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FLINT CENTRAL PREP ONLY REPEATER

ON THE NEWS' ALL-STATE TRACK TEAM

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Herb Washington, the fleet-footed sprinter from Flint Central who again won both Class A 100 and 220-yard dash titles in the state high school track meet at Ann Arbor Saturday, is the only repeater among 20 individuals selected for The Detroit News' 1968 All-State track team.

Washington, who signed a Michigan State tender, equalled the 100 record of 9.8 seconds in his state title sprint sweep.

Washington is one of 13 state champions on The News' sixth annual All-State squad. The other individual choices are Detroit Ford's Mike Holt in the 440, Detroit Kettering's Roger Cleaver in the 880, Kalamazoo Loy-Norrix' miler Gary Harris, Grosse Pointe two-miler Richard Gross, Pontiac Central high hurdler Bob Johnson, Grand Rapids long jumper Clarence Ellis, Middleville shotputter Gary Van Elst and Waterford pole vaulter Larry Biskner.

The individual group is supplemented by Ecorse's mile relay foursome of Marion Pittman, Cleo Turner, Art Small and Danny Hague.

Other All-Staters are Dearborn's Doug Gerdes in the low hurdles, Battle Creek Central's Eugene Brown in the 220, Farmington high jumper John Mann and Flint Northern's 880 relay foursome of Willie Polk, Charles Montgomery, William Wallace and Tom Hamlett.

Coach of the Year honors were accorded to state Class A champion Battle Creek Central's Jack Finn. Battle Creek now has won three state track titles in four years, previously dominating in 1964 and 1967 under Finn's guidance.



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12 RECORDS SET, 3 OTHERS EQUALLED
IN STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK MEETS

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Twelve records were set and three others tied in the state high school track championships in Class A at Ann Arbor, Class B at East Lansing and Class C-D at Mt. Pleasant over the weekend.

Battle Creek Central took the Class A crown on a 37 1/2 point total to Flint Central's 33. Mike Holt, of Detroit Ford, set one of four marks with a 48.8 in the 440 and Roger Cleaver, of Detroit Kettering, posted a 1:53.0 mark in the 880.

Grosse Pointe's Richard Gross set a record 9:18.3 for the two-mile and Ecorse accounted for the other mark, a 3:20.5 for the mile relay.

Defending champion Herb Washington, of Flint Central, repeated in both sprints, tying a record of 9.8 for the 100 and winning the 220 in 22 seconds. Seven others share the 100 record. Waterford's Larry Biskner tied the other meet record with a pole vault of 14 feet, 6 1/2.

In Class B, Bay City John Glenn took the crown on 42 points to Detroit East Catholic's 36. Detroit St. Anthony was fifth with 21. Northville's Ron Gloetzner pole vaulted a record 13 feet 7, Kalamazoo Hackett's Mike Whitfield had a 19.3 mark in the low hurdles and Flint Bendle's Paul Baldwin a 9:40.1 in the two-mile.

DeWitt won Class C on 41 points to Akron Fairgrove's 32, while Unionville topped Class D with 43 points to Mendon's 29.

Middleville's Gary Van Elst tossed the shotput a record 63 feet 7, Hartford's Jim Olds pole vaulted a record 12 feet 11 1/2 and Elk Rapids' Tracy Elliott set a mark of 9:56 for the two-mile.

The Detroit News' final track listings, with a minimum of at least 20 in each event, will be compiled June 10.

The All-State group includes two juniors, Holt and Small, and one sophomore, Polk. Two of Ecorse's mile relay unit also have received scholarship offers. Hague has signed an MSU tender and Pittman plans to attend Arizona.

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ALL-STATE TRACK TEAM

RUNNING EVENTS

100--Herb Washington, Flint Central	'One-Mile--Gary Harris, Kal. Loy-Norrix
220--Eugene Brown, Battle Creek Central	'Two-Mile--Richard Gross, Grosse Pointe
440--Mike Holt, Detroit Ford	'Low Hurdles--Doug Gerdes, Dearborn
880--Roger Cleaver, Detroit Kettering	'High Hurdles--Bob Johnson, Pontiac Central

FIELD EVENTS

Long Jump--Clarence Ellis, G.R. Central	'Shot Put--Gary Van Elst, Middleville
High Jump--John Mann, N. Farmington	'Pole Vault--Larry Biskner, Waterford

RELAY EVENTS

880 Relay--Flint Northern (Willie Polk, Charles Montgomery, William Wallace and Tom Hamlett)	'Mile Relay--Ecorse (Marion Pittman, Cleo Turner, Art Small and Dan Hague)
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COACH OF YEAR -- Jack Finn, Battle Creek Central

100-YARD DASH

('67 Best, 9.4 -- Class A, 9.8)
 Herb Washington, Flint Cent. 9.4
 Wm. Wallace, Flint Northern..... 9.5
 Gene Brown, B. Crk. Central..... 9.7
 Ed Watkins, Flint Southwestern.....w9.7
 James White, Highland Park.....w9.7

