

1944 Michigan HS Boys Outdoor List



These lists are an attempt to recreate an accurate top 10+ list for the season. It is impossible to make an archival list like this 100% accurate, but even an imperfect list will give fans a snapshot of how the season played out and who the major players were. Corrections and old results are welcome. This will be updated whenever I make important changes.

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Sources: ATL, Jim Moyes' state champs research, Waha list, David Woods' *History of Grand Rapids City League*, Newspapers.com.

Needed: more microfilm newspaper research from other areas: Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Monroe, etc, as well as copies of original results.

At left: Monroe's Garion Campbell was the Athlete of the Year. At the Class A State Finals, he won both hurdle races (the lows in a meet record). He was runner-up in the long jump and placed 5th in the high jump. He later starred for Eastern Michigan.

100 YARDS

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| 10.1 | Sam Ellis (Detroit Northern) | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 10.1c | Cleo Caldwell (Detroit Miller)11 | Detroit/East Side (1ft)..... | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 10.1 | Caldwell | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 10.2 | Caldwell | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 10.3 | Ken Shafley (Jackson)12 | Lansing/tri | 4/21/1944 |
| 10.3 | Bob Swain (East Grand Rapids)11 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.3 | Minus Woodruff (Detroit Northwestern)12 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 10.4 | Dick Johnson (Jackson) | Battle Creek/dual | 5/ 2/1944 |
| 10.4 | Bob Vandenberg (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 10.5 | Cheney (Charlotte) | Charlotte/dual..... | 4/27/1944 |
| 10.5 | Dean Ousterhout (Saginaw Hill)11 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.5 | Marvin Grostic (Fowlerville)12 | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.6 | Mason Kelly (Battle Creek)11 | Battle Creek/dual | 4/20/1944 |
| 10.6 | Lawrence (Kalamazoo) | Kalamazoo/dual | 5/ 4/1944 |
| 10.6 | Bob Curley (Manistique)11 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.6 | John Bugbee (Cass City)12 | Bad Axe/Upper Thumb | 5/17/1944 |
| 10.8 | Henry Rolike (Lansing Boys Vocational)11 | East Lansing/D State | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.8 | Stanley Swartz (Vassar) | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |
| 10.8 | Bill Hemes (Escanaba)12 | Iron Mountain/C District | 5/13/1944 |
| 10.9 | Fran Cappaert (Stephenson)12 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 10.9 | Lawrence (Kalamazoo State) | Ypsilanti/Michigan AAU..... | 6/ 3/1944 |

220 YARDS

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|-------|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 22.3 | Bob Swain (East Grand Rapids)11 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 22.4 | Stanley Swartz (Vassar) | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |
| 22.6 | Bud Elve (Grand Rapids Davis Tech)11 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 22.7 | Joe Banks (St Clair Shores Lake Shore) | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 22.7 | Cleo Caldwell (Detroit Miller)11 | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 22.9 | Caldwell | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 23.1 | Minus Woodruff (Detroit Northwestern)12 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 23.2 | Ken Shafley (Jackson)12 | Lansing/tri | 4/21/1944 |
| 23.3c | Bob Vandenberg (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 23.3c | Dan O'Hearn (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)11 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 23.3 | Bob Curley (Manistique)11 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 23.6 | Dick Johnson (Jackson) | Ann Arbor/dual | 5/ 5/1944 |
| 23.6 | Henry Rolike (Lansing Boys Vocational)11 | East Lansing/D State | 5/20/1944 |

440 YARDS

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| 52.4 | Bob Rutila (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 52.6c | Truman Fisher (Detroit Eastern)11 | Detroit/Metro League (a step) | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 52.7 | Jim Morrish (Ferndale)11 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 52.9 | Walter McConner (Detroit Northwestern)12 | Detroit/Metro League (photo) | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 53.0 | Whitey Strickland (Cass City)11 | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |
| 53.2 | Stanley Van Gilder (Niles)12 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 53.2 | Neal Martin (Cadillac) | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 53.4 | Frank Walijewski (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 53.4 | Herb Speerstra (Saginaw Eastern)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 53.5c | Frank Keuhn (Detroit Mackenzie)11 | Detroit/Metro League (photo) | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 53.9c | Reese Bevan (Highland Park)12 | Detroit/Metro League (photo) | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 54.2 | Don Berry (Grand Rapids South)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 54.5 | Philip Mercado (Ann Arbor)12 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |

