

Arthur Hill, Ann Arbor Beaten Out

Sprinter Bob Brown Paces Prep Surprise

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EAST LANSING — Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills, a Class B high school which for years has elected to compete with its big brothers in Class A, ended the Saginaw Valley's monopoly of State track and field championships.

Coach Clarence Browner brought seven performers to the finals and all but one helped the Indians roll up 27½ points to win the school's first track and field crown since 1924.

Saginaw Arthur Hill, a pre-empt favorite, barely edged Ann Arbor, 24½ to 24, for second place.

BOB BROWN, an unheralded sprinter, led the early pace for Ottawa and the Farmington City crowd picked up the tempo.

A victory still wide in the morning preliminaries and an afternoon downpour kept Brown from setting any records. But the weather didn't stop him from setting two brilliant triumphs in both the 100 and 200-yard dashes.

His time of 10 seconds flat in the century on a water-soaked track was considered exceptional. He came to capture the 200 in the heavy going in 21.8, just one-tenth of a second off the State record.

A 9.8-second effort in the 100 in his morning preliminary was 14 thousandths of a fluttering wind of 11.2 miles per hour.

Had it been almost, Brown would have tied the oldest record on the schoolboy books, held jointly by George Hester and Eddie Tolan, two sprinters who established the mark in the 1920s.

HIS 200 TIME in the preliminaries was thousands of a second better than Hester's mark, but the prevailing wind kept this potential record off the books, too.

Browner's double constituted the only first places for the Indians, who accumulated their total in seven of the 13 events. Dick Jones helped tremendously, by however, with a surprise second place in the broad jump.

The wind also kept Monroe's Tom Vinger, winner of both hurdles, from establishing a record in English-style hurdles. Vinger barreled over the low sticks in 23.6, but the victory reading was above the 2.5 mph limit.

Horse Armistead, Fremont's fine 440 star, came within three-tenths of a second of the current record on the sloppy oval, winning his race in 104.

Flint Northern, the defending Class A champion, finished a creditable fourth, Saginaw's heavy entry of 16 individuals and two relays washed out.

The Trojan fifth-place finish was a distinct disappointment.

ANN ARBOR University High captured its first Class C title, rolling up 20 points in seven events. Gerald Wolf won both dashes for U High.

Algonac had to accept second place in Class C, but it was through no fault of Jim DeBoyer.

The stocky 185-pound senior was the meet's high individual scorer with 16½ points. DeBoyer grabbed three seconds in the 100, 200 and broad jump and anchored his team's 800-yard relay, which placed second.

Following Algonac, which settled for 22 points, were Lansing Everett 21, Ypsilanti Lincoln 15 and Plainwell 11½.

The rain and wind kept the performers from setting a single record.

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