

# Arthur Hill Track Team Wins Class A as Rifenburg Stars

Flint Area Competition Lost in Shuffle; John Gundry, Grand Blanc, Offers Best Showing

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East Lansing—The fabulous high school athletic career of Dick (18-point) Rifenburg of Saginaw Arthur Hill came to a close here Saturday as the biggest of the current crop of Lumberjacks powered the Hills to a sweeping victory in Class A competition, as the Lower Peninsula track and field meet resumed after a war-caused lapse of a year.

Rifenburg accounted for 17½ points, by winning the shot put, tying for first in the high jump, placing second in the high hurdles and fifth in the lowsticks as he personally led Arthur Hill to its third State title of the school year. Dick was the big noise in the Lumberjack's conquest of the Class A basketball championship, and he also glittered in the school's victory in the State indoor track meet.

While Rifenburg and his teammates were upholding the Saginaw Valley Conference's prestige in the big cinder show, Flint area competitors were lost in the shuffle of a furious battle for Class B and C headpieces. Flint Central and Northern had to pass up Class A competition because a school strike prevented the thinclads from qualifying at the Regional meet.

The best performance by a Flint area boy was John Gundry's second in the first section of the Class B half-mile. The Grand Blanc runner pulled up from fourth place and finished a good second, trailing the winner by five yards. Caro placed in two events, with Jim Hyde sharing in a 13-way tie for third in the high jump, while Ray Short captured fifth in the low hurdles.

Fenton's Jack Stoddard took sixth in the Class C 100-yard dash, and John Howe sixth in the low hurdles. Michigan School

## Escanaba Gains Another Title

Stephenson, Chassell Triumph on Track

Houghton—AP—Four records were broken and another tied as Escanaba, Stephenson and Chassell won Upper Peninsula high school track championships Saturday at Michigan Tech Field.

Escanaba gained its third straight title in Class B by piling up 57½ points to outdistance the field. Stephenson replaced Newberry as Class C champion by nosing out Gladstone by the narrowest of margins. Stephenson totaled 27 9/10 points and Gladstone had 27 1/5.

Chassell amassed 46 5/6 points in Class D-E to defeat Hermansville, defending champion, which had 40½.

William Eilola of Hancock stepped 220 yards in 24.1 seconds in Class C and Robert Curley of Manistique ran it in :23.3 for records. Michael Polovitz of Wakefield cleared 11 feet ¾ inch in Class C and John Minerich of Hermansville did 10 feet 9½ inches in Class D for pole vault records. Bill MacEachren of Hermansville skimmed the 200-yard low hurdles in :25 to equal the Class D record.

Other team scores:

Class B—Ironwood 36½, Sault Ste. Marie 25½, Calumet 14, Munising 14, Manistique 13, Negaunee 10½, Iron River 4, Kingsford 2.

Class C—Wakefield 17 7/10, L'Anse 16½, Ewen 16, Munising 16, Houghton 14 7/10, Baraga 12, Ironwood St. Ambrose 10, Hancock 8, Crystal Falls 7, Lake Linden 5.

Class D-E—Channing 27, Nahma 19, Greenland 13 2/3.

## District Archery Meet Slated Today

The District State Archery Assn. will hold its first meet of the 1944 season at the Flint Bowmen's roving range on Atherton Road today, with competition starting at 10 A. M. Shooters from all over the State are expected, and the course will be rearranged to give out-of-town archers an equal chance. All shooting will be instinctive.

A picnic lunch is scheduled between halves of the shooting. The public is invited to witness the match.

for the Deaf placed in two events, Arlon Dennison getting third in the 100 after pulling a muscle in the broad jump and withdrawing from that event. Chuck Whitetree won fourth in one section of the 440 for MSD but Bob Stemple bumped into a 2:05.9 half-mile performance and failed to place.

Albert Dorrow of Imlay City landed in a four-way tie for third in the Class C pole vault, and his teammate, Bob Jones, got into a nine-way tie for third in the high jump. Chuck Auten of Cass City placed fourth in one section of the half-mile.

