

### Hurdlers Lead Grand Rapids

# Battle Creek Track Team Repeats as Class A King

By JOE VANDERHOFF  
ANN ARBOR—Grand Rapids high school track athletes failed to win any first places in the state Class A track finals but came through with several sparkling low hurdle performances as Battle Creek Central annexed its second straight championship before 5,000 fans at Ferry Field here Saturday.

Ottawa Hills' Larry Donston, outstanding junior hurdler, captured fifth place in the 180 lows with a 20.5 effort while Creston's Mel Jones was a close sixth on a 20.6 clocking to highlight the Furniture City delegation's showing against a starting field of more than 500 athletes, representing 90 schools.

In claiming its third state Class A championship in the last five years, Battle Creek Central, winner of the Six-A Conference crown, totaled 37½ points. Flint Central was a close second with 33, followed by Pontiac Central with 29. Flint Northern was fourth with 28 tallies. Dearborn had 26, Ecorse 25, East Lansing 17, and Kalamazoo Central 16, while Highland Park and Redford Union tied for ninth with 15 points apiece.

Strong Ottawa Hills, the Furniture City track champion in both dual and city meet competition, led the West Michigan contingent with seven points. Grand Rapids Catholic Central totaled four while Creston had three. Muskegon, East Grand Rapids, Traverse City and Grand Haven failed to score.

Flint Northern suffered a big blow when its 880 relay team, which had set a new state record, was disqualified for cutting in a lane too soon during its record-smashing performance. The disqualification cost Northern 10 points and it moved Battle Creek from second to first in the event. Flint Northern's relay unit had been timed in 1:28.5 to better the old record of 1:28.8. Battle Creek's time was 1:29.1.

However, Battle Creek also narrowly escaped a disaster when its mile relay team, in the last even on the program, dropped the baton before 5,000 fans on the first exchange, forcing the champs to lose out in the first 10 places in that event.

While Grand Rapids failed to win a blue ribbon in the star-studded classic, its trackmen did come through with several outstanding feats.

Ottawa's 880 relay squad of Bob Murray, Chuck Matthews, Donston and Aldon Campbell came home eighth with a 1:31.4 clocking. The Indians finished second in their heat and eighth overall for their three points.

Catholic Central's points were scored by miler Jim Empie and husky Bob Polakovich in the shot put. Empie totaled three points with a sixth place on a time of 4:27.5 in the mile. Polakovich entered the shot put finals and ended eighth with a 53.9-1/2 toss with the 12-pound iron ball.

Four new records were set on a sunny, windy afternoon while two other marks were tied.

Larry Bickner of Waterford Township tied the pole vault mark of 14-6½ inches set by Grand Haven's David Letner last year in the "A" finals at East Lansing.

The long-existing 100-yard dash

record of 9.8 was equaled by Flint Central's sensational sprinter, Herb Washington. George Hester of Detroit Northern first set the standard in 1925 and Washington was the seventh one to equal the mark in the last 44 years. Washington also won the 220-yard dash in 22 seconds flat.

Grosse Pointe's Richard Gross, 5-7 senior, set a two-mile mark of 9:19.3 in establishing the first record of the afternoon he did the final 440 lap of the event in a blistering 62 seconds.

The 880-record also went by the books when Roger Cleaver of Waterford Kettering was clocked in 1:53 flat. The old record of 1:53.1 was set by John Mack of Mt. Clemens in 1967.

Dearborn Henry Ford's Mike Holt was timed in 48.8 for a new record in the 440. Last year, Lorenzo Montgomery of Detroit Southeastern ran the distance in 48.9.

In the final event of the afternoon he did the final 440 lap of the event in a blistering 62 seconds. Art Small and Danny Hague was

timed in 3:20.5 to better the previous mark of 3:21.6 set by Detroit Pershing in 1960.

Battle Creek Central captured only one first place on the road to the championship, but had two runner-up positions in the sprints from Eugene Brown, flashy all-state Class A halfback, who ran the century in 10 seconds and the 220 in 22.3.

Brown's two second place

handed the state champs 14 points.

