

Good Showing in Class A Finals

B'ham Tracksters Place 3rd In Class A State Finals

The cream of Michigan's prep tracksters battled it out Saturday on U of M's Ferry field at Ann Arbor for the team and individual state championships. With a large crowd and the uncommon sunny weather, Pontiac's jet propelled athletes ran off with the state meet for the class A title with a decisive point spread of 61 against second place team Flint Northern with 26.

Birmingham's thinclads registered a third place standing in a large field of 50 schools with a 23-point total. In Saturday's running, the Maples did some record breaking of their own by erasing two Birmingham school records in the low hurdles and the one-mile run.

SENIOR CO-CAPTAIN Joe Kidwell established a new school record of 20.1 seconds in the low hurdles, breaking his own time of 20.9 which he set last year in the central college relays. Besides placing second in the low hurdles at the state finals, the four-year track veteran also took a third in the high hurdles.

The grueling mile event was a real thriller with most of the field bunched together for three of the four laps. On the last turn Maple's Wuggazer started his bid by cutting out from the middle of the pack and reached the leaders by racing-up on the outside.

In the final stretch, it was a neck and neck battle between Wuggazer and Steve Rhoades of Grand Rapids Ottawa who sprinted ahead to win in the final time of 4:33.6

Right on his heels was Wuggazer, just a few seconds off with a time of 4:34.0. This time beats the old Birmingham school record of 4:41.8 made by Bill Hickman in 1948.

AT THE POLE VAULT pit, it

was a closely contested affair with seven boys in a deadlock for first place honors. No one could break the tie, so all seven shared first with a leap of 11-ft. 6 in.

Two of the seven winning pole vaulters were Birmingham boys, Ron McCrumb and Bill McFarlan. Gaining other points for the Maples was senior Howard Didier who ran the half mile in 2:03.3 for a second place in his division.

This time was the second fastest ever recorded by a Birmingham half mile. Record is held by Quentin Brelsford who ran 1:55.4 in 1938.

STATE TRACK MEET Class A

Pontiac	61
Flint Northern	26
BIRMINGHAM	23
Lansing Sexton	20 1/2
Kalamazoo Central	18
Bay City Central	15
Alpena	12
Saginaw Arthur Hill	10
Muskegon	9
Berkley	8
Monroe	8
Ann Arbor	6 1/2
Grand Rapids Ottawa	6
Detroit St. Joseph	6
Muskegon Heights	6
Saginaw	6
Muskegon Catholic Central	6
Battle Creek	5
Niles	5
Dearborn	4



HE SOARS THROUGH THE AIR with the greatest of ease. Birmingham's Ron McCrumb shared the first place position with six other pole vaulters at a mark of 11-ft. 6 in. in the class A state finals. The annual track and field classic was held at Ferry field on the campus of the University of Michigan. Joining McCrumb in the pole vault event was Bill McFarlan of the Maples who also gained a part of the first place multi-tie. Birmingham's squad won third position in a group of 50 high schools.