East Grand Rapids won the

## How They Scored

### Class A

Saginaw Arthur Hill 38, Dearborn Fordson 26 2/3, Grand Rapids Catholic 23 5/6, Grand Rapids South 23, Monroe 19, Battle Creek 17½, Kalamazoo Central 13 5/6, Ann Arbor 12 1/3, Ferndale 13, Grand Rapids Central 10½, Grand Rapids Creston 9 1/6, Grand Rapids Davis Tech. 9, Saginaw 8, Jackson 8, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 6 1/6, Holland 6, Grosse Pointe 4, Pontiac 2 5/6, Bay City 2, Dearborn 2, Wyandotte 1, Lansing Eastern 1/6.

### Class B

East Grand Rapids 23 1/5, Niles 22 43/65, Ypsilanti 22, Kalamazoo State 21, Hastings 17, River Rouge 13, St. Joseph 12, Cadillac 12, Ludington 11 45/65, Fremont 11 1/5, South Haven 11, Charlotte 8, Dowagiac 8, Birmingham 7 12/13, Alma 7 6/13, Howell 7 1/5, Belleville 6, Berkley 6, Adrian 5, Alpena 4 6/13, Grand Blanc 3, Caro 2 6/13, Allegan 2 6/13, Mt. Pleasant 2 6/13, Wayne 2, Redford Union 2, East Lansing 1, Three Rivers 12/13, Plymouth 6/13, Lowell 6/13.

### Class C

Fowlerville 33 1/9, St. Clair Shores Lake Shores 28, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 25 1/9, Grand Rapids Wyoming 17½, East Jackson 14½, Romulus 11 13/18, Grandville 13½, Ypsilanti Roosevelt 10, Bad Ave 10, Marysville 9, Grant 8, Algonac 8, Comstock Park 7 1/9, Dundee 6 2/9, Fenton 6, Ewart 6, Marine City 5½, Cass City 5, Michigan Deaf 5, Blissfield 4, Imlay City 3 11/18, Ann Arbor University 3, Paw Paw 3, Tecumseh 3, Oxford 2, Flint Hoover 2, Grand Rapids Lee 2, Reed City 1 1/9.

### Class D

Leelanau School for Boys 54; Bloomfield Hills 52½, Benton Harbor St. Johns 37, Lansing Boys Vocational 30, Bath 28, Galien 11½, Schoolcraft 8, Whitehall 6, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart 5, Grass Lake 4, and Luther 2.

Class B title in a photo finish, nosing out Niles by less than a point, while Ypsilanti and Kalamazoo State were within 2 1/5 points of the leader. In Class C Fowlerville scored by 5 points over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, with Cranbrook in third less than 3 points back. Leelanau School for Boys beat Bloomfield Hills by a point and a half for the Class D laurels.

Lanky, long-striding Bob Swain, a junior from East Grand Rapids, captured both dashes by comfortable margins and the best clockings of the day, then anchored the winning relay team to give his school 23 1.5 points. A 13-way tie in the high jump forced the meet's statisticians to furrow their brains in a tussle with fractions that reached a 65th. Niles had 22 and 43/65th points for second in Class B.

Marvin Grostic's win in the 100 and Deane Dingman's triumph in the shot let Fowlerville's point-manufacturing, while Henry Rolike of Lansing Boys' Vocational gave the meet its only triple winner, capturing the Class D 100, 220 and shot put.

Rifenburg wasn't the meet's top scorer, that honor going to Garion Campbell, speedy Negro from Monroe, who earned all of his school's 19 points with a record-smashing performance in the low hurdles, a first in the highs, second in the broad jump and fifth in the high leap. Campbell did the low sticks in 22.8, exceeding the standard of 22.9 set in 1937 by Perry Mason of Monroe.

A Flint record was the only other meet standard erased, John Klever of Grant legging the Class C mile in 4:35.1, bettering the mark of 4:37.6 set in 1941 by Harold Flynn of Flint Hoover.

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