The 1978 indoor meet was awarded to Eastern.



Ten Hurons Qualify For NCAA Meet

Despite the fact that the current indoor track season is barely one-third over, it already can be considered a successful one for Eastern Michigan track coaches Bob Parks and Al Pingel and 10 members of their 1977 contingent.

For those 10 talented individuals have already seen to it that "EMU" will have its share of representatives on hand for the annual NCCA-University Division Championships to be held in Detroit's Cobo Hall March 11-12.

Led by Chelsea sophomore Jeff Dils, who himself has hit the necessary standard in two events, the Hurons have put together one of the larger Eastern squads ever to compete at the prestigious two-day affair, and with a month still remaining before the meet, chances are good there will be more.

A graduate of Trotwood High in Madison, Ohio, Dils has turned in an :08.3 70-yd. high hurdle performance and a :47.8 440 and is also a member of the school's four-man mile relay team which owns a best of 3:14.9.

The mile relay team, in addition to Dils, is made up of junior Ken Delor (Grosse Pointe-North), senior Mike Arnold (Saginaw-Bridgeport) and freshman Ben Gibson (Detroit-Mumford). Parks also has hopes of getting Arnold qualified in the 600-yd. run. He owns a seasonal best of 1:11.3, just one second off the standard.

The other individual event qualifiers are Inkster sophomore Russell Bailey, who has a :06.1 60 to his credit, and Farmington senior Nat Durham, who owns a 16-6 ½ effort in the pole vault.

The Green and White also will send their distance medley relay team of sophomore Craig Gully (Livonia-Churchill), junior Howard Mitchell (Detroit-Mumford), freshman Maurice Weaver (Brooklyn, N.Y.-Power Memorial) and senior Rick Goodman (Lansing-Sexton), which made the grade with 9:50.0 clocking. (The distance medley is composed of an 880, 440, ¾ and mile.)

Parks also thinks Weaver can make the NCAA cut-off in the 1000-yd. run (he has a 2:12.6 and needs a 2:10.4) and the mile. The two-mile relay squad has a best of 7:37.8 and needs a mark of 7:33.0.

Relay teams take two

By JIM DEREN

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The 54th annual Michigan State Relays provided the Huron tracksters an opportunity to further substantiate their claim as one of the best, if not the best, teams in the midwest. Despite having some people out with injuries or illness, Eastern ran very well, especially in the relay events.

The two-mile relay team of Guy Cole (1:54.9); Craig Gully (1:52.4), Jerry Wojtala (1:51.7) and Maurice Weaver (1:52.2) not only qualified for the NCAA meet by running 7:31.2, but also broke the varsity record of 7:31.8 (set in 1971).

The NCAA standard is 7:33.0. The Hurons, Bowling Green and heavily favored Michigan, last year's NCAA runner-ups, battled it out most of the way with the Falcons just holding off Weaver's late challenge while the Wolverines faded badly late in the third leg.

The shuttle hurdle team, minus anchorman Jeff Dils who is nursing a leg injury, won in 28.8 (just two-tenths off their best) with a

freshman, Angell Anderson, filling in on the leadoff leg. He was followed in order by Gary Ramsey, Kevin Jackson and Ed Taylor. Taylor also placed fourth in the 70-yard high hurdles.

The climax of the meet, however, is always the final event—the mile relay. And the Hurons brought down the house with a stirring win in 3:14.5, their best time of the season. Minus Mike Arnold and Jeff Dils, usually their top two men, the foursome of Ben Gibson (49.0), Howard Mitchell (48.4), Ken Delor (48.8) and Russell Bailey (48.3) rose to the occasion and pulled off the win.

Gibson came in with a lead and the others held it with Bailey fighting off the challenges of Michigan, Michigan State and Air Force on the last lap. Bailey was also second in the 60-yard dash with Delor fourth.

Eastern goes for the Central Collegiate title Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor against the defending champion Wolverines, who appear to be favored again.

Durham shatters pole vault mark

By KEVIN ALLEN

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Nat Durham was about as high as the 16-foot-11½ inches he had just vaulted Friday night at the Huron quad meet in Bowen Fieldhouse.

Despite a torn muscle in his shoulder, Durham cleared the height on his final try to shatter his own three-week old varsity record by five inches and set himself up as a possible contender for the NCAA championships March 11-12 at Cobo Hall.

"I specifically prayed for it," laughed the 22-year-old senior whose best vault before this season had been 16-feet-four inches.

Actually, Durham thought he had made 17 feet on his record vault but on the measurement to make it official, it was discovered the bar was a half-inch off.

"Mentally it's the same vault. You say it is 17 feet and if you clear, it's 17 feet. Physically it's all the

same on every vault. Mentally now I know I can vault 17 feet," said Durham, drawing a few breaths after missing three attempts at 17-feet-three inches.

Durham's performance was just one of many that kept the Hurons' head coach Bob Parks content most of the night. As expected, his tracksters had little trouble disposing of Toledo, Bowling Green and Wayne State.

The Hurons totaled 105 points to runner-up Toledo's meager 31. Bowling Green had 24 and Wayne State managed 15. The three wins raised Parks' career mark as a Huron coach to 42-0.

"We had great performances tonight," said Parks, who is in his 11th year as the Huron head coach.

The Hurons had double winners in Jeff Dils, Mike Arnold and Russell Bailey. Dils failed in his attempt to qualify for his fourth event for the NCAA, the 600-yard dash. But he won the event with a

time of 1:11.4. He also took the 60-yard hurdles (7.2).

Arnold won the 440-yard dash (49.0) and 880-yard run (155.8) while Bailey captured honors in the 60-yard dash (6:2) and 300-yard run (30-7).

In the 300, Bailey barely edged out teammate Billy Ray, who set a new freshman record with a 30.9 clocking.

The Huron women also got a new varsity mark from its 880-yard relay team of Nancy Gavoore, Valerie Field, Karen McDougal and Debbie Odden. The quintet ran 1:48.1 to better the previous Huron record of 1:48.6.

The no-contest meet was a little warm-up for Parks' Hurons, who have qualified to send 10 participants thus far for the NCAA meet at Cobo. With a month remaining Dils has qualified for the 70-yard hurdles and the 440-yard dash. He is also a member of the Hurons' mile relay team, along with Ken Delor, Mike Arnold and freshman Ben Gipson.

In addition to Dils and Durham, the Hurons also have an individual qualifier in Bailey, who has a 6.1 second 60-yard dash to his credit.

The Hurons will also have their distance medley relay team of Craig Gully, Howard Mitchell, Maurice Weaver and Rick Goodman. The team qualified with a 9:50 time in the event.

Parks also has high hopes for freshman standout Maurice Weaver. Parks thinks Weaver can hit the standard for the 1000-yard run or the mile.

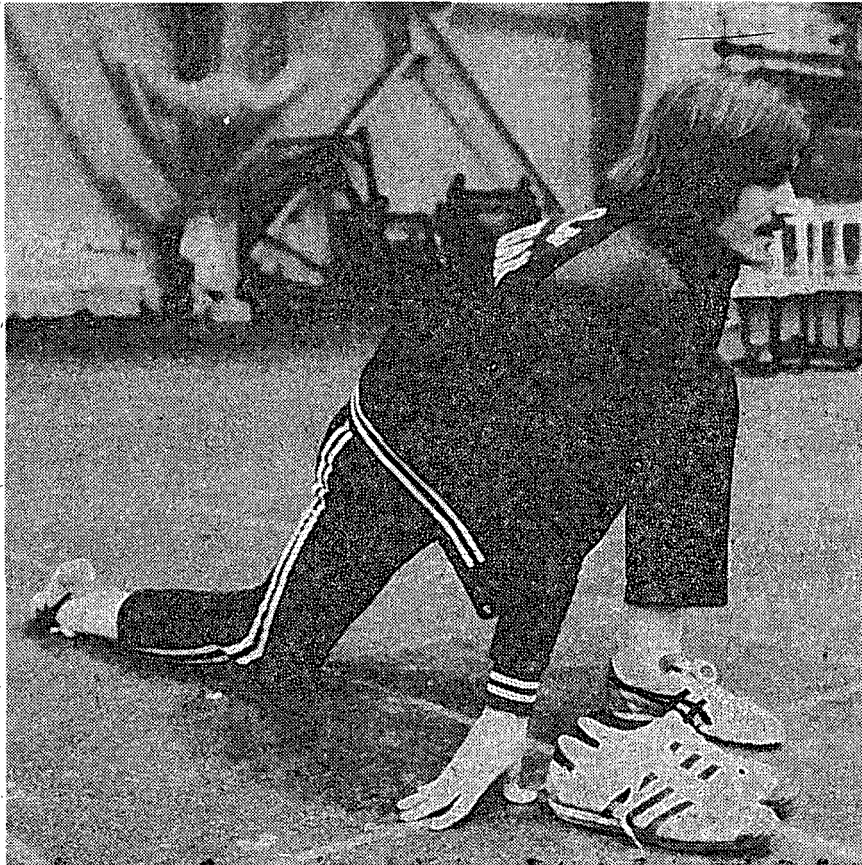
Even with 10 qualifiers already and more possible, Parks is not overly confident.

"We may end up with no points, you never know," said Parks. "We have qualifiers...but you have to do it there that day to place."



