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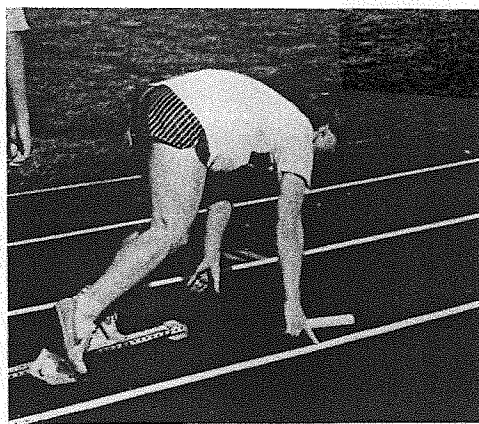
Sprinters: Row 1: T. Smith, J. Wachtel, T. Jackson, S. Fleming, T. Leamen, B. Mayes, C. Loucks, C. Blunt. Row 2: C. Hamilton, A. Hahn, J. Holevoet, C. Gradert, B. Bennington, J. Rogers. Row 3: M. Reade, S. Zobrist, S. Porter, C. Bush, P. Rogers, S. McKibbin.

The boys track team enjoyed an outstanding season this spring accomplishing something that hadn't been done for forty-three years — winning the N.C.I.C. Championship. On Friday, May 13, the Leafs overcame a 45 point projected loss, beating a distant Sterling squad by 34 points. The Leafs also placed first at the Dixon and John McCormick Invitionals. The sophomore squad also earned first place at Dixon.

The team performed well at the Rock Island Sectionals placing in eight events. Placers included: Second - Todd Akers (high jump), Steve Durick (pole vault), and Steve Zobrist (300 low hurdles); Third - Jay Reed (triple jump); Fourth - Phil Walsh (1600 meter run) and Mike Haars (800 Meter run); Fifth - Dean Lewis (high jump) and Jason VanVooren, Adam Boardman, Shawn Alexander, and Justin VanVooren (3200 relay). Advancing to the state meet in Charleston were Todd Akers, Steve Durick, Jay Reed, Phil Walsh, and Steve Zobrist in their respective events.

Team awards were voted on by the team, and the following resulted: Todd Akers (jumps), Mike Haars (distance), Steve Nitz (weights), and Steve Zobrist (sprints); Most Valuable: Phil Walsh; Most Inspirational: Ted Leamen, and most Improved: Mark Reade. Through the season Todd Akers jumped 6' 8" twice and 6' 11" once setting school records. Jay Reed jumped 45' 4 3/4" to set a new triple jump record also. Congratulations to everyone involved on a great track season.

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Bud is set for the gun.



Steve just edges out the competition.

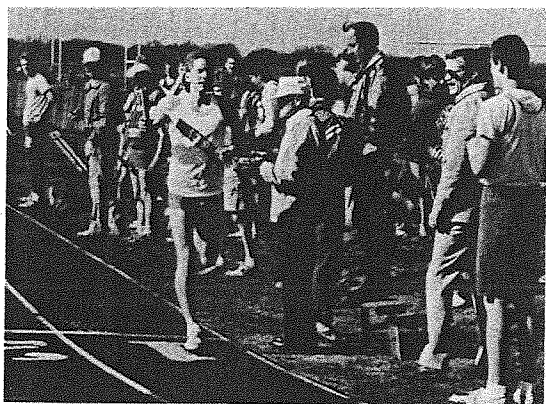


Jumpers: Row 1: D. Lewis, D. Turner, S. Durick, B. Redding, D. Erbst, G. Klopp. Row 2: B. Klopp, D. Evans, R. Kleinou, R. Verbeck, C. Anderson, T. Bjork. Row 3: P. Holder, B. Diercx, J. Reed, T. Akers, T. Erbst, J. McAvoy, R. Edwards, S. Hemm, T. Johnson.

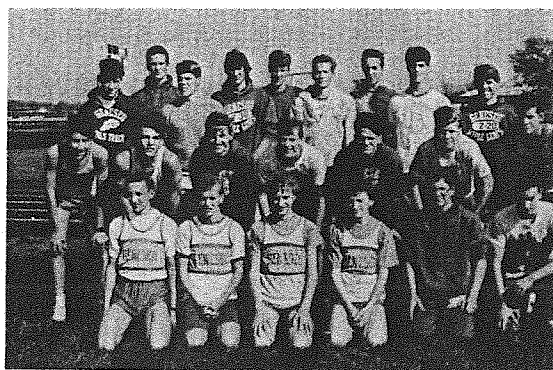
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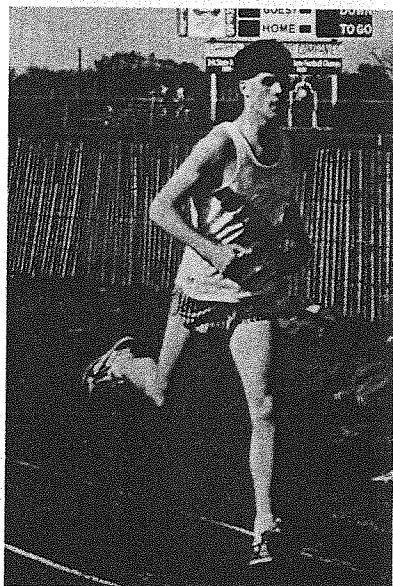
Mike breaks the string in record time.



