

Panther men race past Eastern for track title

HOW THEY FINISHED

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Western Illinois	60
SW Missouri St.	30
Illinois-Chicago	10

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CEDAR FALLS—Brian Glassmaker ran 14 competitive laps around the UNI-Dome track here Saturday while competing in the mile, 880, and mile relay.

But No. 15 was probably the most satisfying as the University of Northern Iowa senior hoisted the team championship trophy above his head while leading his Panther running mates on a well-deserved victory lap after wrapping up the AMCU-8 Men's Indoor Track Championships here Saturday afternoon.

Northern Iowa, with 84 team points, out-distanced runnerup Eastern Illinois, which had 67, but the final outcome wasn't in the bag until the second-to-last event, which was the 1,000 yard run. Northern Iowa's Paul Egger and Carl Burrell finished 1-2 to clinch the team championship.

Western Illinois finished a close third with 60 points while Southwest Missouri State was fourth with 30 and the University of Illinois-Chicago fifth with 10.

The meet got underway on Friday with several preliminaries and a few finals and concluded here with the remaining finals on Saturday.

FOR THE Panthers, who are under the leadership of first-year coach Chris Bucknam and Assistant Coach Bill Lawson, it was their second straight AMCU Indoor title. Last year's meet was held at Western Illinois and saw the Panthers win by only seven and a half points. And this year's meet was expected to be even closer.

"It was just a great job by these kids," said the jubilant Bucknam, who took over the head track position from Lynn King when King moved up to the take over the chores of Assistant Athletic Director,

After the final event, Bucknam and Lawson both got carried off and ceremoniously dumped in the hosed-down long jump pit. (The water pit of the steeplechase event is usually used for such an occasion but that particular event was not held so the Panther athletes compromised).

NORTHERN IOWA only won four of the 16 events held but balance throughout the meet proved to be the difference for the Panthers.

Troy Becker, a former Columbus of Waterloo prep, got the Panthers their first victory on Friday with his pole vault win. Becker vaulted 16 feet even to tie the AMCU record for that event but it was his fourth-place finish in the long jump that surprised him.

"This was the first time that I have long-jumped in a meet," said Becker. "I am pleased and also a little surprised."

"The pole vault really got us going," said Bucknam. "And the 1-2-3 finish in the two-mile really got us on a roll."

In the two-mile, Northern Iowa's Todd Goodell was first, followed by teammates Chris Loenard and Dan Fick.

The Panthers also won the distance medley relay with Egger, Brooks Glasnapp, Tim Harris, and Glassmaker.

The Panthers had many individuals snare second-place finishes, including John Place (pole vault), Glassmaker (mile), Wayne Simon (triple jump), Eric White (60 high hurdles), Steve Weaver (high jump), Brad Bartelt (440), Glasnapp (800), and the mile relay team consisting of Egger, Glassmaker, Harris, and Glasnapp.

IN THE high jump, both Weaver and fifth-place finisher Jim Kindig of Northern Iowa topped their previous best jumps. Kindig jumped 6-5 and Weaver 6-10.

Weaver forced a jump-off between Ill.-Chicago's Andy Boyce and West-

ern Illinois' Keith Ganson as all three cleared 6-10 but failed on three tries at 7 feet.

The bar was then lowered to 6-11 for one try apiece and then to 6-10 and 6-9, etc. Boyce and Weaver both cleared 6-9 before Weaver bowed out when the bar was raised back to 6-10 as Boyce finally ended the fierce battle.

The Athlete of the Year award was presented to Eastern Illinois' Claude Magee, who won both the 60-yard dash and the long jump. Magee's jump of 25-2 1/4 qualified him for the national's.

"The Coach of the Year award went to Bucknam. "Hey, all I do is put the kids on the track and they do the rest," said Bucknam, who was immediately jeered by his team for being so modest.

"It's the coaching, it's the coaching," they all shouted.

35-POUND WEIGHT THROW—1. Larry Thomassen (E.I.); 2. Marion Matas (W.I.); 3. Roland Brown (W.I.); 4. Jim Lall (E.I.); 5. Chris Juhos (I.C.); 57 1/2.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—1. Northern Iowa (Paul Egger, Brooks Glasnapp, Tim Harris, Brian Glassmaker); Eastern Illinois; 3. SW Missouri St.; 4. Western Illinois; 10:22.5.

LONG JUMP—1. Claude Magee (E.I.); 2. DuBois McDeviss (W.I.); 3. Wayne Simon (N.I.); 4. Troy Becker (N.I.); 5. Derek Huff (W.I.); 25-2 1/4.

POLE VAULT—1. Troy Becker (N.I.); 2. John Place (N.I.); 3. Royce Wood (E.I.); 4. Paul Marline (SW); 5. Tom Lindsey (E.I.); 16-0.

TWO-MILE—1. Todd Goodell (N.I.); 2. Chris Leonard (N.I.); 3. Dan Fick (N.I.); 4. Scott Manforth (SW); 5. Scott Pillsbury (E.I.); 9:27.27.

SHOT PUT—1. Marion Matas (W.I.); 2. Larry Thomassen (E.I.); 3. Jim Lall (E.I.); 4. Jeff Gennaroff (E.I.); 5. Barry Cuveller (N.I.); 51-4.

MILE—1. Brandon White (SW); 2. Brian Glassmaker (N.I.); 3. Drew Geisler (E.I.); 4. Matt Wegenski (SW); 5. Carl Burrell (N.I.); 4:11.27.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. DuBois McDeviss (W.I.); 2. Wayne Simon (N.I.); 3. Derek Huff (W.I.); 4. Rod Wise (N.I.); 5. Jim Kindig (N.I.); 47-10 1/4.

60 HIGHS—1. Rod McMullen (E.I.); 2. Eric White (N.I.); 3. Don Smith (I.C.); 4. Rob Lathrop (N.I.); 5. Derrick Golden (W.I.); 2-8.

HIGH JUMP—1. Andy Boyce (I.C.); 3. Steve Weaver (N.I.); 3. Keith Ganson (W.I.); 4. Curt Brand (SW); 5. Jim Kindig (N.I.); 6-10. (Winner decided in jump-off).

800—1. Claude Magee (E.I.); 2. Greg Anderson (E.I.); 3. Mark Snyder (SW); 4. Chris Chalmers (W.I.); 5. Wendell McCarney; 6:37.

440—1. Ultrasz Dantzier (W.I.); 2. Brad Bartelt (N.I.); 3. Chris Johnson; 4. Mike Stevenson (W.I.); 5. Rich Harmon (SW); 1:34.39.

600—1. Wendell McCarney (W.I.); 2. Brooks Glasnapp (N.I.); 3. Marty Morgan (SW); 4. Keith Adomson (E.I.); 5. Jim Grabie (N.I.); 1:12.87.

880—1. Jim Maston (E.I.); 2. Ken Cook (W.I.); 3. Dave Billman (SW); 4. Brian Glassmaker (N.I.); 5. Brandon White (SW); 1:54.29.

1,000—1. Paul Egger (N.I.); 2. Carl Burrell (N.I.); 3. Don Johnson (E.I.); 4. Matt Wegenski (SW); 5. Tim Harris (N.I.); 2:13.

MILE RELAY—1. Western Illinois (Dantzier, McDeviss, Golden, McCarney); 2. Northern Iowa; 3. SW Missouri St.; 4. Eastern Illinois; 2:21.87.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR—Claude Magee (Eastern Illinois).

COACH OF THE YEAR—Chris Bucknam (Northern Iowa).