(Echo photo by David T. Lord)

NAT DURHAM... a record vault.



JEFF DILS

(Echo photo by David T. Lord)

Dils leads tracksters with NCAA qualifiers

By MARY ROULEAU

Echo Staff Writer

Jeff Dils may have a problem. It seems he's qualified in enough events for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships that the timing of those events may prevent him from running all of them.

Dils has qualified in two individual events, the 60-yard high hurdles (7.2 seconds), and the 440-yard dash (47.8). He is also a member of the mile relay team that clocked a 3:41.9 to meet the standard.

"Dils sometimes tries not to qualify," joked teammate Ken Delor. "He will be out ahead and then pull up before the finish line to let the second two runners; the ones that qualify, pass him."

Well not exactly.

Dils finished first Friday night in his attempt to qualify in the 600-yard run but he fell short of the 1:10.5 standard by nine seconds.

The sophomore business major has competed in many track and field events since he began working out six years ago.

A health teacher, who happened to be the track coach, encouraged Dils to run for the Trotwood-Madison (Ohio) High School team.

Starting out as a high jumper in his first year, Dils competed in the

long jump, mile and several relays before turning to hurdles in his senior year.

His fourth-place finish in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles at the prestigious Golden West National High School Meet got Huron track coach Bob Parks actively interested in recruiting him.

"We first contacted him as a long jumper," Parks explained. "But his hurdling got us interested. He'd had hurdle from his first year but Coach (Bob) Pingle worked hard with him. He still doesn't practice the hurdles as much as most hurdlers—he runs around the track a lot," added Parks.

Dils was placed on the freshman mile relay team and his split times quickly moved him up to anchor leg on the varsity team.

"I just started running them in my senior year in high school so I'm still getting used to them; especially high hurdles. I keep improving."

Dils will be at Cobo Hall in Detroit on the weekend of March 11-12. The question is, what will he run and can he do it all?

Dils said he looks forward to the highs and the other events depending on the rest of the times.

Parks conceded that it was hard to double in events but added, "He might be the only person capable of scoring. If we can score in his events we might place as a team."

EMU Invitational track summary

TRACK (Finals)

POLE VAULT: 1. Nat Durham (EMU), 16-6½ (varsity record and NCAA qualifying mark); 2. Chuck DeWilde (WMU), 15-6; 3. Ed Kretschmer (Unatt.), 15-6; 4. Jeff Opelt (BGSU), 15-0; 5. Wes Teeple (WMU), 15-0; 6. Tom Wilson (Kemp TC), 14-6.

LONG JUMP: 1. Fred Parker (JCC), 22-5¼; 2. Mike Tretiakow (CSW), 22-7; 3. James Henry (UM), 22-6½; 4. Roy Turkington (W. Ontario), 21-11¼; 5. Howard Lane (WMU), 21-10¼; 6. Roger Lyons (Ashland), 21-9.

600-YD. RUN: 1. Tony Simms (Ashland), 1:13.2; 2. Bob Baraffa (Allegheny CC), 1:14.5; 3. Larry Calus (EMU), 1:14.9; 4. Carlson Philli (W. Ontario), 1:15.2; 5. Phil Ancheril (AATC), 1:15.4; 6. Dave Northey (W. Ontario), 1:15.8.

1000 YD. RUN: 1. Dan Landman (WMU), 2:12.5; 2. Glenn Krichko (Allegheny CC), 2:14.6; 3. Tom Schmidt (UM), 2:16.4; 4. John DeGrandts (Macomb CC), 2:17.8; 5. Brian Holh (Unatt.), 2:18.1; 6. Ed Grabowski (EMU), 2:18.3.

SHOT PUT: 1. Mark Siegel (Kent State), 57-8; 2. Harvey Barkauskas (W. Ontario), 54-2; 3. Bill Bevington (Kent State), 53-3; 4. Randy Foss (UM), 53-3; 5. Bill Reardon (Unatt.), 52-3; 6. Steve Cameron (Kent State), 51-11½.

TWO MILE RELAY: 1. Bowling Green (Anich, Ryan, Desjardins, Hutchinson), 7:39.6; 2. Michigan, 7:43.2; 3. Michigan State, 7:45.0; 4. Kent State, 7:48.0; 5. Eastern Michigan, 7:53.6; 6. Baldwin Wallace, 8:06.0.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Bowling Green (Dunton, Hoskins, Long, Butler), 3:35.0; 2. Ashland, 3:35; 3. Toledo, 3:36.0; 4. Baldwin Wallace, 3:36.8; 5. EMU "B", 3:37.6; 6. Wayne State, 3:38.0.

300 YD DASH: 1. Russell Bailey (EMU), 31.1; 2. Billy Ray (EMU), 31.9; 3. Frank Fields (WMU), 31.7; 4. Bob Eubanks (GVSC), 32.2; 5. Keith Williams (EMU), 32.4; 6. Euclid (Unatt.), 33.0.

TWO MILE RUN: 1. Tom Duits (WMU), 8:55.3; 2. Marc Hunter (Unatt.), 8:55.7; 3. Larry Coy (BW), 9:00.4; 4. Sam Blair (Unatt.), 9:01.8; 5. Joe Caruso (EMU), 9:03.7; 6. Tim Frye (Allegheny), 9:04.0.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Grosse Pointe North, 10:32.5; 2. Pontiac Central, 10:52.5; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 11:13.4; 4. Wayne, 11:16.3.

ONE MILE RELAY: 1. Eastern Michigan (Delor, Arnold, Gibson, Dils), 3:17.3; 2. Michigan State, 3:18.9; 3. Michigan, 3:18.9; 4. Western Ontario, 3:22.6; 5. Western Michigan, 3:23.3; 6. MSU "B", 3:25.3.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Bob Francis (Kent TC) 6'10"; 2. Garrade Pettus (AATC) 6'10"; 3. Darrell Williams (WMU) 6'10"; 4. Doug Pritchard (Unatt.) 6'8"; 5. Steve Elliot (EMU) 6'6"; 6. Dan King (MSU) 6'6".

35-lb. Weight: 1. Larry Waihe (Chicago T.C.), 60-6; 2. Tom Mayer (Chicago T.C.), 58-4¼; 3. Fred Brendbach (Kent State), 58-1¼; 4. Erik Kilimoff (Western Michigan), 57-½; 5. Wayne Willis (Kent State), 56-0; 6. Jim Wetenhall (Unatt.), 53-11½; 7. Mike Vettica (Tol.), 52-9¼; 8. Bob Scanlan (Chicago T.C.), 51-5.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Mike Lattanay (Macomb C.C.), 46-7; 2. Ray Washington (Eastern Michigan) 46-3½; 3. Mark Lonner (Michigan), 44-5; 4. John Rick (Michigan), 43-8¼; 5. Roi Gibson (GVSC), 43-4½; 6. Tom Korpai (Eastern Michigan), 42-8½; 7. Bob Mergl (Cleveland St.), 42-5; 8. Cliff Douglas (Michigan), 41-8.

440-YD. DASH: 1. James Grace (Michigan), :50.1; 2. Clyde Hagan

(Toledo), :50.52; 3. Steve Young (Michigan St.), :50.55; 4. Ivor Emmanuel (Bowling Green), :50.7; 5. Ted Dobson (Michigan), :50.8; 6. Daryl Everett (AATC), :50.8.

880-YD RUN: 1. Bill Stewart (AATC), 1:53.9; 2. Will Dunlap (Kent St.), 1:53.9; 3. Tom Duits (Western Michigan), 1:54.7; 4. Cragg Gully (Eastern Michigan), 1:56.3; 5. Glenn Andrews (Unatt.), 1:56.7; 6. Larry Harris (GVSC) and Matt Dillon (Cleveland St.) tied 1:57.0.

3-MILE RUN: 1. Ted Rupp (CSU), 13:50.2; 2. Brian Penn (EMU), 14:06.1; 3. Gordon Minty (Unatt.), 14:21.7; 4. Greg Savicke (WMU), 14:27.8; 5. Carl Kule (Summit), 14:30.2; 6. Pete Murtaugh (BGSU), 14:40.8.

60-YD. HIGH HURDLES: 1. Arnett Chisholm (Michigan), 7.4; 2. Howard Neely (MSU), 7.4; 3. Don Wheeler (Michigan), 7.5; 4. Mike Tretiakow (CSU), 7.5; 5. Kevin Jackson (EMU), 7.6; 6. Ed Taylor (EMU), 7.6.

2-MILE RUN (JC): 1. Steve Hosley (BG), 9:12.8; 2. Mike Heath (Mott), 9:17.0; 3. John Schultz (EMU), 9:18.9; 4. Pat Fitzgerald (JCC), 9:19.2; 5. Pat Hansen (Allegheny), 9:26.0; 6. Mike Rzendzian (Macomb), 9:30.2.

SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY: 1. Michigan (Chisholm, Hicks, Wheeler, Crougher), :28.7; 2. Eastern Michigan, :28.7; 3. Michigan State, :30.0; 4. Western Michigan, 30.0; 5. Kent State, 30.2; 6. Western Ontario, 30.5.