220-YARD DASH

('67 Best, 20.7 -- Class A, 21.4)
 Herb Washington, Flint Cent. 21.0
 Wm. Wallace, Flint Northern..... 21.0
 Gene Brown, B. Crk. Central..... 21.6
 Bob Woodruff, Rochester..... 21.6
 Willie Polk, Flint North.n21.7

440-YARD RUN:

('67 Best, 48.9 -- Class A, 48.8)
 Jerry Miller, B. Crk. Central..... 48.7
 Mike Holt, Ford..... 48.8
 Dwight Walls, Ypsilanti.....n48.9
 Roy Dukes, Flint Southwestern..... 49.4
 Art Small, Ecorse.....n49.5

880-YARD RUN

('67 Best, 1:53.1 -- Class A, 1:53.0)
 Roger Cleaver, Det. Kettering..... 1:53.0
 Dwight Walls, Ypsilanti..... 1:53.8
 Mike Imirie, Blmfld. Andover.....n1:53.9
 Danny Hague, Ecorse.....n1:54.5
 Bob May, Dearborn.....n1:55.6

ONE-MILE RUN

('67 Best, 4:15.7 -- Class A, 4:13.2)
 Gary Harris, Loy-Norrix..... 4:19.0
 Dave Galloway, Waterford..... 4:20.0
 Gary Williams, Farmington.....n4:20.9
 Steve Gorsalitz, Clio.....i4:21.0
 Jon Costello, Pontiac Central.....n4:21.5

TWO-MILE RUN

('67 Best, 9:22.2 -- Class A, 9:18.3)
 Rick Gross, Grosse Pointe..... 9:18.3
 Jake Snell, East Lansing..... 9:25.0
 Mark Cobleigh, Fraser..... 9:29.4
 Warren Krueger, Hazel Park..... 9:29.5
 Larry Williams, Farmington.....n9:30.0

880-YARD RELAY

('67 Best, 1:28.0 -- Class A, 1:28.8)
 Battle Creek Central..... 1:27.9
 Flint Northern..... 1:28.6
 Kalamazoo Central..... 1:29.2
 Flint Central..... 1:30.0
 Highland Park..... 1:30.0

120 HIGH HURDLES

('67 Best, 13.3 -- Class A, 13.9)
 Andy Johnson, B. Crk. Central..... 14.1
 Bob Johnson, Pont. Central..... 14.2
 Tim Blach, Madison..... 14.3
 Dave Wendell, Liv. Stevenson..... 14.4
 Chuck Mansell, South Lake..... 14.4
 Doug Gerdes, Dearborn.....n14.4

180 LOW HURDLES

('67 Best, 18.1 -- Class A, 19.0)
 Bob Johnson, Pontiac Central..... 18.9
 Andy Johnson, B. Crk. Central..... 19.0
 Doug Gerdes, Dearborn.....n19.0
 Tim Blach, Madison..... 19.1
 Mike Whitfield, Kal.Hackett(B).... 19.3

SHOT PUT

('67 Best, 63-10 -- Class A, 60-4 3/4)
 Gary Van Elst, Middleville(C)..... 63'7
 Steve Nelson, B. Crk. Central..... 59'2
 Ralf Reinchenbach, Akron-FairgroveC57'6
 Gary Pankner, Waterf'd Kettering..i57-½
 Stu Hanley, Lansing Sexton..... 56'11

POLE VAULT

('67 Best, 14-6½ -- Class A, 14-6½)
 Larry Biskner, Waterford..... 14-7
 Dan DeLong, Loy-Norrix..... 14-3½
 Gene Lee, Fl. Northern..... 14-2
 Walter Terry, Pont. Central..... 14-1
 Ron Gloetzner, Northville (B)..... 13-7

LONG JUMP

('67 Best, 23-3 3/4 -- Class A, 23-8 7/8)
 Dennis Johnson, Kal. Central.....i23-9½
 Clarence Ellis, Gr.Rap.Cent(B).... 23-5 3/4
 Lloyd Hoke, Highland Park..... 23-4½
 Thermond Kirkland, A.A.Pioneer.... 23-2½
 Wayman Jackson, Mackenzie.....22-10 3/4

HIGH JUMP

('67 Best, 6-8 -- Class A, 6-8)
 John Mann, North Farmington..... 6-8½
 Russell Carson, Flint Central..... 6-6
 Mike Katauskas, Davison..... 6-6
 Calvin Carver, Kal. Central.....i6-5 3/4
 Kevin Wickliffe, Davison..... 6-5

ONE-MILE RELAY

('67 Best, 3:22.3 -- Class A 3:20.5)
 Ecorse.....3:20.4
 Dearborn.....3:20.5
 Midland.....3:21.4
 Battle Creek Central.....3:22.4
 St.Clair Shores Lakeview.....3:22.9

KEY

(B) - Class B School
 (C) - Class C School

w - wind-assisted

n - non-winning
 i - indoors