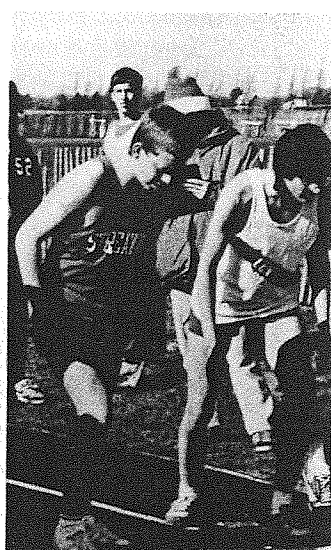
Distance: Row 1: P. Barnes, J. VanVooren, M. Morris, R. Boardman. Row 3: ander, B. Glass, D. Wassell, R. Sheets, J. Pirkil. Row 2: N. Radicic, H. Lowe, B. J. VanVooren, M. Bell, B. Walsh, C. Michaelson, M. Haars, J. Henderson, B. P. Walsh.

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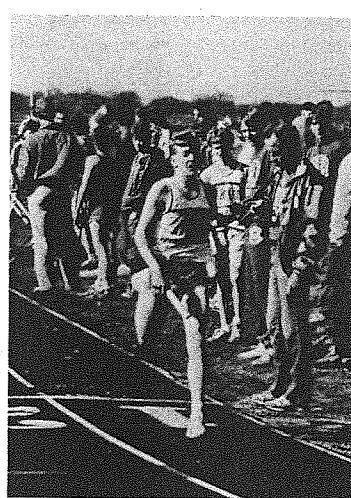
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Barry has a strong finish.



The start is crucial.



Justin finishes the relay in record time.



58 Weightmen: Row 1: M. Plumbly, R. Mitchell, B. Bassier, S. Johnson, D. Zanton. Row 2: K. Swanson, B. Timmerman, R. Griffith, B. Behnkendorf. Row 3: J. Mason, B. Westermeyer, D. Allen, K. Talbot, B. Eaker, K. Pray, C. Seel, C. Neuman.

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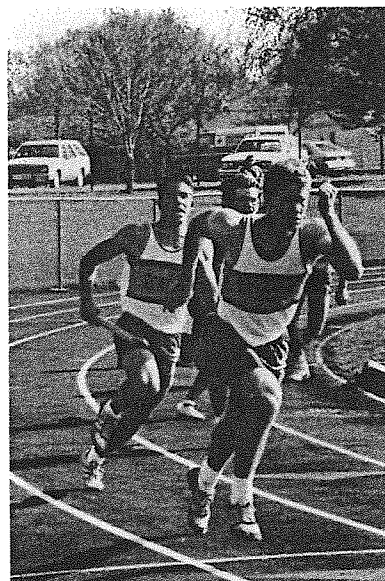
JV runs with the best 1988

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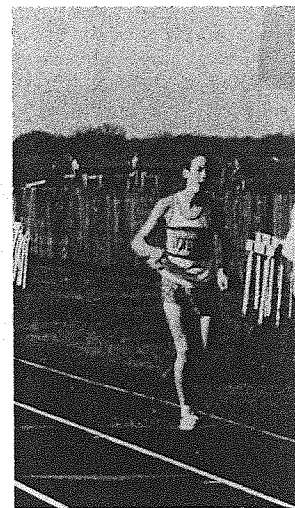
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Polevaulters fly high.



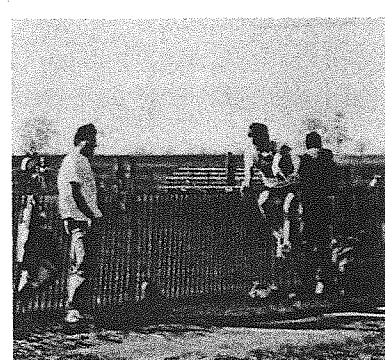
Chad and Brad need a smooth hand-off!



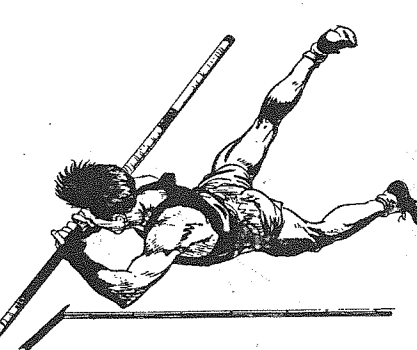
Neil runs alone.



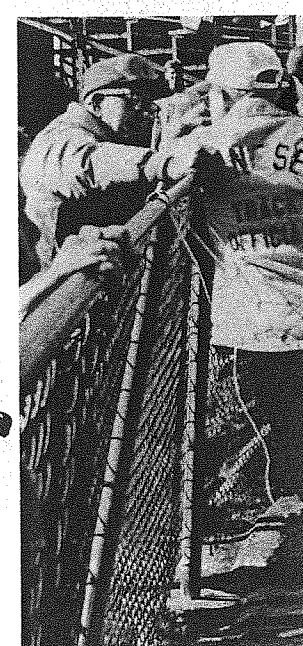
Pat gets lap times from coach.



Will he make it?



Left: The start is always tense.



Right: The officials discuss the finish.