1,500 METER RUN: 1. Joe Dubina (Kent State), 3:50.2; 2. Jim Deren (Unatt.), 3:52.9; 3. Bill Stewart (AATC), 3:54.2; 4. Brent Beams (Unatt.), 3:58.6; 5. Tony McDonald (WSU), 4:06.2; 6. Marty Downs (Unatt.), 4:06.3.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Michigan State (King, Klein, Mavis, Lindsay), 9:55.6; 2. Eastern Michigan, 9:56.8; 3. Bowling Green, 10:07.7; 4. Toledo, 10:19.2; 5. Ferris State, 10:19.3; 6. Macomb, 10:36.4.

60-YD. DASH: 1. Russell Bailey (EMU), 6.2; 2. Randy Smith (MSU), 6.2; 3. Doug Hennigar (UM), 6.3; 4. Dwight Johnes (UM), 6.3; 5. Bruce Taylor (EMU), 6.4; 6. John Brown (Mott), 6.5.

ONE MILE RUN FINALS: 1. Dave Bartells (Aquinas) 4:16.4; 2. Scott Deporro (Kent) 4:16.4; 3. Bob Lewis (WMU) 4:16.5; 4. Ed Grabowski (EMU) 4:17.1; 5. Brad Courtney (Taylor) 4:17.5; 6. Rumback 4:17.5.

880-YD. RELAY FINALS: 1. Eastern Michigan (Ray, Taylor, Delor, Bailey) 1:29.6; 2. Ashland 1:32.9; 3. Ann Arbor Track Club 1:32.4; 4. Baldwin Wallace 1:33.7; 5. London Western 1:34.5; 6. Kent 1:34.7.

(Women)

60-YD HURDLES: Finals: 1. Debbie LaPlante (Unatt.), 7.8; 2. Sandy Cooper (W. Ontario), 8.3; 3. Jill Ross (London CC), 8.3; 4. Ann Cwick (Adray), 8.4; 5. Sharon Lane (W. Ontario), 8.5; 6. Jan Fischer (W. Ontario), 8.8.

ONE MILE RUN: 1. Julie Voyles (Liv. Hawks TC), 5:09.5; 2. Sue Parks (EMU), 5:13.5; 3. Lori Bennett (LHTC), 5:24.6; 4. Betty Miller (BGSU), 5:35.4; 5. Sue Adcock (EMU), 5:39.5; 6. Mary Black (W. Ontario), 5:46.6.

440-YD. DASH: Finals: 1. Jill Ross (W. Ontario), 58.0; 2. Liz Hatz (Unatt.), 58.8; 3. Janet Ames (W. Ontario), 59.3; 4. Janet Dick (W. Ontario), 59.5; 5. Karen McDougall (EMU), 59.5; 6. Sherry King (Motor City TC), 1:01.2.

ONE MILE RELAY: Finals: 1. W. Ontario (Ames, Cooper, Shedore, Dick), 4:00.3; 2. EMU, 4:06.0; 3. MCTC, 4:09.0; 4. LHTC, 4:09.5; 5. BGSU, 4:09.8; 6. EMU "B", 4:25.5.

Eastern's tracksters run at CCC

By JIM DEREN

Echo Staff Writer

The Huron men's track team, coming off last week's Michigan State relays, will be trying to improve on last year's third-place finish, when it competes in the Central Collegiate Championship meet which will be held at the University of Michigan's new indoor sports facility today and tomorrow.

"Last year's defending champion Michigan will be tough to beat, especially at home," said Eastern head coach Bob Parks. "However, in a meet like this anything can happen. With some inspired performances and a few breaks we could be right in there."

Other contenders in the two-day meet include Penn State, last year's runnerup, and tough Mid-American Conference foe Western Michigan. Top competitors from other schools include four-minute miler Tom Duits

of Western, distance aces Herb Lindsey of Michigan State, Greg Meyer and Bill Donakowski of Michigan, and high jumper Mike Winsor of Central Michigan.

Parks will be counting on key performances from veterans Bruce Taylor, Ken Delor, Russell Bailey and freshman Billy Ray in the sprints. The Hurons are also counting on Kevin Jackson, Jeff Dils and Ed Taylor in the hurdles.

Dils, Mike Arnold, Ben Gibson and Howard Mitchell gives Eastern possibly its best mile relay team, since the days of Stan Vinson. They will be counted on heavily for points.

The middle-distance runners, coming off a new varsity record performance in the two-mile relay, boast standouts Jerry Wojtala, Craig Gully, Guy Cole, Mike Helms and freshman Maurice Weaver.

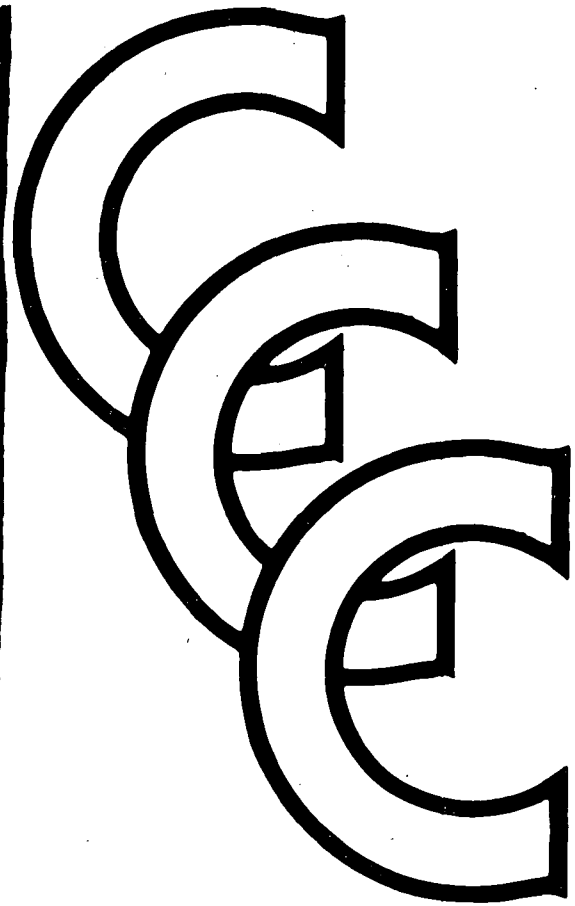
"Winning the meet would be nice. But our main goal is to have

everyone run as well as possible, and to qualify some more people for the upcoming NCAA championship meet in Detroit," added Parks.

The meet begins Friday night at 6:30 with preliminaries in most events and finals in the distance medley relay and three-mile run. On Saturday the finals begin at noon. Admission for students is 50 cents Friday, and \$1 on Saturday.



51st Indoor Track & Field Meet



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University of Michigan

February 18-19, 1977

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Event 3

60-Yard High Hurdles

Official Entries

No.	Name	School	No.	Name	School
1	Craig Adams	Air Force	203	Arnett Chisholm	Michigan
18	T. G. Parker	Air Force	204	Charles Crouther	Michigan
44	Frank Plescia	Bowling Green	218	Gary Hicks	Michigan
48	James Shepherd	Bowling Green	237	Don Wheeler	Michigan
52	Mark Allen	Central Michigan	280	Matt Graham	Penn State
99	Jeff Dils	Eastern Michigan	291	Paul Pollock	Penn State
112	Kevin Jackson	Eastern Michigan	294	Dennis Rock	Penn Stae
120	Gary Ramsey	Eastern Michigan	310	Kevin Carpenter	Pittsburgh
125	Ed Taylor	Eastern Michigan	328	Dan Schuerle	Pittsburgh
139	Matt Crompton	Kent State	348	Len Collins	Toledo
146	Calvin Gregory	Kent State	372	Emerio Kimble	Wayne State
149	Greg Heffner	Kent State	375	Ernie Martyniuk	Wayne State
150	Robert Holden	Kent State	380	Dave Sikora	Wayne State
166	Anthony Akins	Kentucky State	395	Jerome Cole	Western Michigan
168	Ron Davis	Kentucky State	396	Bob Cornwell	Western Michigan
174	Larry Jones	Kentucky State	417	Buddy Mason	Western Michigan
182	Randy Williams	Kentucky State	419	Dave Richardson	Western Michigan

FINAL RESULTS

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Event 7

300-Yard Dash

Official Entries

No.	Name	School
48	Joe Bellamy	Air Force
9	Morgan Lankford	Air Force
48	James Sheperd	Bowling Green
49	Brain Storm	Bowling Green
53	Randy Badersnider	Central Michigan
79	Larry Bradshaw	Central Michigan
92	Russell Bailey	Eastern Michigan
97	Ken Delor	Eastern Michigan
99	Jeff Dills	Eastern Michigan
146	Calvin Gregory	Kent State
152	Cliff Jones	Kent State
161	Ernie Wooten	Kent State
167	Greg Anderson	Kentucky State
172	Hamil Grimes	Kentucky State
204	Charles Crouther	Michigan
215	Doug Hennigar	Michigan
283	Chris Hays	Penn State
299	Don Tracy	Penn State
320	Wayne Hursen	Pittsburgh
329	Larry Shippen	Pittsburgh
352	Clyde Hogan	Toledo
359	Tom Spooner	Toledo
370	Rich Grace	Wayne State
372	Emerio Kimble	Wayne State
399	Mark Demeritt	Western Michigan
403	Frank Fields	Western Michigan