State Class A Track Summary

ANN ARBOR (AP)—Summaries of Class A High School Track and Field Meet at University of Michigan Saturday.

Two mile run—1. Richard Gross, Grosse Pointe, 9:19.3, state record, old record 9:25.2. Eugene Brown, Battle Creek Central, 9:30.3. Robert Carpenter, Jackson Parkside, 9:31.3.

High jump—1. Russ Carson, Flint Central, 6 feet 6 inches. 2. John Mann, North Farmington, 6-5. 3. Phil Selby, Jackson Parkside, 6-4.

120-yard high hurdles—1. Robert Johnson, Pontiac Central, 14.4. 2. John Morrison, Detroit Redford Union, 14.6. 3. Douglas Gerdes, Dearborn, 14.7. (Judges placed Johnson first.)

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220-yard dash—1. Herb Washington, Flint Central, 22.0. 2. Eugene Brown, Battle Creek Central, 22.3. William Wallace, Flint Northern, 22.4.

880-yard relay—1. Roger Cleaver, Kettering, 1:53.0, state record, old record 1:53.1. 2. Eugene Brown, Harper Woods Notre Dame, 20:2. 3. Eugene Narbut, Wyandotte, 20:2. Placings by decision.

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Long jump—1. Lloyd Hoke, Highland Park, 22-feet-4. 2. Therman Kirkland, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 22-feet-2. 3. Dennis Johnson, Kalamazoo Central, 22-feet-1. 4. Larry Bickner, Waterford Township, ties record, Dave Letner, East Lansing, 22-feet-2. 5. Don Deona, Kalamazoo Lov Norrick, 13-feet-10.

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## Sullivan's Open UBL Card Today

The 1968 edition of the Sullivan's Furniture baseball squad, liberally sprinkled with youth to complement its veteran roster, opens the United Baseball League campaign Sunday afternoon against the Muskegon Civics in a 5 p.m. game at Valley Field.

Veteran right-handed pitcher Mike Bramble will start on the hill for the Sullivan's, but Manager Bob Sullivan does not intend to have Bramble hurl the distance in a season opener.

Two newcomers to Sullivan's mound corps, Bruce Imhoff and Paul Veltkamp, will take their hurling turns against the Civics Sunday, according to Sullivan. After Bramble has worked the early innings.

## State Class B Track Summary

EAST LANSING (AP)—Summaries of Class B State High School Track and Field Meet at Michigan State University Saturday.

High jump—1. Ron DeVries, Erie-Mason, 6 feet 3 inches. 2. Bill Coors, Vicksburg, 6-1. 3. Roger Dealer, Muskegon Oak Ridge, 6-1. 4. Bill Barry, Sturgis, 6-1. 5. Tom Newhof, Grand Rapids East Christian, 6-1. (Placing decided on few misses.)

Two mile run—1. Paul Baldwin, Flint Bendle, 8:40.4, state record, old record 8:42.0. 2. Jim DeWitt, Bay City John Glenn, 8:41.3. 3. Charles Clippett, Royal Oak Shrine, 8:42.0. 4. Joe Day, Grand Rapids Northview, 8:42.0. 5. Bob Filion, Royal Oak Shrine, 8:42.0.

880-yard relay—1. Detroit East Catholic (AI Henderson, Jeff Sinclair, James Carter, 1964), 20:1. 2. Bay City John Glenn, 20:1. 3. Lansing Gabriels, 20:1. 4. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 5. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 6. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 7. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 8. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 9. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1. 10. Grand Rapids Northview, 20:1.

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## Van Elst Sets Shot Mark

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## DeWitt Wins Class C Track Title; Unionville 'D' King

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP)—Way back in second were Men- set a state record, running the Showing a consistent balance don and Pentwater, which had two - mile event in 9:56. The mostly in field events, DeWitt 29 points each. former record of 10:07.1 was held by Duane Temple of Fulton in 1967.

Three C Marks Fall  
Unionville took a first in the 880-yard relay, seconds in the two-mile run and the 120-yard run, and thirds in the 220-yard dash, 190-yard dash and the mile relay.