880 YARDS

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| 2:02.8 | Frank Dyson (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 2:03.6 | Donald Knapp (Battle Creek)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:04.4 | Barnslee Hall (Saginaw Hill) | Saginaw/dual | 5/ 6/1944 |
| 2:05.0 | Don Arnold (Niles)12 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:05.4 | Charles Hackley (Kalamazoo Central)11 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:05.7 | Joe Pray (Charlotte)11 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:05.9 | Tom Dickinson (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:06.6 | Arnold | Dowagiac/Big 7 | 5/ 5/1944 |
| 2:06.8c | Alan Finn (Detroit Northwestern)12 | Detroit/West Side (1ft)..... | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 2:07.4 | Rob Gibson (Grand Rapids Catholic Central)11 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 2:07.8 | Fred Washington (Detroit Pershing) | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 2:08.3 | Wilbert Beattie (Grand Rapids Davis Tech)11john | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 2:09.2 | John Groos (Escanaba)12 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:09.4 | Martin Moulton (Jackson)12 | Ann Arbor/dual | 5/ 5/1944 |
| 2:09.6 | Charles Herrington (Bad Axe)12 | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 2:10.3 | Charles Auten (Cass City)11 | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |

MILE

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| 4:35.1 | John Klever (Grant) | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 4:35.6 | Joe Metz (Detroit Redford)12 | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 4:37.5 | Dick Dombos (Kalamazoo Central)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 4:41.0 | Vernon Pearson (St Joseph) | Dowagiac/Big 7 | 5/ 5/1944 |
| 4:42.8 | Metz | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 4:46.0 | Bill Webb (Detroit Eastern)12 | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 4:46.1 | Roy Williams (Escanaba)12 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 4:47.3 | Harold Koeplin (Saginaw Hill)11 | Saginaw/dual | 5/ 6/1944 |
| 4:51.9 | Edward Makielski (Ann Arbor)11 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 4:52.5 | Ross Posthumus (Grand Rapids Central) | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 4:55.4 | Jones (Jackson) | Battle Creek/dual | 5/ 2/1944 |
| 4:55.9 | George Williams (Wakefield)11 | Houghton/UPC State | 5/20/1944 |
| 4:59.0 | Don (Caro) | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |

120-YARD LOW HURDLES (30")

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| 13.1 | Adam Haughton (Detroit Miller)12 | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 13.3 | Haughton | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 14.1 | Ted Balogh (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 14.1 | Bill Marcoux (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 14.1 | Doug Simpson (Detroit Cooley)11 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 14.1 | Al Noble (Detroit Cooley) | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |
| 14.8 | Clemons (Jackson) | Battle Creek/dual | 5/ 2/1944 |

120-YARD HURDLES (39")

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| 15.2 | Garion Campbell (Monroe)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 15.3 | Williams (Detroit Pershing) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 15.4 | Ben Lee (Detroit Pershing) | Detroit/East Side | 6/ 5/1944 |
| 15.5 | Ralph Rowan (Detroit Miller) | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 15.7 | Ted Balogh (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/West Side | 6/ 6/1944 |

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| 16.0 | Bob Brady (Grand Rapids South)11 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 16.3 | Clyde Hoag (South Haven)12 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 16.3 | Duane Formsma (Wyoming Park)12 | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 16.4 | Jack Hampton (Battle Creek Central)12 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 16.5 | Bob Crepeau (Escanaba)12 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 16.7 | Short (Caro) | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |

200-YARD LOW HURDLES (30")