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Event 8

440-Yard Run

Official Entries

No.	Name	School
10	Ed Lee	Air Force
20	Dave Remington	Air Force
39	Bob Hoskins	Bowling Green
44	Frank Plescia	Bowling Green
57	Gary Burks	Central Michigan
97	Ken Delor	Eastern Michigan
99	Jeff Dils	Eastern Michigan
105	Ben Gibson	Eastern Michigan
118	Howard Mitchell	Eastern Michigan
154	Manuel Leeper	Kent State
155	Ed Marshall	Kent State
170	Brain England	Kentucky State
182	Randy Williams	Kentucky State
212	James Grace	Michigan
224	Jeff McLeod	Michigan
277	Mike Evans	Penn State
279	Keith Falco	Penn State
321	Keith Leckenby	Pittsburgh
351	John Gudgel	Toledo
355	Chris Matthews	Toledo
369	Andy Feuereisen	Wayne State
380	Dave Sikor	Wayne State
394	Steve Brown	Western Michigan
426	Bill Yeo	Western Michigan

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Official Entries

AIR FORCE

(4-Russ Clemens, 10-Ed Lee, 23-Mark Webster,
20-Dave Remington)

BOWLING GREEN

(39-Bob Haskins, 44-Frank Plescia, 49-Brain Storm,
48-James Shepherd)

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

(57-Gary Burks, 69-Bob Linn, 79-Larry Bradshaw,
53-Randy Badersnider)

EASTERN MICHIGAN

(105-Ben Gibson, 97-Ken Delor, 91-Mike Arnold,
99-Jeff Dils)

KENT STATE

(21-Ed Marshall, 154-Manuel Leeper, 158-Daryl Sharpe,
139-Matt Crampton)

KENTUCKY STATE

(167-Greg Anderson, 166-Anthony Akins,
172-Hamil Grimes, 182-Randy Williams)

MICHIGAN

(215-Doug Hennigar, 218-Gary Hicks, 224-Jeff McLeod,
212-James Grace)

PENN STATE

(279-Keith Falco, 277-Mike Evans, 276-Steve Evans,
268-Bill Austin)

PITTSBURGH

(329-Larry Shippen, 312-Bud Cooper, 310-Kevin Carpenter,
321-Keith Leckenby)

TOLEDO

(351-John Gudgel, 355-Chris Matthews, 348-Len Collins,
363-Jim Wood)

WAYNE STATE

(380-Dave Sikara, 369-Andy Feuereisen, 370-Rich Grace,
368-Pat Coughlin)

WESTERN MICHIGAN

(426-Bill Yeo, 394-Steve Brown, 403-Frank Fields,
396-Bob Cornwell)

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Michigan Wins Second CCC Title

By Bill Anderson

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Michigan, first; Eastern Michigan, second, and "the rest nowhere."

This is the call from the 51st Cen-

tral Collegiate Conference Championships here Saturday afternoon at the Track/Tennis Building where the domination of the two powers was nearly complete.

The Wolverines rolled up 148 points

to win the team championship for a second straight year while the Hurons were second with 114. Air Force was a distant third on 66.

The two teams nearly matched the point production of their 11 rivals. They had a combined score of 262 points while the teams rounded up 327 among themselves.

Michigan won five of the 14 afternoon finals plus writing four new records into the books while Eastern accounted for three first places and four new entries in the records.

The best may have come last for Michigan where James Henry won the long jump at 24-feet-8½ breaking George Swanston's old fieldhouse mark of 24-6½.

"It's been years since we've had a 24-footer," said Coach Jack Harvey of Michigan's newest find in the field event area.

Dave Furst broke his own fieldhouse record by winning the 880-yard run in 1:52.55 and he isn't pressed on the entire gun lap. He set the old mark earlier this season at 1:53.1.

Greg Meyer tied the meet record in the two-mile run with an 8:50.0 and the pace in the race was exceptionally slow. George Malley of Penn-State set the old mark last year.

Doug Hennigar started Michigan off like a house-a-fire by blazing to the tape in :06.12 in the 60-yard dash. This time has been equalled by six other athletes over the years.

Michigan's other first place came from Andy Johnson who took the 1,000-yard run in 2:10.7. He clearly could have run faster and didn't start running seriously until the final gun

lap to jet by his opponents.

Although Steve Elliott was denied a victory in the mile run, he established a new varsity record. He was second to Kent's Joe Dubina on a 4:03.34 clocking. Billy Donakowski, who was fourth in this race, set the mark back in 1976 at 4:04.6.

"We really ran well," said Bob Parks of Eastern Michigan of the two-day, two-team duel for the title. "Michigan just had too many people in too many places."

The Hurons were staring down the barrel of a gun through the whole meet. Jeff Dils couldn't compete in the hurdles because of injury and Joe Caruso was out of the distance races for the same reason.

Yet, Eastern made a race of it. The Hurons were tied with Michigan late in the meet. The score was knotted at one point 85-85 but the Wolverines had certain points coming from later events.

Nat Durham won the pole vault, reversing a defeat at the hands of Jim Stokes in last weekend's Michigan State Relays. He cleared 16-6 to set a new meet record and tie the fieldhouse mark.

Eastern won the two-mile relay in 7:36.85, a new fieldhouse record. Guy Cole, Donny Hubbard, who had a 1:52.6 split, Craig Gully and Maurice Weaver earned the first-place medals.

Russel Bailey's :30.54 in the 300-yard dash gave Eastern its third win and a new fieldhouse mark. The former record was established by Eugene Thomas, an ex-EMU standout, in 1975 at :30.7.



M's Steve Elliott Chases Kent's Joe Dubina To The Finish

(See summary on page 40)

Hurons already have 10⁺ in NCAA indoor meet

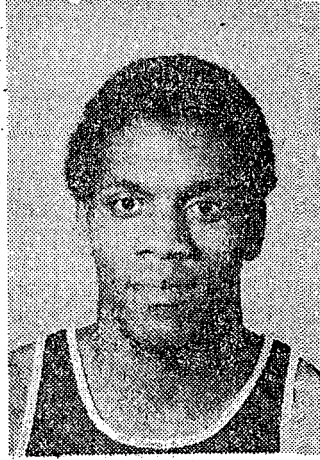
While Eastern Michigan's track team was trying at the Millrose Games in New York Friday to qualify a two-mile relay team for the NCAA indoor championships, two other Huron relay squads plus three individuals waited at home secure in the knowledge

they're already in the running for a national title. Pole vaulter Nat Durham and sprinter Russell Bailey broke the qualifying standards at the EMU Invitational Jan. 15. Durham soared 16-foot-6½ inches to earn his berth while Bailey raced the 60-

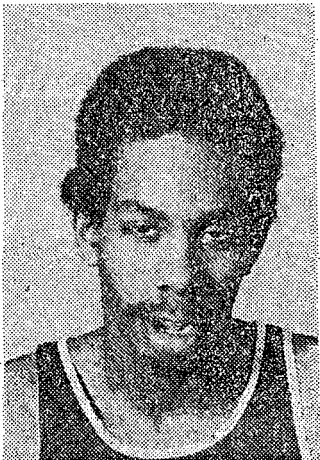
yard dash course in 6.1 seconds in the same meet to qualify. A week later, the Eastern distance medley team and mile relay squad qualified while running in the Michigan Relays at the University of Michigan. Craig Gully, Howard Mitchell, Maurice Weaver and Rick Goodman teamed for a 9:50.0 clocking in the distance medley event while Ben Gibson, Ken Delor, Mike Arnold and Jeff Dils sprinted the mile relay course in 3:14.9 to make the grade. Dils made double sure of his chances had Cobo by qualifying in the 70-yard high hurdles the same night. The 6-foot-2 sophomore from Chelsea sprinted the hurdles in 8.3 seconds. The Hurons now have five more weeks to prepare for the nationals and qualify in more events.



NAT DURHAM



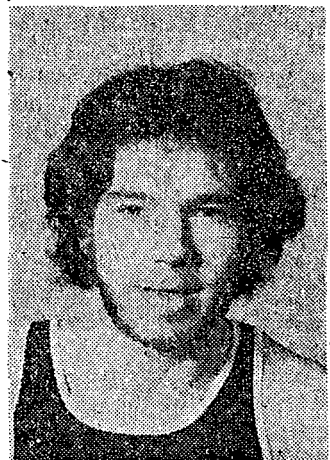
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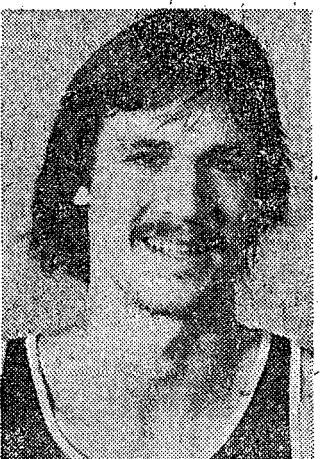
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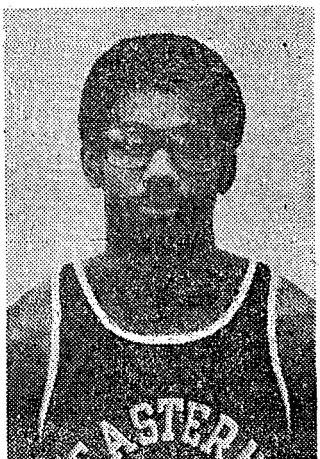
KEN DELOR



MIKE ARNOLD



JEFF DILS



HOWARD MITCHELL



RICK GOODMAN

Mile relay team second at meet

Coach Bob Parks took his mile and two-mile relay teams to the prestigious National CYO Invitational at College Park, Md. on Friday, and the Hurons responded with some "very fine" performances against the best on the East Coast.

