

Hartford Gives Coach Gift —Class LL Track Crown

By TOM YANTZ

WEST HARTFORD — The Hartford Public boys track team had waited since Saturday to present its birthday gift to head coach Lindy Remigino. However, the delay was worth it, as the Owls captured the Class LL Track and Field Team Championship Monday at Hall High School. h O

"Coach Remigino had his birthday on Saturday," said 5-foot-8-inch Mike LLewis, who finished second in the 440-yard run for Hartford. "We were ready to give coach his present on Saturday, but we got rained out. However, I think he still liked the team title, even if we did give it to him two days late."

Hartford collected 56 points to outdistance the 40-team field. New Britain came in second (41), while Norwich (38.3) and Westhill (38) followed.

Charles Bumpers, Lewis, Tony Camby and Gary Bailey took a first for the Owls in the 4x110 relay (43.2) and scored points all day to spark the Owls to the team title.

Bailey finished first in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 5 3/4 inches, but suffered a crippling hamstring pull in the 4x110 relay race. "Gary has a real bad pull and probably will not compete in the State Open Track meet this Saturday at Southington High School," said Remigino.

Ron Zobel, a junior from Staples, was the only double winner on the day, taking both sprints. He edged past Bumpers and Camby in the 100 (9.8) and again turned the trick against the two Hartford racers in the 220 (23.2).

"I have not lost in the 100



Photo Finish

Terry Perrault, right, of St. Paul High School in Bristol nips Pat Wild of Bethel High School in the mile run in Monday's Class M boys track state championship meet at Middletown High School. Perrault was timed in 4:28.3, only .2 ahead of Wild (Courant Photo by Michael McAndrew).

all season long," said Zobel. "I expected to win. They (Bumpers and Camby) are tough, but I got out front and held them off to take both races."

In one of the most exciting duels of the afternoon, Wade Williams of Windsor nipped Lewis at the tape in the 440 with a time of 50.9.

Nevertheless, the Owls clinched their triumph in the

220, as Camby and Bumpers grabbed the second and third slots to secure Hartford's 18th team title (including Class L) in the school's history.

"The meet was real close all afternoon," Lewis said. "So when Tony (Camby) and Charles (Bumpers) came in to place in the 220, we knew we had it won because there

were not enough events remaining to score points in

"... We were really up to run on Saturday and then the rains came. We wanted this one since last year when New Britain won it, and also to give coach Remigino a nice birthday present — even if it was not given on time."