In Class C, new state records were set in three events and were set in another. In the long jump, Mike Clark of New Haven leaped 22 feet, 10.05 inches to tie the record set by Doug Smith of Traverse City in 1967.

Unionville, which has less than 1,000 residents, and is located in Michigan's thumb area, put with a heave of 63 feet, 7 inches last year, his record 1965. Tracy Elliott of Elk Rapids

Second place went to the team of Bob Kirchgessner and Cal Owen with a 146. Third place was captured by Syd Shank and Walter Goodspeed, who shot 148. George Young and Harry Goodspeed combined to card 150 for fifth-place honors.

Low gross in Class A was won by Kirchgessner with a 77. Class B low gross was captured by Larry Bickley, who shot an 83, and Class C was a tie between Bill Fowler and Frank Neuman, each scoring a 92.

At Green Ridge  
Jack VanEss rifled a 76 to tie Val Blech for Class A low gross honors at Green Ridge Country Club Saturday.

Low net in Class A was a triple tie between George Gilmer, Jack Baker and Bob Gilner, each firing a 72.

In Class B, low gross went to Dick Ziski, who shot a 79. Bob at 69. Roest also won the putting, had 67 for low net.

Jerry Mooney had a 93 to win Class C low gross laurels while Finley Lake had a 72 to win low net.

At Forest Hills  
Al Terrell and partner Ken Tarbell combined for a 62 to take the opening-round lead in a 36-hole, full handicap, best-ball tournament at Forest Hills Country Club Saturday.

One shot off the lead in the two-day event were the teams of Jerry Hutton-Maury Will, Don Strayner-Bud Wildern, Dick Laird-Paul Grabritz, Earl Stittler-Bill Overly, and Jim Epoon-Don Bergstrom, all at 63.

The final 18 holes of the special event will be played Sunday.

At Cascade Hills  
Herm Fles carded 18 pars to win top honors in a most pars, full handicap golf event at Cascade Hills Country Club Saturday.

Frank Barnes, Earl Gillette, John DeVries and George Tygielski each shot 15 pars for runner-up honors.



—AP Wirephoto

HUSKY BOB POLAKOVICH of Grand Rapids Catholic Central strains mightily as he competes in the shot put event in Saturday's state Class A track and field meet at the University of Michigan's Ferry Field in Ann Arbor. His toss of 53-9½ gained him eighth place. Battle Creek Central won to repeat as state Class A track champion.

## Grand Rapids Central Fourth

# Bay City Glenn Trackmen 'B' Kings Without First

EAST LANSING (AP)—Bay Grand Rapids Central fourth City John Glenn, a school that has been competing in varsity track for only three years, won the Class B State High School Track and Field Meet team title at East Lansing Saturday without taking a single first place.

"We did it strictly on team depth," said coach Bob Beaumont. "We have a great bunch of fellows who work well together."

"I think I'll send a wire to John Glenn," the coach said, referring to the astronaut. "I'm sure he will be proud of the school we named after him."

John Glenn took the title with second places in the point-rich 880-yard and mile relays a second in the shot put, two thirds in the 120 - yard high and 180-yard low hurdles and a fourth in the 440-yard run.

Detroit East Catholic placed second with 36 points, Kalamazoo Hackett was third with 35½.

Grand Rapids Central established two new school records with 33, and Detroit St Anthony scored one first place in the state capturing fourth spot in the state Class B meet.

Joe Day, Central's long-legged miler, set a new school record in the mile, finishing second in the distance run with a time of 4:30.3. This bettered his previous school mark he set Thursday evening in the City League meet at Houseman Field.

Central's mile relay team of Bob Rosema, Chris Marchand, Day and anchor man Eddie Edwards set a school record with a clocking of 3:27.6 and made the new standard even tastier by winning the event.

Clarence Ellis and Edwards accounted for the remainder of Central's points. Ellis won the long jump with a leap of 23-1 and placed fifth in the 100-yard dash. Edwards finished fifth in the 440 race.

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