

### GADGET KEEPS 4-TIME VICTOR GOING

# M Trainer 'Saves' Prep Hero

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The ingenuity of Jim Hunt, University of Michigan athletic trainer, and a one-in-a-thousand chance that clicked enabled Ray Eggleston to reach a prized goal.

Eggleston became the first high school athlete in 20 years to win four events in the State track finals. The East Jackson star won the high and low hurdles and the high and broad jumps.

The 24 points he amassed were just enough to give EJ a tie for the Class C team title with Ann Arbor University High, the defending champion.

EGGLESTON HAD just returned home Friday from a senior trip to Niagara Falls. He went over to the school to loosen up and bruised a heel as he hit the broad jump board.

In a preliminary Saturday morning Eggleston clipped a

hurdle with the bruised heel. Despite the pain he went on to qualify in both hurdles and win the high jump.

During the noontime intermission Hunt took Eggleston under his wing.

Hunt had devised a plastic protector for Wolverine trackmen which relieves the pressure and pain from just such heel bruises.

"Milt Mead, our high jumper, was in Chicago with our track team but had left his spare protector behind," said Hunt.

"It was a one-in-a-thousand chance that Milt's protector would fit, but it was worth the try.

"It was fortunate for Ray that the protector fit him for it takes at least 24 hours to make one."

THE BEST performance on the mud-churned oval was turned in by Bay City's Don Whitbrodt, who splashed to a 4:38.3 mile. Whitbrodt finished a stride ahead of Ypsilanti's Jim Seidl.

Their terrific kicks in the final 50 yards cost the Catholic League a prized upset.

Finishing 10 yards behind in third place came Bernie McGavin, of DeLaSalle, who led for two laps. It was the best showing for a LaSalle athlete in the school's brief track history.

Saginaw won its sixth Class A title in eight years with 21

points. Bob Pildner was the only victor for Saginaw, winning his 880 in 2:04.2.

THE CLASS A finish was so close that seventh place Jackson High finished only five points behind the victorious Trojans.

Coach Chris Jensen, of Jackson, saw his hopes disappear when Hurdler Dale Griffin was struck across the mouth accidentally by an opponent's arm at the start of the 120-yard high sticks.

HAD GRIFFIN won this event, as he did the 180-yard lows, Jackson could have been the winner instead of an also-ran.

Alonzo Harris, of Pontiac, won both the 100 and 220, placed fifth in the broad jump and anchored his relay team to score 15 of his team's 19 points, good for second place.

At East Lansing Roseville won its first title in history, leading the Class B field with 33 points.

Bob Zimmerman won both the broad jump and 220 for Roseville. Brethern claimed the Class D crown with 46 2/5 points.

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