

# Fumbled Baton Scares Denby

*Tars Win Title by Point  
After Post-Meet Debate*

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Denby High won its first track championship Thursday in a blank finish with arch-rival, Pershing, 44 to 43, but only after the Tars sweated out 10 anxious minutes after messing up a baton exchange in the 880-yard relay, final event of the day.

IT TOOK A lengthy investigation by Referee Dave Beauvais and about every other official on the track to finally determine that it was Lee Goud, running anchor for Denby, and not some other relay member who finally picked up the baton and finished

Bob Manning, of Western, won both dashes and tied the league's 230-yard record of :21.7.

Both distance stars, Denby's Jerry Bocci and Redford's Doug Carroll, won as expected. Bocci won the mile in the fine time of 4:27.1 while Carroll turned in a sharp 1:59.2 effort in the 880.

In addition to Bocci Denby got winning performances from only two other starters.

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the race for the vital point which gave Denby the title at Sawyer Field.

Another question, which had to be settled was whether the dropped baton had been recovered within the exchange zone. Fortunately, for Denby, the rulings favored the Tars in both instances.

Had Denby been disqualified, Pershing's fourth-place finish in the relay would have tied the Doughboys with Denby and given Pershing the title for having beaten Denby in the final relay.

PERSHING COULD credit hurdlers Paul Jones and Oscar Warren for even being close to Denby. Jones won both events and Warren picked up a second in the highs and a third in the lows. Together they accounted for 21 of their team's points.

Bob Harrington came up with a sizzling :59.5 winning effort in the 440 and Jerry DeHenu ended in a three-way tie for first place in the pole vault with his best leap of the season, an 11-4 performance.

Miller finished third to give the East Side the first three places as all 19 schools entered broke into the scoring column.

## Savoldi Honored For Track Work

EAST LANSING — (J.P.) — Joe Savoldi, Jr., a son of the former Notre Dame football star, has been named the outstanding member of Michigan State University's 1956 track team.



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