

Western Wins 1st Track Title

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All the odds were against Western High when coach Don Smith called his first track and field practice back in January.
There was no track to start with, little in the way of tradition and Western hadn't scored a point in the Public

School League finals the year before.
But all was forgotten in the wild jubilation which followed Thursday's rags-to-riches victory in the PSL finals at Henry Ford.
THE COWBOYS reign as league champions and never

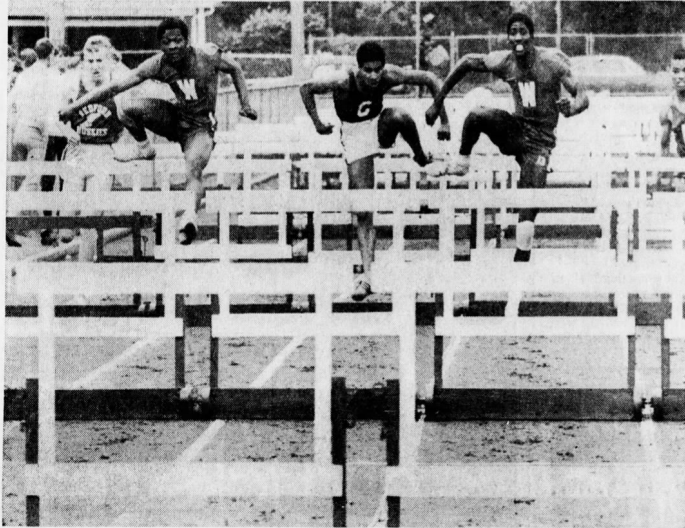
before has a Western track team lived so high off the hog.
"I went to Western in the 50s," said Smith, "and it seems to me there was an indoor title somewhere around 1940."
J. L. Cooper, athletic director at Henry Ford who served

at Western for a number of years, said it was the Cowboys' first track title.
WITHOUT A cinder track the Cowboys did their running and practicing in shaded Clark Park, but it wasn't easy setting up your hurdles in between the trees.

And it was in the hurdles that Western niled down this title Thursday with 56 points to 50 for runnerup Kettering.
Floyd Jenkins won the 120-yard high hurdles in a flicker finish with teammate Bob Cox. Willie Odey of Denby won the lows after Jenkins hit a hurdle and placed second with Cox taking fourth place.

How They Finished

Western	56	Mumfords	50
Kettering	50	Central	12
Cass Tech	36	Cooley	14
Denby	34	Chadsey	7
Northern	34	Mackenzie	7
Northwestern	30 1/2	Cody	9
Henry Ford	27	Northwestern	1 1/2
Redford	24	Kino	3
Pershing	22	Oshtemo	1
Southeastern	22		



HIGH TIMBER faces Floyd Jenkins, of Western (left) who won the high hurdles with teammate Bob Cox (right) second. Bill Pender of Cass Tech, in the middle, finished third.

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JENKINS played it cool in the lows. Hitting that hurdle might have thrown him off stride completely but he recovered enough to regain his footing and take second money. That meant that Western picked up 30 of its 56 points in the hurdles.
No other school had dominated quite so completely in any other event.
Mike Holt, the state's 440-yard champion, did what a coach Les Carlson said he would do when he dropped into the sprints and won both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

"How can you say the dashes are his strongest event when every time he runs the quartermile he sets a state record?" asked Carlos of Holt.
"He's going to make someone a whole of a football halfback," said Michigan assistant George Mans.
Denby's Ron Phillips drew glances from a galaxy of college recruiters on hand when he slipped a 1:55.4 half mile. In fact, it was Phillips' time which came the closest to any record in the 46th renewal of this meet.

SHOT PUT: 1-Rain Powell, Northwestern; 2-Metee Orango, Chadsey; 3-Bernard Adams, Mumfords; 4-John Bales, Henry Ford; 4-Larry Pitt, Johnson, Northern; 4-Jeff Dawson, Cass Tech; 5-Chris Johnson, Osborn; 5-Lee Patrick, Kettering; 6-David Thurman, Burlington, Kettering; 6-John Sacha, Henry Ford. Time: 155.4.
POLE V-AULT: 1-Nils Christensen, Northwestern; 2-Wendell Fletcher, Westford; 3-Mike Morrison, Western; 4-Luther McCann, Mumfords; 5-Ken Bergman, Cooley; 6-Ron Vander, Denby. Height: 12 feet.
100-YARD DASH: 1-Mike Holt, Henry Ford; 2-Marshall Dill, Northern; 3-Groover Baxter, Southeastern; 4-Henry Dickerson, Central; 5-Robert Garth, Kettering; 6-Carlos Woods, Mackenzie. Time: 22.3.
220-YARD DASH: 1-Mike Holt, Henry Ford; 2-Marshall Dill, Northern; 3-Ricky Ross, Southeastern; 4-Lawrence Lovelace, Northwestern; 5-Darrel Arnold, Mackenzie. Time: 22.1.
MILE RELAY: 1-Katherine (Myron) Hammons, Willie Sims, Howard Butler, Howell Woods; 2-Danby; 3-Mumfords; 4-Northern; 5-Redford; 6-Martin Luther Kino. Time: 3:25.7.
800-YARD RUN: 1-Ron Phillips, Denby; 2-Metee Orango, Chadsey; 3-Bernard Adams, Mumfords; 4-John Bales, Henry Ford; 4-Larry Pitt, Johnson, Northern; 4-Jeff Dawson, Cass Tech; 5-Lee Patrick, Kettering; 6-David Thurman, Burlington, Kettering; 6-John Sacha, Henry Ford. Time: 1:55.4.
440-YARD DASH: 1-Dallas Keeler, Central; 2-Merrill Hammons, Kettering; 3-Grant Thomas, Western; 4-Darwin Mosley, Mumfords; 5-Thomson Miles, Martin; 6-James Luther King; 6-Stanley Vinson, Chadsey. Time: 22.3.
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100-YARD HIGH HURDLES: 1-Floyd Jenkins, Western; 2-Bob Cox, Western; 3-Bill Pender, Cass Tech; 4-Walt Williamson, Pershing; 5-Peter Hutchinson, Redford; 6-Homer Gaines, Mackenzie. Time: 1:5.

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