The mile-relay team finished second behind Seton Hall in the featured section of the event. Sophomore Jeff Dils made up a large deficit and missed by only one-tenth of a second at the tape. He also placed fifth in the high hurdles in a very strong field which included Larry Shipp (internationalist)-first and Willie Davenport (Olympic medalist)-second. His anchor leg on the relay was a quick 48.2 on the 11-lap board track.

Other team members included: Ken Delor, Howard Mitchell, and Ben Gibson.

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Seniors reign in EMU meet

Two meet records were broken and seniors reigned supreme after first day's action in the annual Eastern Michigan Inter-Class track meet Tuesday.

Sophomore Jeff Dils sped the 220-yard dash course in 1:53.9 to blast one mark and junior Ed Grabowski traveled the 3000-meter steeplechase layout in 9:18.6 to break another.

However, a one-two finish by Mike Arnold and Jim Deren in the 880-yard run and several other point-getting performances by seniors gave the elders a 22 point score. Sophomores were second with 16 while freshmen edged juniors with 14 points.

Final action begins today at 6:30 p.m. with the field events followed by more running events at 7 p.m.

In the EMU Women's Green and White meet, the Green squad holds a slim 13-9 lead after one day's events. Sue Parks won the 880 for the Green while Debbie Odden solidified the Green's hold with a first place finish in the 220.

TRACK SUMMARY

1st Day Score: Seniors 22, Sophomores 16, Freshmen 14, Juniors 11.

880 run: 1. Mike Arnold (Sr.), 1:53.9; 2. Jim Deren (Sr.); 3. Maurice Weaver (Fr.).

220 dash: 1. Jeff Dils (So.), :21.9 (new meet record); 2. Eric Williams (Sr.); 3. Billy Ray (Fr.).

3000 steeplechase: 1. Ed Grabowski (Jr.), 9:18.6 (new meet record); 2. Tony LaMay (So.); 3. Rick Fethke (Jr.).

Pentathlon: 1. Tom Korpel (Fr.), 434; 2. Santiago Bosque (Jr.). (After two of five events).

EMU Dominates Morehead Relays

MOREHEAD, KY — It was no April Fool's joke — the Eastern Michigan University men's track team dominated the Morehead Relays Saturday by winning nine of the 17 events they entered.

"What a great way to start the outdoor season," exclaimed coach Bob Parks, "We had only two days of outdoor practice going into the meet."

The Hurons were almost unbeatable in the relay events dropping only the distance medley event. Jeff Dils ran on four winning relays including the anchor leg of the mile relay that brought EMU a come from behind win.

"Dils had a lot of ground to make up and was pushed to the outside," Parks noted of the junior standout, "But his effort (:46.9) help us nip Morehead St. at the wire."

Freshman distanceman Roger Jones ran his quarter of the two-mile relay in a sparkling 1:52.8 to pace the Hurons to a first place finish. Eastern ran 1-2-3 in the mile with Mike Helms (4:13.3), Ed Grabowski (4:21.0) and Kevin Young (4:21.0) dominating the pack.

Other individual winners for EMU

included Westland senior Wes Teeple in the pole vault (15-6) and Scott Ferguson, freshman, in the six-mile run with a 30:13.1 clocking.

Dashman Russell Bailey was nipped

by a whisker in the 100-yard dash losing to Morehead's Bob Jones by a tenth of a second. Bailey's .097 was matched by teammate Ken Delor who placed third.

Hurons Sweep

ALBION — Junior Don Wolan smacked a solo home run in the first game and added a two-run homer in the second as Eastern Michigan swept Albion College, 6-3, 6-3, in a college baseball doubleheader Saturday.

Wolan, from Mevindale went three-for-eight at the plate and had four runs-batted-in to lead the Hurons. Eastern will take a 9-11 record into a doubleheader today against Northwood. Those games will be played at the EMU Baseball Stadium or at Washtenaw Community College.

Freshman righthander Gordon Chretien started on the mound for the Hurons in the opener and the Britons held a 3-2 lead after three innings. Eastern tied the game in the fourth on a single by Brian Petroff and an RBI double by Audie Cole.

Wolan put the Hurons on top to stay with his solo homer in the sixth and EMU added two runs in the seventh.

In the second game, Wolan staked Eastern to a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a two-run blast to left. The Hurons added two runs in the second to give starter Bud Yanus a comfortable lead.

Yanus left the game in the sixth after his arm tightened up. He was replaced by John Martin in the sixth but righthander Bob Gerlach had to come on in the seventh to get the Hurons out of a jam.

Yanus allowed just two hits and one run and picks up the victory, his first of the season against two losses. Ray Beckman, Brian Stemberger and Audie Cole each had two hits in the nightcap for the Hurons.

Eastern Wins Thriller; Bronco Streak Halted

YPSILANTI — Bob Parks, the Eastern Michigan track coach, called his shot correctly here Wednesday afternoon at the Olds-Marshall Track.

Parks figured the dual meet against Western Michigan would be a close one. He also figured his Hurons would emerge victorious.

That's the way the meet turned out. Eastern won a cliffhanger, 85-78, and the dual meet went right down to the very last event, the one-mile relay.

The Huron quartet raced to the tape first as Ben Gibson, Russell Bailey, Mike Arnold and Jeff Dils were clocked in a 3:18.5 just a half second faster than WMU's foursome.

This ended one of the longest dual-meet winning streaks in the nation, if not a record in itself. The Broncos

went into the dual with the distinction of winning its 57 previous head-to-head competitions.

The last time Western Michigan had been bested in a dual meet was by Wisconsin in 1965. Strangely, Parks was then an assistant coach at Western Michigan when the Broncos were last defeated.

The stellar performance of the afternoon came from Tom Duits. Western's superb distance runner won the 1,500, 800 and 5,000 meters during the course of the meet.

Other than the final event, Eastern's high point came in the 100-meters. Bruce Taylor won with a wind-assisted :09.9 with teammates Russell Bailey and Ken DeLor being clocked in :10.0. All three are now

qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Nationals.

Hurdler Jeff Dils was a double winner, too. He took the 100-meter event at :13.8 and then added the intermediates with a :53.4.

- SHOT PUT: 1 — Mark DeKlevo (WMU) 47-1/2, 2 — John Mickle (WMU) 47-3/4, 3 — Ernie DeMarse (EMU) 45-4/8.
- 3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE: 1 — Jeff Zylstra (WMU) 9:12.8, 2 — Bob Lewis (WMU) 9:23.6, 3 — Mike Johnson (WMU) 9:36.7.
- 400-YARD RELAY: 1 — Eastern Michigan (Billy Pay, Bruce Taylor, Ken DeLor, Russell Bailey, 2 — Western Michigan).
- 1,500-METERS: 1 — Tom Duits (WMU) 3:56.7, 2 — Maurice Weaver (EMU) 3:56.8, 3 — Dan Landman (WMU) 4:05.1.
- 35-POUND HAMMER THROW: 1 — Erik Klimoff (WMU) 161-4, 2 — Phil Streakal (EMU) 148-8 1/2, 3 — John Mickle (WMU) 118-7.
- 110-METER HURDLES: 1 — Jeff Dils (EMU) :13.8, 2 — Ed Taylor (EMU) :14.5, 3 — Gary Ramsey (EMU) :14.5.
- HIGH JUMP: 1 — Darrell Williams (WMU) 6-6, 2 — Steve Elliott (EMU) 6-4, 3 — Tom Korpai (EMU) 6-1/2.
- LONG JUMP: 1 — Howard Lane (WMU) 22-1, 2 — Ken McKay (EMU) 21-11, 3 — Darrell Williams (WMU) 21-4 1/2.
- 400-METERS: 1 — Ben Gibson (EMU) :49.0, 2 — Jim Todd (WMU) :49.2, 3 — Bill Yee (WMU) :49.4.
- JAVELIN: 1 — Jim Borlik (WMU) 181-2, 2 — Ernie DeMarse (EMU) 175-10, 3 — Mike Michayluk (WMU) 154-2.
- 100-METERS: 1 — Bruce Taylor (EMU) :09.9, 2 — Russell Bailey (EMU) :10.0, 3 — Ken DeLor (EMU) :10.0.
- 800-METERS: 1 — Tom Duits (WMU) 1:56.5, 2 — Jerry Waitala (EMU) 1:56.5, 3 — Mike Arnold (EMU) 1:56.7.
- POLE VAULT: 1 — Nat Durham (EMU) 15-0, 2 — Wes Teeple (EMU) 15-0, 3 — Joe Lusk (WMU) 14-0.
- 400-METER HURDLES: 1 — Jeff Dils (EMU) :53.4, 2 — Bob Cornwell (WMU) :53.7, 3 — Dave Richardson (WMU) :54.3.
- DISCUS: 1 — Ernie DeMarse (EMU) 138-3, 2 — Mike Jawarek (WMU) 135-1/2, 3 — Jeff Cekovich (EMU) 124-3.
- 200-METERS: 1 — Russell Bailey (EMU) :21.7, 2 — Ken DeLor (EMU) :22.1, 3 — Bruce Taylor (EMU) :22.3.
- 5,000-METERS: 1 — Tom Duits (WMU) 14:50.7, 2 — Rick Fethke (EMU) 14:53.0, 3 — Dennis Bell (WMU) 14:58.4.
- TRIPLE JUMP: 1 — Darrell Williams (WMU) 47-5 1/2, 2 — Howard Lane (WMU) 44-3 1/2, 3 — Frank Davis (WMU) 44-0.
- MILE RELAY: 1 — Eastern Michigan (Ben Gibson, Russell Bailey, Mike Arnold, Jeff Dils) 3:18.5, 2 — Western Michigan 3:19.1.

