



HARD DRIVE — Jack Gutilla (second from left) of Attica drives for the tape at the close of the 180-yard low hurdles in the Class A track and field meet at Mehock Field yesterday. Finishing second to Gutilla is Jerry

Slaughter of Colonel Crawford, hidden behind Gutilla. At left is third-place winner Charles White of Crestview. Gutilla ran the event in 21.4 seconds. (News Journal photo.)

District Class A Notebook:

Wynford Boys Ran As Expected In Win

"There were no real surprises for us," said Wynford Track Coach Nick Kajca yesterday after the Royals won their first Class A district track and field title at Mehock Field.

Reflecting rather soggily before the final event of the meet, Kajca said, "We expected all of the boys who placed to do that but in some cases we thought they would place higher. Some events had us finishing fourth when we thought we would be third or third when we thought we would be second but as a whole it went pretty much as I figured it on paper."

Wynford was leading defending champion Crestview, 45-39, going into the mile relay — the last event — and

needed only a fifth place finish to clinch an undisputed title. Crestview could have tied the meet if it had finished first and Wynford was shut out, but neither materialized. Crestview led a large portion of the race but fell back to second behind Colonel Crawford. Wynford placed fifth.

"Where we really felt that we were hurt was in the 880-yard relay," said Kajca. "The 880 team was unbeaten in major meets this season and had beaten Plymouth before (Plymouth won the event while Wynford was second). We had a bad hand-off between the third and fourth men and that was the race."

Randy Phillips of Ridgemont scored his school's only

points in the meet yesterday and had a unique approach to an attempt to break a meet mark.

Phillips won the high jump event with a leap of six feet, two inches and then put on his sweat clothes and retired to the warmth of Malabar's gym. "I didn't know about the meet record (6-3½). I didn't think I was even close to the record and quit jumping. When I found out what the record was I went back outside to try for it but I was so cooled down that I didn't have a chance." — RAY BROWN.

Crestview made a sweep of the two-mile and mile runs with a first by Ed Slone in the mile and a blue-ribbon

performance by Roger Eichelberger in the two-mile.

Both Slone and Eichelberger were two of very few competitors not bothered by the puddle-strewn track and rain. "I think I run better in this kind of weather," said Slone. "I run all year, first with cross country, then basketball and finally track, so that I'm used to all sorts of weather. As a matter of fact I think the weather gave me an advantage."

Eichelberger was in agreement with his teammate in that "I was able to run my own race. The rain didn't bother me and my time was only four seconds over the best I've run this year."