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Detroit Area Preps Pace Class B Meet

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EAST LANSING, May 24. — Jim Drake and Willie Prewitt, a pair of Detroit area preps, claimed individual honors here today in the state Class B high school track finals. But the team title went to an unheralded outstate school.

Drake, an all-around athlete from Lake Orion, scored 16 points to top all individual performers, while Prewitt, the Willow Run flash, was one of the meet's two double winners.

East Grand Rapids, a school that hasn't lost a dual track meet in five years but has done little in previous state finals, edged favored River Rouge in the last event to earn the team championship.

Drake's only victory came in the 100-yard dash where he was clocked at 10.1 seconds. He placed second behind Prewitt in both the 220-yard dash and the broad jump, however.

Prewitt broke state records in both events, but only one was allowed. His 21.6 time in the 220-yard dash bettered the old mark (set in 1945) by 2/10ths of a second. A strong tail-wind caused it to be ruled out.

Prewitt leaped 23 feet, 2 3/4 inches to break the former state mark by one foot, one inch. The previous record (22 feet, 1 3/4) was established by Dave Hill, of Ypsilanti in 1949. Drake jumped 21 feet, 10 7/8 for second place position.

East Grand Rapids won only two events, but scored heavily

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in most of the races. Rollin Douma took both the 120-yard high hurdles and the 180-yard low hurdles for the new state champions. His 19.3 time in the low hurdles beat the state record, but again too much tail wind caused it to be disallowed.

Willow Run probably contributed indirectly to River Rouge's downfall by winning the final event, the 880-yard relay. East Grand Rapids was second and Rouge third. Naobassa Poe, Mel Austin, Otis Harrison and Pre-witt were timed at 1.31:8.

Rouge, which a year ago bowed to St. Joseph could muster only two individual triumphs today. Everett Griffin placed first in one of the 440-yard run heats and the Rouge medley relay team of Sam Young, Bob Miller, Art Welch and Warren Corless, won with a clocking of 2.33:5.

East Grand Rapids scored 30 3/8 points to 29 for Rouge. Willow Run was third with 21 1/2, while Lake Orion tied Kalamazoo University School for fourth with 16. Ecorse, only other Detroit area school among the leaders, tied for 11th place with 11 points. Larry Horgan, of Big Rapids, broke the state pole vault record, clearing the bar at 12 feet, 5 1/4. He bested the previous mark by one inch.

Winners in other events were: Roger Humbarger, of Grand Rapids Godwin, in mile (4.39:3); Sam Hughes, North Muskegon, high jump at 6 feet 1, and Tom Brown, Kalamazoo University School, shot put, 52 feet 8.

Here's how other Detroit area boys finished:

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES - Second, Don Gardner, River Rouge, sixth, Bob Peterson, Romeo.

180-YARD LOW HURDLES - Second John Broadnax, River Rouge; third, Art Welch, River Rouge.

220-YARD DASH - Fifth, Bill Gokenbach, South Lake.

440-YARD RUN - Second in heat No 2 Stephen Smallwood, Lutheran West.

880-YARD RUN - Third in heat No. 1, Dick Williams, Cranbrook.

MEDLEY RELAY - Fourth, Cranbrook, sixth, Ecorse.

880-YARD RELAY - Third, River Rouge sixth, Clawson

POLE VAULT - Tied for sixth, Leo Fantene, Center Line, and Mike Pyne, Servite

HIGH JUMP - Tied for third, Charles Jackson, Willow Run, tied for fifth, Fantene, Center Line

BROAD JUMP - Sixth, Henry Jefferson Ecorse

SHOT PUT - Fourth, Douglas Graham, Cranbrook, sixth, Richard Harland, Lowrey

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