

# Prep Track Title Shifts

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A complete set of new team champions emerged Saturday in the state high school track finals at East Lansing and Ann Arbor.

When, it was all over after a hectic day in which the preps battled through rain and wind storms, the titlists lined up as follows:

Class A—Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills.

Class B—Cadillac.

Class C—Ann Arbor University High.

Class D—Otisville.

Ottawa Hills was the biggest surprise of the quartet. The Furniture City team came from nowhere to steal away the major-class flag, thus breaking a seven-year monopoly enjoyed by Saginaw Valley League teams.

## ARTHUR HILL SECOND

Ottawa posted 27½ points in besting highly touted Saginaw Arthur Hill with 24½ and Ann Arbor with 24. Flint Northern, the 1950 champ, had 21 points.

Bob Brown with victories in both dashes paced Ottawa Hills which had the depth to offset more spectacular performances.

Several amazing times were produced, among them a 19.6-second performance by Tom Yinger of Monroe in the 180-yard low hurdles. This was eight-tenths of a second under the record, but the mark was voided by a wind of 5 mph.

Yinger also won the high hurdles to emerge with Brown as the only Class A double winners.

## MARKS DISALLOWED

In the preliminaries several "A" marks were topped, but none became official because of an 11-mile wind. Brown raced the 220-yard dash in 21.5 seconds, two-tenths under the record set in 1923 by George Hester of Detroit North. Brown also tied Hester's 100-yard mark of 9.8 seconds.

Rice Point's Jim Reindel was clocked in 20.3 seconds in the low hurdles, while Bud Smith of Shepherd races 220 yards in 22.5, a tenth under the Class C mark.

Cadillac, led by Dale Stevens, ran up 33 6-7 points with Mt. Pleasant second with 19, and Ecorse tied for third with Ludington at 17. Stevens took seconds in both hurdles.

## INDIVIDUAL STAR

Junior Stielstra of Ludington annexed individual laurels with victories in the low hurdles and broad jump and a third in the high hurdles. His 20.6 second mark in the low equaled the state mark.

Gerald Wolf won both the sprints in leading Ann Arbor U. High home on top. Jim DeBoyer was second in both the sprints and placed second in the broad jump as well to keep Algonac in the running. Ann Arbor had 30 points, 8 more than Algonac.

Otisville piled up 45 points to beat out Benton Harbor St. John, last year's winner, which compiled 39. Bob Willingham starred for the champs, taking seconds in the high hurdles and pole vault, a tie for second in the high jump and a fourth in the broad jump.