

Mike Curry Brilliant in Finale; Hartford Wins Team Track Title

By WOODY ANDERSON
FAIRFIELD — Mike Curry capped a brilliant career with his usual double-win style and hurdling power Hartford Public snatched high school track's top team title to highlight Saturday's State Open meet at Roger Ludlowe High School.

Triple jumper Bob Woods set the only state record, high jumper Dave Arnold and pole vaulter Ken Appel set meet records and Newington weightman Karl Swanke shared double-winner status with Bulkeley's Curry as the meets top individuals.

Hartford Public scored 78 points — none in the seven field events — to finish ahead of city rival Bulkeley with 50 points. It was the Owls' seventh open title. In the past nine years the Owls have won either open or Class titles or both.

"It'll be a while before we're back," said Owls' head coach, Lindy Remigino of his almost total senior team.

Curry, muscular 6-1, 180-lb. senior headed for Boston College with Swanke, swept to expected victories in the 100 and 220 dashes for a third straight year. He won the 100 in :09.8 seconds and the 220 in :22.0. He also anchored Bulkeley's victorious 440 relay team.

Although he began his anchor leg three yards behind Hartford Public's Jim Nealy, he caught up and won by a stride.

Woods, 6-3, 170-lb. senior at Hillhouse of New Haven who will attend Tennessee Tech, wiped out the ten-year-old triple jump record by 3/4 of an inch. His record jump, on his second attempt, was 48' 5 1/4".

Woods first cracked the 48-foot barrier last week at the Class 'L' State Meet at Windham High School. "I guess I was juiced up. But



Winner in First Heat

Bristol Central's Brian Godbout lets out a yell after crossing the finish line first in the first heat of the 440-yard run in the State Open Track Meet at Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, Saturday (Courant Photo by Timothy Becker).

I've been worrin' about Cranford (Hall of West Hartford's Kevin) since I went to bed last night. That guy is comin'." Cranford placed second with a 46' 6 3/4" jump.

Farmington's Arnold high jumped 6' 7" to break the four-year-old mark of 6' 6 3/4". "Before the season began I was hoping for a 6-8, but I'm happy with this," said the 6-1, 148-lb. senior. He won by two inches over Darien's Paul Hendry.

Appel, a senior at Amity of Woodbridge, fell one inch short of breaking his own state record in the pole vault set last week in Southington. His 14' 5 1/2" vault, however, was good enough to break the former meet record by seven inches.

Swanke, 6-6, 230-lb.s, won his specialty, the discus, with a 170-foot toss — 9 1/2 feet ahead of second place Jeff Mather of Windham — and he took the shot put by a 2 1/2-foot margin over Fitch of Groton's Bill Borden. Swanke's throw was 58' 3". He also placed fifth with a 179' 4 1/2" toss in the javelin. He led Newington to a third place finish with 32 points.

Eric Allain, Connecticut's best javelin thrower the past two years, won with a superlative effort of 214' 4" on his last throw.

Allain, a senior at Hand of Madison headed for Florida State said, "It was my last

throw as a high school competitor in the state. If my arm went out, I wouldn't have cared. I'm overwhelmed."

The battle for the team title was strictly a Hartford affair.

Hartford Public and Bulkeley combined for seven firsts and five seconds in the 17-event competition. The Owls' triumph — as it was last week in the Class "LL" championship — was cornerstoned on the two hurdling events. Although Nealy got a poor start in the 120 high's, he still managed a second place finish behind Craig Roman of Norwalk's Brien McMahon. Nealy, a junior, beat Roman by nearly five yards in the LL meet. Teammate Walter Oates nailed down third place. In the 330 Intermediates, Jerry Dudley beat Nealy to the wire for a 1-2 Hartford Public finish. The Owls got 32 of their 78 points in the hurdles.

Owls' also won the mile relay in 3:21.2, the mile and 440.

Senior Jody Weatherwax, bound for Virginia Military, outkicked the mile field on the last lap to win in a solid 4:16.5. Quartermiler Doriel Ferutardo, who will attend

Manhattan College, won in :49.4 seconds.

Although the Owls didn't need it, they got unexpected points from injured sprinter, Steve Adams. Adams, who pulled up lame in a workout last Monday that kept his workouts to a jog, scored in two events. He began the Owls' 440 relay team that placed second to Bulkeley, and the little senior placed second in the 100.

"Adams isn't all the way back," said Remigino after Adams' slow leadoff leg. "But," said Remigino smiling, probably realizing then he had the meet won, "at least he can do something."

And Hartford Public was something as usual Saturday.

Summary

FIELD EVENTS

High jump: 1. Dave Arnold (Farmington); 2. Hendry (Darien); 3. Curmstone (Cheshire); 4. Wood (Ridgefield); 5. Madsen (Stamford) tied Brown (Copinchau); Hgt. 67" (meet record).

