

# Mount sweeps OC track year

By Dennis Lustig

Taking a big lead with a 1-2-3 sweep in the metric mile, Mount Union College completed an unprecedented six-bagger in Ohio Conference track and field in the 1977-78 athletic season by winning the outdoor championships Saturday at Baldwin-Wallace College's Finnie Stadium.

The triumph for Purple Raiders' coach Jim Wuske ended B-W's two-year reign in this outdoor meet and gave Mount titles in the outdoor and indoor track championships and relays in the Ohio Conference as well as the OC cross country and cross country relays crowns. No team had ever triumphed in all six events.

It was the eighth outdoor title for Mount Union (and Wuske) in the 75-year history of the OC outdoor championships.

While Mount was "expected" to win, the second place finish of unheralded Ohio Northern was a complete surprise. Mount finished with 119 points compared to 95 for the Polar Bears.

It was a triumphant return for ONU second-year track coach Jim Laut, a B-W grad from Olmsted Falls.

The Polar Bears led in individual titles with five — Dede McGarry in the long jump (22-1¼), Matt McGowan in the 10,000-meters (31:17.5), Tom Kalb in the high jump (who beat B-W's Kim Thomas on fewer misses after they both did 6-8), last year's 880-yard dash champion Mark Cook in the 800 (1:53.2) and Mike Becraft in the 5,000-meter run (13:44.4).

Otterbein also fared well as it finished third with 84 points but host B-W finished its lowest spot in over a decade by falling to fourth with 80 points after winning this meet the last two years.

"This was a rebuilding year for us so I really didn't expect us to do much better," said B-W's Paul (Sparky) Adams, who has coached the team the last 20 years. "We graduated 14 seniors last year and had injuries this season."

The meet's two double winners were also named the outstanding field events man and runner, respectively. Rick Meindl, Capital senior from Columbus, took the field award by capturing the shot put in 57-7½ and the discus in 157-3 Saturday. Last season he won the shot in 50-9 but didn't make the discus finals.

Otterbein sophomore sprinter Curtis Whitmore from Springfield won the 100 over Kenny Blace of Wittenberg with a closing blur in 11 seconds to 11.02 for Blace. Then Whitmore came back to win the 200 in 21.8. Both were meet records because this is the first time the OC championships have gone totally metric.

Mount's Ken John successfully defended his triple jump title with a season best and NCAA qualifier of 47-7½.

Other champions were Don Landin of Mount in the 5,000-meter steeplechase in 9:19.7, the B-W quartet of Ralph Willis, Chuck Paschke, Ralph Young and Bill Litten in the 440-yard relays in 0:42.4, Mike Rissell of Ohio Wesleyan in the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.6, Jeff Fox of

Otterbein in the 400 in 48.6, Clint Cuny of B-W in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 53.2 and the Ohio Wesleyan foursome of John Titus, Dan Orr, Robert Steele and Rissell in the mile relay in 3:18.8. Mount had a big enough lead not to be shaken by a disqualification in the mile relay because of a lane violation early in the race.

**HOW THEY FINISHED**—1. Mount Union 119; 2. Ohio Northern 95; 3. Otterbein 84; 4. Baldwin-Wallace 80; 5. Ohio Wesleyan 42; 6. Wittenberg 40; 7. Capital 32; 8. Wooster and Denison, 21 each; 10. Marietta 12; 11. Muskingum 7; 12. Oberlin 5; 13. Kenyon 0.

**LONG JUMP**—1. Dede McGarry (ONU) 21-1¼; 2. Ken John (MTU) 21½; 3. Scott Emerson (MTU) 21-2½; 4. Tony Osai (OBER) 20-11; 5. Fred Lovett (MAR) 20-10½; 6. Gary Maul (ONU) 20-4½.

**10,000-METER RUN**—1. Matt McGowan (ONU) 31:17.5; 2. Mike Becraft (ONU) 31:20; 3. Kevin Meadows (MTU) 31:43-37; 4. Pat Byrnes (OTT) 32:19-68; 5. Sam Quirarte (B-W) 32:23-1; 6. Bob Gold (OTT) 32:43-1.