Late River Rat Rally Falls Short

The Huron High-baseball team may have learned a good lesson — no game is over until the last out.

The Hurons were defeated by Southgate Schafer, 7-5, here Wednesday afternoon at Veterans Park, squaring their record at 1-1 going into Saturday's doubleheader at Willow Run.

"We got behind 7-0," said Coach Jess Kauffman, "and our kids thought the game was over. We just made some mistakes that we shouldn't have made."

Huron got right back into the game in the bottom of the sixth inning when Tim Goodman slammed a two-run double and Bob Coffee plated another run with a double.

The Ann Arbor team nearly

snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in the seventh inning. Bill Sampier slammed a two-run homer to cut the deficit to two runs.

Schafer's Bob Casnova was superb for the first five innings as was Dave Tomsic, Huron's starter, but Ann Arbor went to work quickly on Bob Bell in the sixth.

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- Bob Casnova, Bob Bell (6) and Bill Ward.
- Dave Tomsic, Steve O'Neal (6) and Carl Wurster.

Pinckney Wins

PINGKNEY — Softball made an auspicious debut at Pinckney High. The Pirates won the first varsity game ever played by the high school in defeating Stockbridge, 17-9 here Wednesday afternoon.

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- PINKNEY 10120 140 x-17 7 3
- Johnson and Fuller.
- Roxanne Johns and 1 Fry.



(News Photo By Jack Stubbs)

Duel To The Finish

Eastern Michigan's Maurice Weaver (right) and Tom Duits of Western Michigan battle for the lead about 200 yards from the finish line in the 1500 meter run. Duits

nipped Weaver with a time of 3:56.7 to 3:56.8 for Weaver. The WMU ace also won the 800 and 5,000-meter runs. But EMU won the meet, 85-78.

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Hurons snap Bronco track streak

By JIM DEREN
Echo Staff Writer

If you happened to see a member of Eastern's track team out celebrating Wednesday night, he had good

reason. The Hurons downed Western Michigan Wednesday afternoon, 85-78. The loss was the first the Broncos had suffered in a dual meet in 12 years.

The outcome of the meet came down to the final event of the day, the mile relay. There, the foursome of Ben Gibson, Russell Bailey, Mike Arnold and Jeff Dils came out on top to hand the Broncos their first loss after a string of 57 consecutive dual meet victories, dating back to 1965 when Eastern coach Bob Parks was an assistant at Western.

"I don't mind it a bit," said a jubilant Parks, after being dunked into the steeplechase water jump pit by his elated team. "I just hope to find myself in the same place after the MAC meet in May."

Eastern had been fighting from behind most of the way before pulling ahead in the third-to-the-last event, the 200-meter. Sprinters Russell Bailey (21.7 seconds), Ken Delor (22.1), and Bruce Taylor (22.3), swept the race.

Earlier the threesome had teamed up with Billy Ray for a victory in the 440-yard relay. But the trio's happiest moment must have come when Taylor (9.9), Bailey (10.0), and Delor (10.0) went one-two-three in the 100-meters to qualify for the NCAA meet. "It's really nice to be under ten seconds," said Taylor.

Also qualifying for the nationals was sophomore Jeff Dils, whose wind-aided 13.8 was not only good enough for the win, but was also one of the fastest times in the nation. Teammates Ed Taylor (14.5) and Gary Ramsey (14.5) rounded out a Huron sweep in the hurdles.

Dils came back for a first place in what Parks called an "upset" in the 400-meter hurdles.

"I was pretty tired," commented Dils. "But I knew how much this meet meant to the team, and I was in there giving 110 percent."

Valuable points were picked up in the pole vault, as Nat Durham and Wes Teeple cleared 15 feet for a one-two finish.

The Hurons' other first-place finish came in the discus as Ernie Demarse tossed it 183 feet, three inches for a narrow win.

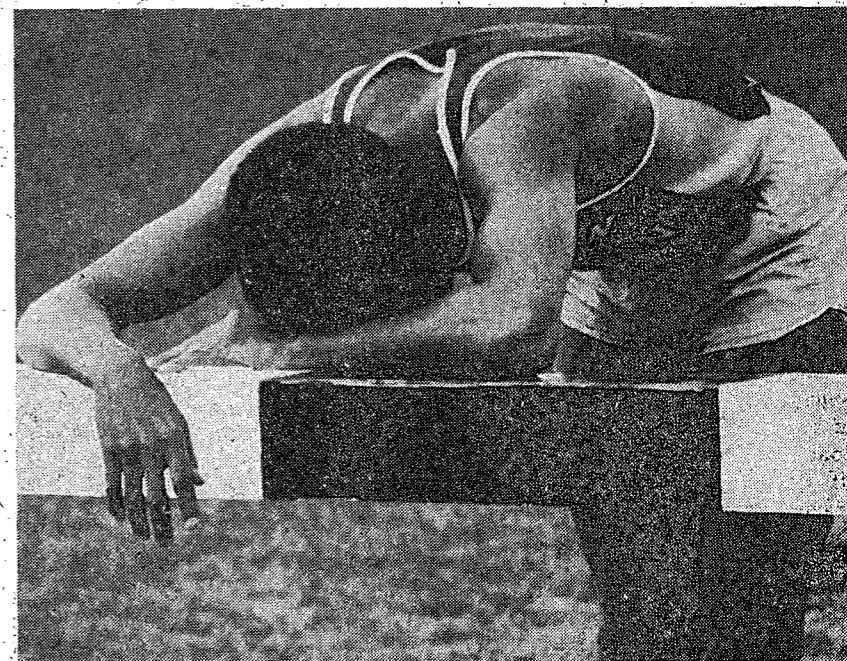
Western's distance star Tom Duits showed his versatility with three wins in the 1,500, 800, and 5,000-meter runs.

Duits and Eastern's Maurice Weaver brought the crowd to its feet as they battled down the home-stretch in the 1,500-meter run. Duits leaned at the tape to edge Weaver by a tenth of a second.

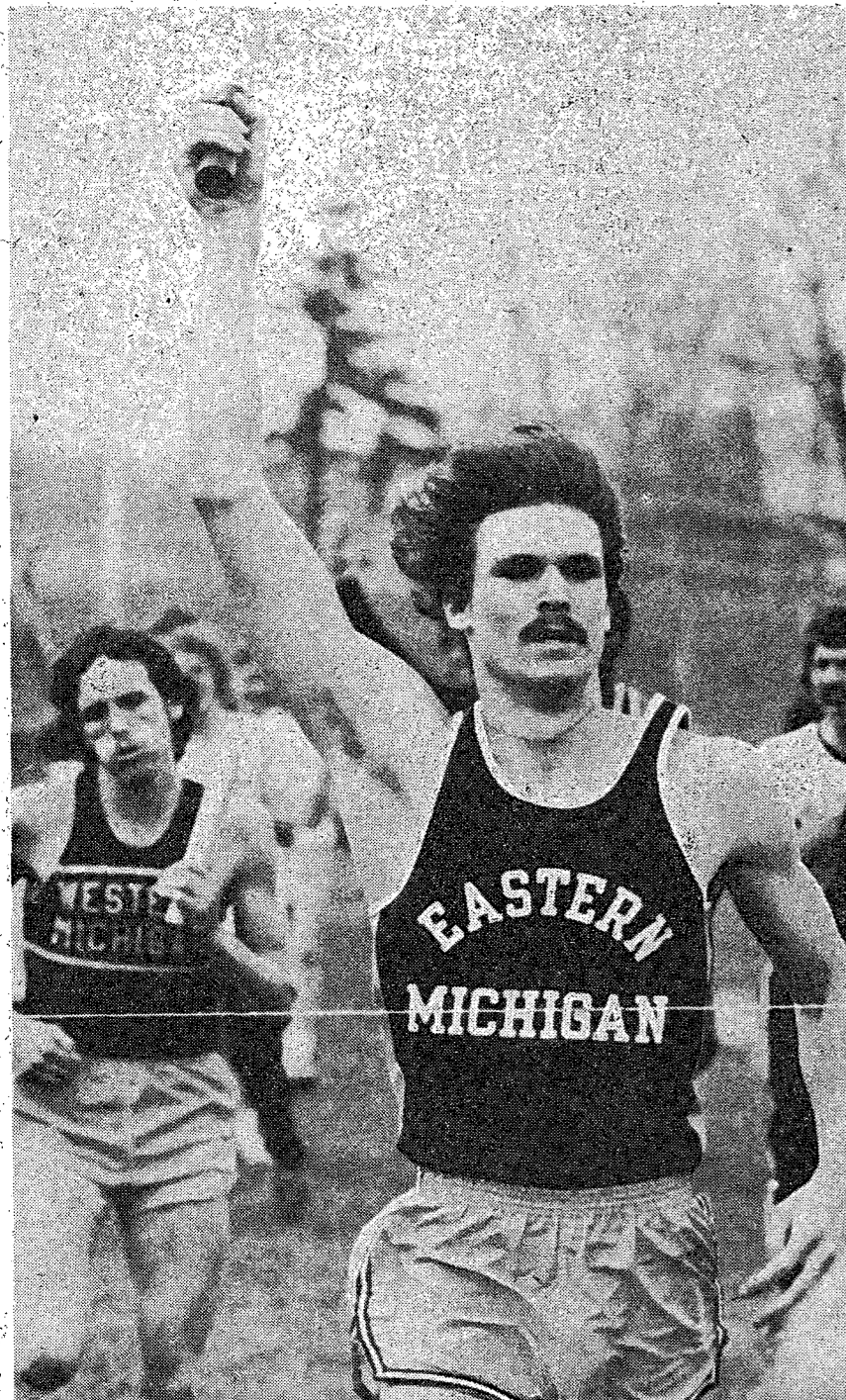
In an even closer finish, Duits battled it out with a group of Eastern half milers. In a blanket finish, Duits (1:56.6) was declared the winner over Jerry Wojtala (1:56.6), Mike Arnold (1:56.7), and Craig Gully (1:56.8).

