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Nine Marks Shattered In Class A

Total Of 15 Marks Fall In Michigan

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Michigan's youth is running faster and jumping higher — and the state's track record book is getting a wholesale revamping as a result of the 1963 high school championships.

Fifteen of the 52 existing records were broken Saturday in the four prep classes at the annual down state championships and three were equalled.

The Upper Peninsula also had its share of the record smashing with 12 marks bettered and three more tied in 39 events in three championship meets.

Leading the record breakers were the Class A athletes who smashed nine marks in the championship meet at East Lansing won by Flint Northern.

Among the outstanding performances was the fastest high school mile in Michigan history, a 4:13.2 romp by Detroit Eastern's Lou Scott. He broke his own mile standard of 4:17.4 set last year and his new record came in the fastest mile run by a high school student this year in the United States.

River Rouge's powerhouse added the Class B track championship to the school's basketball crown by running away with its meet at Ann Arbor. The Rouge piled up 52 points, doubling runner up East Grand Rapids' total.

Lansing Boys Training School didn't win a single event, yet picked up enough points for the Class C title at Mount Pleasant. Boys Training with 18 1-6 points nipped Vandercook Lake, which had 17.

Michigan School for the Deaf won its third straight Class D crown at Mount Pleasant. Brethren was second.

In the Upper Peninsula, Pickford extended Michigan's longest championship dynasty by capturing its 12th successive Class D crown. Kingsford won the Upper Peninsula Class A-B crown and Ontonagon won in Class C.

Falling by the wayside at East Lansing was one of Olympic medal winner Hayes Jones' Class A hurdle marks. Ernie Long of Flint Central, runner up in the Class A team standings, ripped over the 120-yard high hurdles in :14.2 seconds. It was two-tenths of a second faster than Jones' time for Pontiac Central in 1956.

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