

### Doug Smith E Old Mark in

St. Francis Gladiators capped their finest sports year ever, Saturday when they tied Harvard for second place in the Class C state track finals at Central Michigan University. For a good portion of the meet the Gladiators had a good shot at the Class 1' state title.

The winner, Lansingburg, chalked up a total of 30 points in the meet with the results of the 100 yard dash and the 200 yard dash essentially determining the 1967 champion. St. Francis and Hartford tied for second place with 24 points each.

Lansingburg picked up a first and sixth in the 100 yard dash for 14 points and a first and eighth in the 200 for nine more and these two events accounted for 23 of their 39 points. Winner in both events, Dave Carroll, was the defending champion and his two firsts meant 11 points for the new champion.

St. Francis had its moment of glory in the morning when Doug Smith set a new state record in the long jump. His 22 ft. 6 1/2 inches erased the mark of 22 ft. 6 1/2 inches set by Alvin Smith of Paw Paw in 1925. That record had stood for 21 years, until last Saturday.

The Gladiators took a third in the 800 yard relay with Doug Smith, Ed Dierker, Joe Schmitt and Pat Carroll running the four legs and they were ninth in the mile relay, with Joe Schmitt, John Wainhold, Gary Kraemer and Pat Carroll running in this event.

In addition to winning the long jump Doug Smith added a fifth in the 100 and a seventh in the 200 to complete St. Francis scoring.

The local team went into the meet in poor physical condition and did exceptionally well in spite of the handicap.

### Area Athletes Do Well in Finals

Several other athletes from northern Michigan made a fine showing in the state track finals with Steve Jay's 4:28.3 in the 4 mile, one of the top events of the day. Jay and Jack Nervo of Gaylord ran 1-2, just as they did in the Class C regionals here last week but Jay had the stronger finishing kick and won by five yards over his rival.

Troy Elliot of Elk Rapids ran the fastest time of the season in taking a fourth place in the two-mile run, covering the eight laps in 10:25.5 minutes.

Steve Smith, who finished second in last week's regional here, took a second in the state finals in pole vault with a 12 ft. 3-inch clearance. He was tied with four others at this height, but had fewer misses.

In Class D, Manistowic took an eighth in the 500-yard relay, Donny Dome of Northport ran a 4:11.1 for an eighth in the mile run and Roger Conroy of Brethren was sixth in the 100 with a 10.7 time.

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