A few events later found Duits in the 5,000-meter race where he sat behind Rick Fethke and a group of Western runners before out-kicking them for the win. Fethke ran a "tough" 14:53 for an important

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I'M TIRED—Huron sprinter Russell Bailey falls exhausted on a hurdle after running the second leg of the meet-winning mile relay victory. (Echo photo by Chief Photographer Chris Boyd)



BRINGING IT HOME—Huron Jeff Dils raises his baton as he beats out Western Michigan's Bill Yeo to clinch a narrow victory for Eastern. (Photo by Echo Chief photographer Chris Boyd)

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Arnold closes in on running goals as Eastern career ends

By MARY ROULEAU
Echo Staff Writer

To Mike Arnold, Wednesday's win over Western Michigan meant more than just snapping a 12-year winning streak. It was also the final home appearance for Arnold, as he draws near to closing out his four-year career.

Arnold finished third in the 880-yard run, a race he doesn't usually run, and was a member of the victorious mile relay team in Wednesday's meet.

Along with seniors Joe Caruso and Phil Strékal, Arnold is a tri-captain of this year's young team. The only other seniors in Wednesday's last hurrah were Nat Durham, Richard Keirn and Bruce Taylor.

Personable and easy going, Arnold notes a real unity among the members of this year's team.

"This is the closest team I've been on since I've been here;

everyone sticks together," said Arnold. "There aren't conflicts between the older and younger members of the team. Sometimes it can be hard to compete against your friends, especially in dual meets," he admits.

Arnold has run his share of laps for the Green and White since his arrival from Bridgeport High School in Saginaw. He forfeited other scholarship offers to run at Eastern on his own expenses during his freshman year.

The 22-year-old speedster is a member of the school record-holding indoor sprint medley and distance medley relay teams.

Arnold gives a lot of credit to head coach Bob Parks and assistant coach

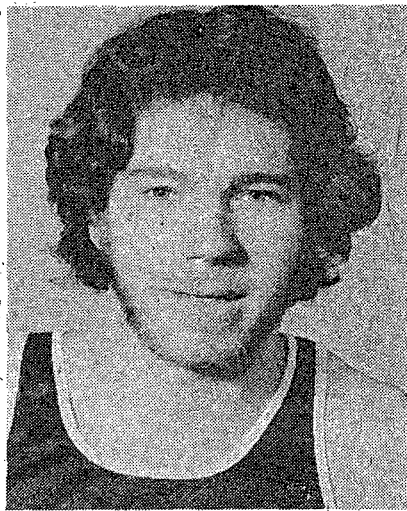
Al Pingle. "They're great coaches who really work well as a team," he said.

Arnold, Parks, Pingle and company travel to Tennessee this weekend for the Dogwood Relays. Arnold will again run the 880, in an attempt to qualify for the NCAA outdoor championships. He admits that he's a "long shot" in the event, but is confident in the mile relay's qualification berth.

An industrial technology major, Arnold has one year of work to complete his degree.

He feels his trips around the track aren't numbered.

"I'll come out and practice with the team (next year) and go to all the meets. I may even run in whatever meets I can," he said.



MIKE ARNOLD

Huron trackmen end WMU streak

By RICK SHERWOOD
Press Sports Writer

Track dual meet purists will etch an asterick near the final result.

Competitors will remember the meet for their children in years to come.

And, two coaches now have another memory with which to psyche their athletes of the future.

On a day when all the variable elements of spring meshed, Western Michigan carried an awesome 57 dual meet victory streak to Eastern Michigan's Olds-Marshall track.

The Broncos left with a one-meet losing streak, handed them by the Hurons 85-78.

The defending Mid-American Conference outdoor champion had not been beaten since 1965 in head-to-head competition.

It looked like they would continue their streak but a stubborn Huron squad rallied from an early deficit, saw a marginal lead nearly vanish and then fought off a furious rush by Western's mile relay anchorman in the 19th event of the 19 event meet to secure the victory. A Bronco win in the last event would have put the Hurons on the short end of an 83-80 verdict.

"I can't tell you how sweet this is," Coach Bob Parks said after being refreshed with a sip of champagne and doused in the steeplechase water jump by enthusiastic Huron athletes.

Part of the sweetness for Parks had roots. He served as an assistant coach at Western Michigan before landing the head coach slot at EMU in — you guessed it — 1965.

Despite the hair-raising finish, the meet was far from an artistic masterpiece. A glaring sun in the early going was offset by winds which gusted to 30 mph throughout the contest while intermittent rain scattered the 50 spectators from time to time.

For some, the wind was a boon. EMU's Bruce Taylor stormed to a 9.9 second clocking in the 100 meter dash to equal the world record. Gusting winds and hand-held watches will keep him from the record books but the splendid dash qualified him and teammates Russell Bailey

For others, the wind hardly mattered.

Tom Duits, Western Michigan's iron man in the distances, had everyone marveling when he came from behind to nip Huron Maurice Weaver in the 1,500-meter run, came from behind 40 minutes later to nip three Hurons in the 800-meter run and breezed to victory 30 minutes later in the 5,000-meter run.

"That's an amazing triple," Parks conceded.

"He's a team man," Western Michigan mentor Jack Shaw said, not differentiating between point-getting ability or spirit.

EMU's Jeff Dils came closest to equalling Duits' feat when he copped the 110-meter high hurdles, returned to vanquish the field in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and anchored EMU's meet-winning mile relay team.

The significance of Dils' hurdles performances was that, while running his first 400 intermediate hurdle race of the season, he knocked off the MAC's defending champ Bob Cornwell.

Western's Cornwell had finished fourth in last year's MAC 110 hurdle race but Dils was by far the class of the race, winning in 13.8 seconds to qualify for the outdoor NCAA meet.

For most, the wind hurt.

Anyone who had to distance run (except Duits), jump or throw into the wind, suffered.

Nat Durham and Wes Teeple both cleared 15 feet in the pole vault for a 1-2 Huron finish but were hampered by standards which blew over and bars that swayed.

The winning long jump was only 22 feet, the winning high jump only 6-foot-6 and the javelin competition, contested in a nearby field, almost threatened the runners as the spears

were launched, snared by the wind and blown backward.

All distance event times were well off field records.

What couldn't be decided in the first 18 events was finally decided in the 19th event when Ben Gibson, who won the 400 meter run, Bailey, Mike Arnold and Dils combined in the mile relay.

Gibson got the lead on the first leg, Bailey took off slow but expanded the lead at the end and Arnold and Dils maintained the distance for victory.

Eastern is now 2-0 in dual meet competition while Western slips to 1-1. Both teams will be in action this weekend at the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Eastern's win avenges a 96-67 loss at Western Michigan last year.



Photos by Russ Kenyon

Ben Gibson (left) passes the baton to Russell Bailey for EMU after the first lap of the mile relay. Bailey later handed to Mike Arnold and...





CLOSE — Western Michigan University's excellent distance runner Tom Duits (left) nips a pair of Eastern runners at the finish of the 800 meter run Wednesday. Jerry Wojtala (right) finished second and Mike Arnold third.

Eastern runs minus Dils, Bailey

By STEVE KORNACKI

Sports Editor

Put a northern track team in 90-degree southern heat, take that same team to the Dogwood Relays just after they knocked off their toughest Mid-American conference foe and then take away their best two runners. Then you'll see the kind of odds the Eastern track team was up against in Knoxville, Tenn. over the weekend.

"This (the heat) bothered us because our kids aren't used to it," said Coach Bob Parks. "We kind of ran out of gas at the end. Yeah, I suppose we were (flat after the big win over Western Michigan on Wednesday), but we looked as good as any team in the state that was there and probably as good as anybody in the MAC."

Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan and Western were on hand for the meet, as were most of the MAC and Big Ten teams. Such track powerhouses as host Tennessee and Seton Hall were also in the 40-team field.