**SHOT PUT**—1. Rick Meindl (CAP) 53-7½; 2. Bob Hunsaker (WITT) 48-3½; 3. Cliff Kramer (ONU) 48-2½; 4. Dan Malone (CAP) 47-10½; 5. Dave Hamley (MUSK) 46-9; 6. Bill Wasil (WOO) 45-9½.

**DISCUS**—1. Rick Meindl (CAP) 157-3; 2. Tom Hammer (ONU) 147-3; 3. Skip Buckley (WITT) 144-6; 4. Don Glatfelter (DEN) 143-1; 5. Don Bordine (WOO) 132-7; 6. Todd Lamb (WOO) 132-8.

**TRIPLE JUMP**—1. Ken John (MTU) 2. Rick Hebst (WITT) 45-1½; 3. Roger Wienenmiller (OTT) 44-11¼; 4. Fred Lovett (MAR) 44-9¼; 5. Marlin Matthews (OTT) 44-3¼; 6. Bob Tolpas (OTT) 44-2-8.

**HIGH JUMP**—1. Tom Kalb (ONU) 6-8 (fewer misses, NCAA qualifier); 2. Kim Thomas (B-W) 6-8 (NCAA qualifier); 3. Tim Cope (MTU) 6-6; 4. Kim Grover (MTU) 6-6; 5. Craig Norman (WITT) 6-6; 6. Ken Smith (MTU) 6-4.

**5000-METER STEEPLECHASE FINALS**—1. Don Landin (MTU) 9:19.7 (NCAA qualifier); 2. Mike Martin (B-W) 9:25.83 (NCAA qualifier); 3. Jeff Ankrum (OTT) 9:35.04; 4. Mike Haffner (B-W) 9:40.38; 5. Kevin Meadows (MTU) 9:43.46; 6. Jeff Kline (ONU) 9:46.10.

**100-METER DASH**—1. Curtis Whitmore (OTT) 11.0; 2. Kenny Blace (WITT) 11.2; 3. Willie Jofferson (MTU) 11.3; 4. Kevin Brown (OTT) 11.3; 5. Melvin Henderson (ONU) 11.4; 6. John Ansel (DEN) 11.4.

**500-METER RUN**—1. Mark Cook (ONU) 1:53.2 (NCAA qualifier); 2. Tom McIntyre (MTU) 1:54.9; 3. Bob Hazenstab (MAR) 1:55.0; 4. Brad Ranney (OTT) 1:55.4; 5. John Kramer (WITT) 1:55.5; 6. Jim Dawson (B-W) 1:55.8.

**400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES**—1. Clint Cuny (B-W) 53-2; 2. Jim Oman (OTT) 54.7; 3. Greg Bollenbacher (OWU) 54.8; 4. Darvil Gown (WITT) 54.9; 5. Wayne Woodruff (OTT) 55.6; 6. Bob Steele (OWU) 56.0.

**110-METER DASH**—1. Curtis Whitmore (OTT) 21.8 (NCAA qualifier); 2. Willie Jofferson (MTU) 22.4; 3. Nate Wimberly (WOO) 22.4; 4. Bill Jones

(OTT) 22.4; 5. John Konczek (OWU) 22.7; 6. Jon Ansel (DEN) 22.8.

**500-METER FINALS**—1. Mike Becraft (ONU) 14:44.4 (NCAA qualifier); 2. Matt McGowan (ONU) 14:51.7; 3. Bill Reedy (WOO) 14:58.7; 4. Joe Doffson (MTU) 15:22.4; 5. Sam Quirarte (B-W) 15:32.3; 6. Mike Martin (B-W) 15:37.7.

**ONE-MILE RELAY**—1. OWU (John Titus, Dan Orr, Robert Steele, Mike Rissell); 2. B-W 3:21.9; 3. OTT 3:22.9; 4. ONU 3:24.0; 5. WOO 3:26.2; 6. OBER 3:27.3. MTU disqualified.

NOTE: Ohio Conference member Heidelberg College did not compete in the meet because of no qualifiers.