

## Superior in 5 Track Finals

# Class B Preps Outshine

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Whether its football, basketball or track—you name the sport, the better performances normally come from the Class A teams and individuals.

The reasons are many: more talent, greater competition, better coaching and facilities, etc., give the Class A performer the edge.

Yet Saturday five Class B and one Class C performance in state track and field championships were superior to the Class A variety.

The day was bright and sunny in East Lansing, Ann Arbor and Mt. Pleasant where the four-class field was split, but the Class B contestants at the University of Michigan had one big edge. The Class B schools competed over an all-weather track which has to be a second or two faster under any conditions.

**THE BIGGEST** upset in Class A came in the high jump. The "A" high jumper went to sophomore Campy Russell of Pontiac Central at 6 feet, 4 inches.

Brad Miller of Sturgis in Class B and Dennis Adams of Newaygo in Class C both high jumped 65 or better to set class records.

Tim Drumhiller of Riverview even bettered Redford Union's John Morrison's Class A time in the high hurdles. Drumhiller won the Class B event in 14.2, while Morrison was clocked in 14.3.

Frank Bennett of Oscoda, another Class B champion, won the 100-yard dash in 9.8. Ken James of Mackenzie, his counterpart in Class A, was timed in 10 seconds flat.

**BENNETT** undoubtedly got better footing and greater speed on Michigan's cement and rubber cushioned track than James could expect to get on a soft, scuffed-up cinder track such as Ralph Young field.

Class A performances also

were beaten in the pole vault and long jump, neither of which have been a strong suit in state Class A circles this season.

John DeJonge of Grand Rapids Central Christian went 22 feet, 5½ inches to win in Class B long jump, while the Class A title went to Roland Garcia of Pontiac Central in 22-3½.

**DAVE BOYER** of Fremont, who has been on the school-boy tour all spring with stops at Mansfield and Central Michigan, won the Class B pole vault in 14-1¾ inches.

Mark Whittaker of Flint Southwestern triumphed in Class A at 13 feet, 9¾ inches.

The day's two most impressive records, however, belonged to Class A performers.

**Kevin Reabe**, a junior at Waterford Kettering, won the 880 in 1:52.7 while Mike Holt of Detroit Henry Ford successfully defended his 440 title with a record-breaking 48.3 effort.

Team titles were won by Redford Union in Class A, Ecorse in Class B, Reading in Class C and Grass Lake in Class D.

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