

# Posts 50.3 Mark In State Finals

EAST LANSING—Sam McMurray of Muskegon Heights didn't have the fastest time in the state track and field finals at East Lansing, but he wasn't pressed too much in winning his division of the 440 yard dash. His time of 50.3 seconds broke his own Greater Muskegon record, set earlier in the season at 50.7 seconds and was the third time this season he has been under 51 seconds.

One other Greater Muskegon athlete won a first place as local and Lake Michigan Athletic Conference athletes failed to place high in the Class A meet. Mickey Pickle, pint-sized Muskegon High pole vaulter, climbed over 12 feet six inches, and just narrowly missed the next height. He settled for a four-way tie for the top.

Meanwhile, Southeastern Michigan schools dominated the meets at East Lansing, for Class A, Ann Arbor for Class B and Mt. Pleasant for Classes C-D.

Flint Northern broke a seven year jinx of second best finishes by winning the Class A meet in East Lansing with 32½ points, compared with runnerup Flint Southwestern's 24 points.

Detroit's Lutheran West walked off with the Class B title with a hand full of competitors at the state meet in Ann Arbor. Lutheran took firsts in four events and scored a total of 35 points to second place and defending champion Ecorse's 30.

In the Class C and D runoffs in Mount Pleasant, Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Michigan School for the Deaf earned the laurels.

Michigan Lutheran scored 27 1/5 points to secure the Class C crown, while MSD tallied 41 points by scoring in seven of 13 events for the Class D trophy.

Northern last won the Class A meet in 1953, then spent seven consecutive years falling short into second place trying to repeat. It got an important six points in winning the final running event of the day—the 880-yard relays — in 1:31.3 to regain the championship.

Ferndale's Dorie Reid was the only double winner in the Class A competition. Reid ran the 100-yard dash in :09.9, a tenth of a second slower than the meet record, and repeated with a 1:57.2 in the 880-yard run. New records were set by Pontiac's Bredell Pritchett in the shot put and John Saw of Flint Central in the 880-yard run.

A record 85 teams were entered in the 54th annual Class A event. Ferndale finished third with 19½, Waterford fourth with 16 and Royal Oak Dondero was fifth with 15.

Detroit Lutheran West took an early lead in the running events at Ann Arbor. Their firsts came in the 180-yard low hurdles, the 120-yard high hurdles, the 100-yard dash and the shot put.

Clio's Gordon Morey wiped out a 21-year-old Class B meet mark by running the mile in 4:25.6, 12 seconds off his own previous best time. Other meet records were established by Paul Holmberg of Cass City in the 440-yard dash (48.8) and Lutheran West's Jim Vogler in the 180-yard low hurdles (19.6). Several others were disallowed because of a wind blowing gusts up to 10 miles an hour.

Four Class D records were shattered at Mount Pleasant, two by Centreville competitors in the jumping events. Chuck Washington high jumped 6 feet 2¾ inches to break the meet record by four inches and teammate Gary Tesman pole vaulted 11 feet, 10 and 5/8 inches to better the old mark by 4½ inches.

Other records were set by Schoolcraft's Randy Johncox in the shot put with a 53 feet, one and ½ inch toss, and Lawton's Neil Browne, who cut six seconds off the mile run record at 4:36.3.

### CLASS A (Muskegon)

Pole vault—Mickey Pickle (four-way tie for first) 12 feet 6 inches.  
Broad jump—Sam Moore (6th).  
(Muskegon Heights)  
100-yard dash—Joe Parham (4th).  
440-yard dash—Sam McMurray (1st).  
Time: 50.3 (new Greater Muskegon record).  
(Grand Haven)  
One-mile run—Dave Merwin (2nd).  
(Traverse City)  
120-yard high hurdles—Scott Hummel (5th).

### CLASS B (Ludington)

440-yard dash—Jim Sisko (2nd).  
Shot put—Tom Larson (2nd).  
(Whitehall)  
880-yard run—Tom Schaff (2nd).  
(Fremont)  
Pole vault—Harold Holcomb (tie for 2nd).

### CLASS C (Reeths-Puffer)

Mile relay—Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (tie for 6th).  
220-yard dash—Larry Botbyl (5th).  
180-yard low hurdles — Ron Guy (6th).  
880-yard relay — Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (4th).  
Pole vault—Bob Curtiss (1st), height: 11 feet 9 inches.

## Toronto Italian Wins Bike Race

## Hopma Is Champion Of Region

HOLLAND — Holland High School's tennis team took the Regional Tennis Tournament honors Saturday by defeating favored Muskegon 15 to 13½.

In the semifinals, held Friday, Muskegon's singles champion Byron "Butch" Hopma bested Gary Teall of Holland 6-3 and 6-2. Coming back in the finals Hopma defeated Benton Harbor's John Lamb 6-2 and 6-0 to win Regional honors.

Muskegon's doubles team of Rick Erickson and Bill Kooiman lost a heart-breaker to Holland's Tom Essenburg and Duane Wiersma in their first set 11-9 and then lost the second set 6-2 in the finals.

Coach Dave Olson's team had just won the LMAC Championship last week and in order for them to take the Regionals, had to win both the singles and doubles events.

Muskegon will be sending their ace singles man Hopma, and doubles men Erickson and Kooiman to Kalamazoo this coming weekend to compete in the State Tournament.

The Conference teams and scores: Holland 15, Muskegon 13½, Benton Harbor 5¼, Niles 4¾, St. Joe 3¼, Muskegon Heights 2¼, Muskegon Catholic 1 and Grand Haven ½.

## Sets New Record in Pole Vault

BOULDER, Colo. — (UPD) — George Davies of Oklahoma State tickled the bar with his chest on the third try here Saturday to break the world pole vault record owned by Don Bragg of Villanova.

Davies cleared 15 feet, 10¼ inches to top Bragg's effort by a full inch.

Davies' record-smashing performance came during the Big Eight track and field championships at the University of Colorado's Folsom Field.

Davies, a 6-3, 190-pound sophomore from Phoenix, Ariz., also took the Big Eight title from defending champion J. D. Martin of Oklahoma with a 15-foot vault. Then he cleared an added 4¾ inches to break Martin's old conference record.

On his next try, Davies went for 15 feet, 10 inches. Twice he knocked the bar from its perch, but the third attempt saw the bar waver only slightly as he chest brushed it and he sailed over. Precise measurements later revealed he had topped the record-breaking height.

Officials at the meet said they expected the mark to be accepted as breaking the record set by Bragg at Stanford, Calif., during the U.S. Olympic trials last July 22.

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