Triple jump: 1. Bob Woods (Hillhouse); 2. Cranford (Hall); 3. Speltman (Kaynor Tech); 4. Davis (Bacon Academy); 5. Madsen (New Britain); 6. Marshall (Middleton); Dist. 46' 5 1/4" (meet and state record).

Javelin: 1. Eric Allain (Hand); 2. Honerlyman (Hall); 3. Babon (Southington); 4. Mather (Windham); 5. Swanke (Newington); 6. Peterson (Sheehan); Dist. 214' 4"

Long jump: 1. Bob Speltman (Staples); 2. Vogel (Glastonbury); 3. Costello (Penney); 4. Marshall (Middleton); 5. Speltman (Kaynor Tech); 6. Troit (South Windsor); Dist. 21' 11 1/4"

Discus: 1. Karl Swanke (Newington); 2. Mather (Windham); 3. Fowler (Waterford); 4. Tripoli (Sheehan); 5. McFadden (Bulkeley); 6. Edmondson (Coventry); Dist. 170'

Pole vault: 1. Ken Appel (Amity); 2. Brown (Norwich); 3. Miner (Trumbull); 4. Faoin (New Canaan) tie Truckenbrodt (Hand); 6. White (North Branford); height 14-5/8 (meet record).

Shot put: 1. Carl Swank (Newington); 2. Borden (Fitch); 3. McFadden (Bulkeley); 4. Attieri (Derby); 5. Azae (Killingly); 6. Delatoua (Ridgefield); distance 58'-3"

TRACK EVENTS

100 dash: 1. Mike Curry (Bulkeley); 2. Adams (Hartford); 3. Hopkins (Bpt. Central); 4. Boslick (Woodrow Wilson); 5. Slosser (Shelton); 6. Wription (New London); time 19"

220 dash: 1. Mike Curry (Bulkeley); 2. Hackbart (Avon); 3. Thomas (Kolbe); 4. Randolph (Bulkeley); 5. Hopkins (Bpt. Central); 6. Wesnith (Bullard Hevners); time 22.0"

440 dash: 1. Doriel Ferutardo (Hartford); 2. Jones (Weaver); 3. Vogel (Glastonbury); 4. Hackbart (Avon); 5. Thort; as (Kolbe); 6. Foley (East Catholic); time 49"

120 high: 1. Craig Roman (Brien McMahon); 2. Neely (Hartford); 3. Oates (Hartford); 4. Dobson (Stamford); 5. Taylor (Weaver); 6. DiCosimo (Pulaski); time 1:23"

330 Int: Hurdles: 1. Jerry Dudley (Hartford Public); 2. Neely (Hartford Public); 3. He between Kellner (Newington) and Callahan (Stonington); 5. Dobson (Stamford); 6. Czakowski (Seymour); T. 39"

1 Mile: 1. Jody Weatherwax (Hartford Public); 2. King (Cheshire); 3. Martin (Farmington); 4. Wierchow (Newington); 5. Gorman (Windsor Locks); 6. Reardon (South Catholic); T. 4:16.5"

Two Mile: 1. Gerald Whitaker (Torrington); 2. Cotton (New Canaan); 3. Meyer (Cheshire); 4. Nevils (Massena); 5. Calby (Staples); 6. Anderson (Notre Dame); T. 9:15.4"

440 relay: 1. Bulkeley (Tony Randolph, Wallace Bouler, Deryl Roberts, Mike Curry); 2. Hartford Public; 3. New Canaan; 4. Hamden; 5. He between Trumbull and Hillhouse; T. 4:09"

Mile relay: 1. Hartford Public (names unavailable); 2. Bulkeley; 3. Weaver; 4. Adams; 5. Trumbull; 6. Newington; T. 3:21.2"

TEAM SCORES

1. Hartford Public 78; 2. Bulkeley 50; 3. Newington 42; 4. Fitch 30; 5. Cheshire 28; 6. New Canaan 17; 7. four tied at 15; 8th: Farmington, Avon, Weaver, Hall with 16 points; 11. He between Norwalk and Glastonbury 14; 13. Hand 13; 14. Staples 12; 15. He between Torrington, Middleton, Lyndon, Lyman 11; 16. Trumbull 9.5; 18. He between Kaynor Tech, Cromwell, Kolbe, Windham, Bridgeport Central, Derby 8; 25. He between Southington, Hartford, Waterford, Penney 6; 30. He between Shelton, Sheehan, Middletown 5; 33. He between Woodrow Wilson, Bacon Academy, St. Paul, Masuk; 4; 39. Ridgefield 3.4; 38. Copinchau 2.4; 39. He between Killingly, Windsor Locks, South Simsbury, Lyman 2.2; 44. He between Notre Dame West Haven, Bullard-Havens, Seymour, East Catholic, New London, Pulaski, South Catholic, North Branford, Coventry 1.