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| 22.8 | Garion Campbell (Monroe)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 23.7c | Burt Brown (Grand Rapids Creston)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/13/1944 |
| 23.8 | L.H. Williams (Kalamazoo) | Kalamazoo/dual | 5/ 4/1944 |
| 24.1 | Fred Wolters (Ypsilanti Central) | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 24.1 | Bill Bair (Ypsilanti Roosevelt) | East Lansing/C State | 5/20/1944 |
| 24.7 | Bill Haidler (Ann Arbor)12 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 24.9 | Bob Crepeau (Escanaba)12 | Houghton/UPB State..... | 5/20/1944 |
| 24.9 | Paul Odette (Glen Arbor Leelanau School) | East Lansing/D State | 5/20/1944 |
| 24.9 | Pat McKindles (L'Anse) | Houghton/UPC State | 5/20/1944 |
| 25.0 | Don Krueger (Bad Axe)11 | Bad Axe/Upper Thumb | 5/17/1944 |
| 25.0 | Bill MacEachern (Hermansville) | Houghton/UPD State | 5/20/1944 |
| 25.3 | Dick Rifenburg (Saginaw Hill)12 | Owosso/dual | 4/13/1944 |
| 25.9 | Baguley (Caro) | Caro/Tuscola County Champs | 5/26/1944 |

HIGH JUMP

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| 6-2 | George Osborn (Saginaw Hill)11 | Owosso/dual | 4/13/1944 |
| 6-0.75 | Tom Dolan (Hastings)11 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 6-0.75 | Harold Townsend (Hastings)12 | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 6-0 | Osborn | Saginaw/dual | 5/ 6/1944 |
| 6-0 | Jack Hampton (Battle Creek Central)12 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 6-0 | Ted Judson (Ann Arbor)10 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 6-0 | Morris Estee (Lansing Eastern)12 | Lansing/5A Conference | 5/13/1944 |
| 5-11 | Osborn | Saginaw/dual | 4/28/1944 |
| 5-10 | Adam Houghton (Detroit Miller)12 | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 5-9 | Pete Van Eenenaam (Grand Rapids Central)12 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/12/1944 |
| 5-8.5 | Dick Rifenburg (Saginaw Hill)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 5-8 | Jim Lamb (Birmingham) | TVAA | 5/ 1/1944 |
| 5-8 | Tom Woodhouse (Birmingham)11 | TVAA | 5/ 1/1944 |
| 5-8 | Patrick Ankney (Trenton) | Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... | 6/ 3/1944 |
| 5-8 | Harold Vogler (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 5-8 | Ahmed Muthleb (Detroit Northern)12 | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 5-8 | Keith Myers (Detroit Redford) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 5-8 | Dick Bleeker (Detroit Mackenzie)11 | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 5-8 | Jones (Hamtramck) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 5-8 | Dick Robbins (Detroit Central)11 | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |

POLE VAULT

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| 11-10.25 | John Harrower (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... | 6/ 3/1944 |
| 11-9 | Jack Hampton (Battle Creek Central)12 | East Lansing/A State | 5/20/1944 |
| 11-7.75 | Harrower | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 11-7.75 | Chuck Smith (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Metro League | 6/ 9/1944 |
| 11-4.25 | Bob Vosburg (Pontiac)12 | Saginaw/Valley League-A Regional.... | 5/13/1944 |
| 11-3 | Bob Sullivan (Belleville) | East Lansing/B State | 5/20/1944 |
| 11-3 | Wayne Crebo (Escanaba)12 | Iron Mountain/B District..... | 5/13/1944 |
| 11-0.5 | Mike Polovitz (Wakefield)12 | Houghton/UPC State | 5/20/1944 |
| 11-0 | John Minerich (Hermansville) | Houghton/UPD State | 5/20/1944 |
| 10-10 | Donald Lampi (Negaunee)12 | Manistique/Invitational | 5/ 6/1944 |
| 10-9 | Shep Crim (Birmingham)11 | Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... | 6/ 3/1944 |
| 10-6 | William Hill (Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills)11 | Grand Rapids/City-A Regional | 5/12/1944 |
| 10-3 | Charles Atkocunis (Stephenson) | Iron Mountain/C District | 5/13/1944 |
| 10-3 | Al Noble (Detroit Cooley) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 10-3 | Don Pomeroy (Detroit Cooley)12 | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 10-3 | Alan Elmer (Detroit Redford) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |
| 10-3 | Allen Jackson (Detroit Redford) | Detroit/Metro League Semis | 6/ 7/1944 |