"We didn't have any first-place finishes," said Parks. "But we ran pretty well; especially when you note that we ran without our two best runners."

"Jeff Dils reinjured his leg in the Western meet and didn't even run," added Parks. "Russell Bailey hurt himself in the 440-relay and hobbled

in the last 40 or 50 yards—he didn't run the rest of the day."

The Dils-less shuttle-hurdle relay team still managed to finish second, and, in doing so, broke a varsity record in the event which had stood since 1968.

Angell Anderson, Gary Ramsey, Kevin Jackson and Ed Taylor ran the record-setting 57.8 time behind first-place Tennessee.

"Gary Ramsey ran a 13.7 (second) time," said Parks, "and he was the key to the whole thing."

The Hurons also finished fourth in four other events: Nat Durham (16-feet in the pole vault), Ken Delor (10.54, 100-meter), the sprint medley relay team (3:24.2, Billy Ray, Bruce Taylor, Howard Mitchell and Mike Arnold) and Arnold (1:50.7, 800).

"That's way better than he's ever run," said Parks of Arnold's time.

The 440-yard relay team of Ray, Taylor, Delor and Bailey finished fifth in 41.1. Bailey hurt his leg in that race.

Ramsey finished sixth in the high hurdles (14.7), as did the distance medley relay team of Jerry Wojtala, Ben Gibson, Jim Deren and Maurice Weaver (9:50.6).

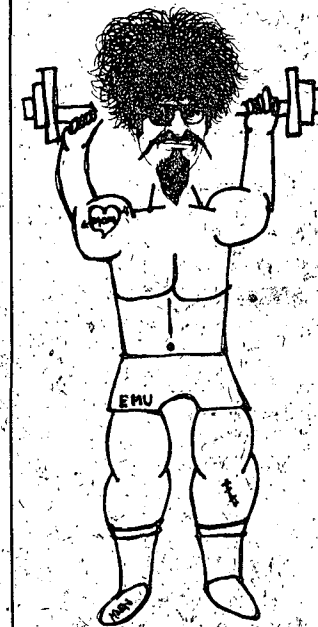
"We didn't double and triple our runners like some teams did," said Parks. "We gave everybody a chance to run; we weren't that

concerned with getting firsts in a field this tough."

The track team sees its next action at the Ohio State Relays in Columbus next weekend, and won't resume MAC dual-meet competition

until May 10 at Toledo. They will also compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia and/or the Drake Relays (Des Moines, Ia.) along with the Michigan Open before the match with the Rockets.

Intramural competition



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Heavy Weight: Mike Vincent 1140 (total pounds)
Tom Hundt 1050

Middle Weight: Jim Dougls

Middle Weight: Jim Douglas 970
Ed Eloian 900

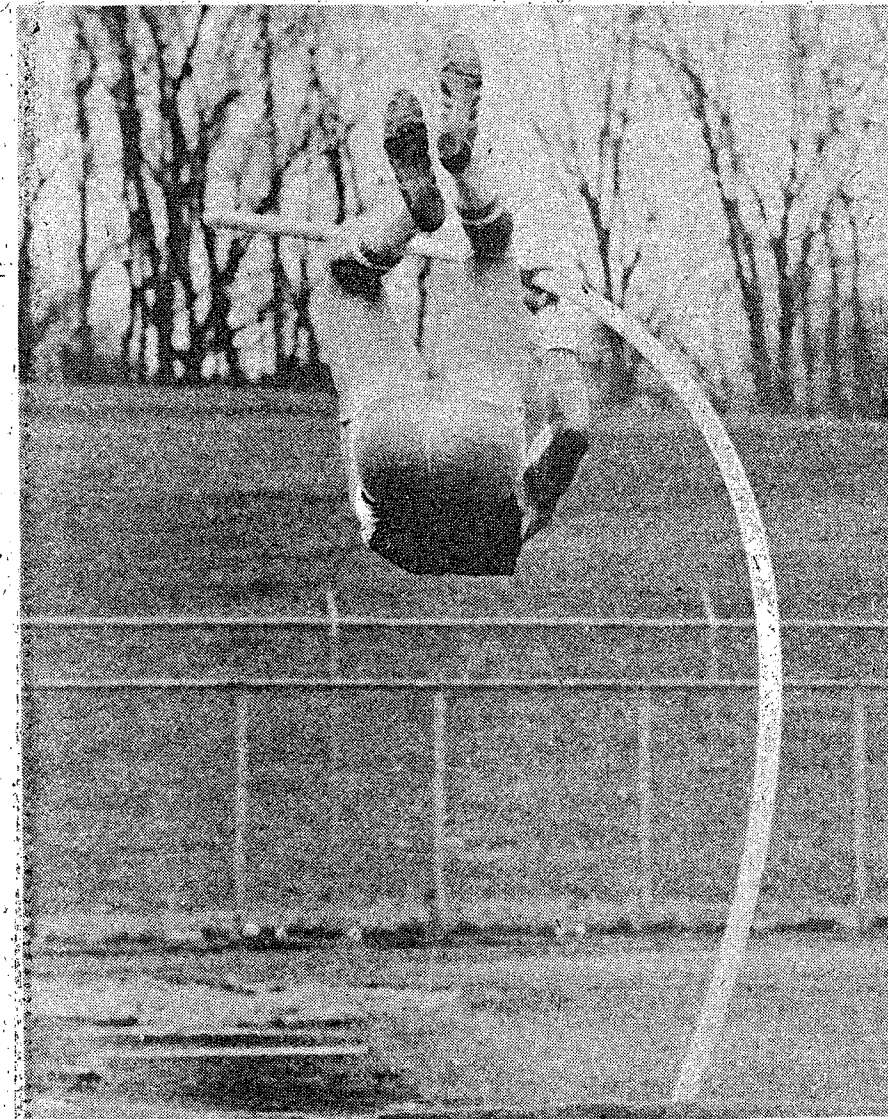
Light Weight: Rod Douglas 800

New Records: dead lift/Ernie DeMarse 555
bench press/Greg Engman 320

Track Meet

Long Jump: Buehrer—K.P.A. 20' *
Love Bros. of Buell/PamI
Love Bros. of Buell/Pamoja 19' 6"
Eggingberger-Bottoms Up 17' 4"

High Jump: McEachen-6'



A FACE ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE—An unidentifiable Huron pole vaulter does his thing in recent track action at Rynearson Stadium. (Photo by Echo Chief Photographer Chris Boyd)

Parks 'Coach of the Year'

Bailey leads tracksters to crown

By MARY ROULEAU
Sports Editor

Eastern may be without the Reese Cup, but it is not without a Mid-American Conference Champion.

The Hurons finished seventh in this year's standings for the All-Sports Champion of the MAC, picking up 10 first-place points after the track team's sweep to the conference crown on Saturday.

The Hurons were supposed to be strong in the sprints, pole vaults, and hurdles, and they were. The meet was supposed to be close, which it wasn't.

"We did what we were supposed to do," said happy Huron mentor Bob Parks. "The few places we lost were only a matter of a few points."

Inkster sophomore Russel Bailey lead Bruce Taylor and Ken Delor in a sweep of both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. The trio also teamed with Eric Williams and raced to a first-place finish in the 400-meter relay.

When the smoke cleared, it wasn't even close. The Hurons racked-up 120 points on the final day of events, reversing themselves from

their previous two-day last place totals, to finish with 126. Second place Ohio finished with 99½ points and defending champion Western Michigan, a distant fourth, with 83.

"Many of the times submitted to the meet were wrong," Parks continued. "Russell wasn't even listed among the conference leaders in the 200."

Bailey was one of five double-event winners in the meet. Ohio's Bruce Green was elected by the coaches as the Outstanding Athlete of the Meet after his sweep of the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdle races. Green was also a member of first and fourth place relay teams for the Bobcats.

Parks was named Coach of the Year by his peers for the second time in the last four years. Parks first won the award in 1974 when the Hurons won the MAC crown for the first time.

"I won the award because we won," said Parks, "but I like to think I had something to do with the victory. I'm disappointed that Russell didn't win the athlete award. There were several outstanding athletes at the meet but Bailey was on the winning team."

In addition to the sprinting sweep, the Hurons recorded a two-three finish by Nat Durham and Wes Teeple in the pole vault.

The Green and White took three of the top six places in the 100-meter high hurdles. Jeff Dils finished third and freshmen Ed Taylor and Gary Ramsey fourth and sixth, respectively.

Eastern picked up further second-place points from Dils in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and the 1600-meter relay team of Ben Gibson, Mike Arnold, Dils, and Howard Mitchell.

Gibson, a Detroit freshman, ran a season-best 47.96 to take third place in the 400-meter run. Arnold, a senior tri-captain, clocked a 1:53.0, en route to a fifth place in the 800-meter run.

The Hurons got third place points from Ed Grabowski in the 3000-meter steeplechase and Steve Elliot in the high jump. Freshmen Maurice Weaver and Ernie DeMarse picked up fourths in the 1500-meter and the discus to close out the Huron scoring.

Eastern finishes the 1976-77 MAC season with 47½ points in the race for the Reese Cup. Last year, the Hurons finished in ninth place with 41 points. Miami took team honors for the fifth straight year.

