

Tipton Hard Worker

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MOUNT PLEASANT — Bill Tipton is a nice guy to talk to but a hard guy to catch.

The Pontiac Central High speedster set two Central Michigan Invitational Track Relays Saturday then admitted modestly.

"The hurdles events are a real challenge to me. No matter how much ability a runner has he still has to work hard."

AND TIPTON has been doing that according to his coach Dean Wilson who was an assistant coach when another Pontiac great Hayes Jones was developing into one of the finest runners in the country.

"It's hard to compare Tipton with Jones," smiled Wilson whose team won its fifth Relays title by whipping Central for the second straight year.

"Tipton and Jones are different types of hurdlers and that was 10 years ago."

TIPTON IS A better man over the hurdles and has much better technique but then Hayes developed tremendously between his senior year in high school and his freshman year in college."

But Tipton, a mild mannered, polite senior, is making Pontiac fans forget about Hayes.

He broke all Hayes' high school records as a junior and went on to win both the state high and low hurdles.

"Bill has been working out on the college hurdles all winter and I'll have to admit he looks pretty good," said Wilson.

"**HE'S GOT TO** be the fastest in high school," said an awed spectator after Tipton had moved away from a fast 65 yard hurdle field to win easily.

"Actually I have trouble with my start," said Tipton who, like Jones, hopes to someday make the United States Olympic Team.

"After about the first five hurdles I'm okay.
That might be the understatement of the year.



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