10-3 Schmidt (Detroit T?) Detroit/Metro League Semis 6/ 7/1944

LONG JUMP

22-0 Archie England (Grand Rapids South)11 Grand Rapids/City-A Regional 5/12/1944
21-4.5 England East Lansing/A State 5/20/1944
20-9.75 N.J. Hanks (Marysville) East Lansing/C State 5/20/1944
20-8.25 Roy Reardon (Jackson) Lansing/5A Conference 5/13/1944
20-3.5 John Bugbee (Cass City) Caro/Tuscola County Champs 5/26/1944
20-2.5 Lorenzo Wright (Detroit Miller)12 Detroit/Metro League 6/ 9/1944
20-1.5 Fred Quarles (Detroit Northwestern)12 Detroit/Metro League Semis 6/ 7/1944
20-0 Dick Johnson (Jackson) Lansing/tri 4/21/1944
19-7.5 Bob Bruegger (Lansing Eastern)12 Owosso/dual 5/ 5/1944
19-6 Gerald McCoy (Saginaw Hill)10 Owosso/dual 4/13/1944

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47-9 Ted Krzeminski (Detroit Mackenzie)12 Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944
47-6 Dick Rifenburg (Saginaw Hill)12 Saginaw/dual 4/28/1944
46-11 Rifenburg East Lansing/A State 5/20/1944
46-6 Krzeminski Detroit/West Side 6/ 6/1944
46-4.75 Bob Walls (Detroit Redford)11 Detroit/Metro League 6/ 9/1944
45-5.75 Dick Lee (Ypsilanti Central) East Lansing/B State 5/20/1944
44-7 Walls Detroit/Metro League Semis 6/ 7/1944
44-3.25 Bernard Mottes (Iron Mountain) Houghton/UPB State..... 5/23/1944
44-3 Jack Neate (Battle Creek Central)12 Battle Creek/dual 4/20/1944
44-3 Smith (Wayne) Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944
44-1 Rifenburg Owosso/dual 4/13/1944
44-0 Joe McGee (Grand Rapids Creston)12 Grand Rapids/City-A Regional 5/12/1944
43-10 Roy Ethier (Detroit Southeastern)12 Detroit/East Side 6/ 5/1944
43-0 Norbert Manko (Iron Mountain) Iron Mountain/C District 5/13/1944
42-9 Jack Beck (Escanaba)12 Manistique/Invitational 5/ 6/1944
41-9 William Cordell (Owosso)11 Owosso/vs. Lansing Eastern..... 5/ 5/1944
41-11.5 Deane Dingman (Fowlerville) East Lansing/C State 5/20/1944
41-6 John Gillette (Niles)12 Dowagiac/Big 7 5/ 5/1944
41-3 Henry Rolike (Lansing Boys Vocational)11 East Lansing/D State 5/20/1944
40-3 D. Peoples (Gladstone) Houghton/UPC State 5/20/1944

4 x 110-YARD RELAY

45.0 Detroit Miller Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944

4 x 220-YARD RELAY

1:32.2 Detroit Miller Detroit/Metro League 6/ 9/1944
1:32.4 Detroit Miller Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944
1:33.6 Grand Rapids Catholic Central Grand Rapids/City-A Regional 5/13/1944
1:34.1 Detroit Miller Detroit/East Side 6/ 5/1944
1:34.6 Grand Rapids Catholic Central East Lansing/A State 5/20/1944
1:35.1 Detroit Cooley Detroit/West Side 6/ 6/1944
1:35.7 Kalamazoo State Ypsilanti/Michigan AAU..... 6/ 3/1944
1:36.6 St Clair Shores Lake Shore East Lansing/C State 5/20/1944
1:36.8 Birmingham TVAA 5/ /1944
1:37.1 Jackson Lansing/5A League – A Regional..... 5/13/1944
1:38.1 Ironwood Houghton/UPB State..... 5/20/1944

4 x 440-YARD RELAY

3:37.0 Detroit Cooley Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944

4 x 880-YARD RELAY

8:40.5 Detroit Cooley Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944
8:49.0 Pontiac Bloomfield Hills/Cranbrook Relays 5/27/1944

4 x MILE RELAY

19:25.4 Detroit Redford Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944

MILE SPRINT MEDLEY

3:44.9 Detroit Cooley
3:56.8 Trenton

Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944
Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944

SHUTTLE HURDLES

59.4 Detroit Cooley

Detroit/Wayne University Relays..... 6/ 3/1944