

# DePorres Wins Catholic League Track Title

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St. Martin DePorres High capped a perfect track and field season Saturday winning the Catholic League's First Division title for the first time in history.

A two-time state Class C champion, DePorres came up with a pair of double winners in Alan Baker and Jan Abrams to add a Catholic title to its state Class C crown two weeks ago.

On the same day and on the same track Ann Arbor St.

Thomas won his final Catholic League Second Division crown. The Irish, under coach Don Canham II, were competing in their final event in the league and will go into a new conference next fall.

IT IS THE first season for Fred Wright as coach at DePorres but there was no big celebration Saturday night. "There isn't a quarter in our athletic budget," said Wright. "We can't even buy the kids hamburgers and french fries."

Baker won both the high and

low hurdles and Abrams the 100 and 200 for DePorres. DePorres piled up 61 points to far outdistance second place U-D High with 39 points. DePorres is one of the league's smallest schools but the kids from the inner-city were the who

DePorres got first place finishes also from Tom Duncan in the high jump and from its 880 and 440-yard relay teams.

The meet's only individual

record belonged to Jim Baumgartner of U-D High who was clocked in 1:56.2 in the half mile.

Len Lillard of Ann Arbor St. Thomas, who is only a junior, set Second Division records in both the high jump and shot

put. Ken Richard won both Mark Chioine captured both hurdles for St. Thomas, and the 440 and 880 runs.

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## One Prep Champ Still in Running

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Royal Oak Kimball remains as Michigan's only defending state baseball champion.

Kimball, the Class A king a season ago, and Western, the runnerup, both advanced in Saturday's district play on a perfect baseball Saturday across the peninsula.

Kimball, now 25-7 on the season, eliminated both Brother Rice and Royal Oak Dondero in Saturday's action. In the district finals Kimball pitcher Kevin Smith pitched a 4-0 shutout against Dondero despite giving up eight hits. A three-run third inning won it for Kimball as Don Brownie, John Knox and Smith all delivered clutch singles.

WESTERN, 20-1 a season ago and 13-0 to date, ousted Cass Tech, 11-5, in the semifinals and came back to conquer Kettering, 2-1, in the finals behind the three-hit pitching of Stan Simmons. Ed Gates' bases loaded single in the seventh won it for the Cowboys.

Flat Rock eliminated Class B champion Carleton-Airport,

3-2; Center Line St. Clement, bowed to Yale, 4-0; while Ann Arbor St. Thomas, which won a season ago in Class D, was ousted in a pre-district game by Lourdes, 3-2.

Bishop Gallagher, the 1971 Class A champion now competing in Class B, made noteworthy progress Saturday.

Dan Fitzgerald, who was injured earlier in the week and sustained a groin injury, came back to pitch a three-hitter as Gallagher conquered Madison, 9-1, in the semis.

THEN GALLAGHER defeated Lutheran West in the finals, 2-0, on Todd Hubert's three-hitter as Gary George, playing with a cast on a broken wrist, crashed out a two singles and a double.

Jim Hornfeld's grand slam homer in the 10th enabled Riverside to advance with a career Kettering, 2-1, in the finals behind the three-hit pitching of Stan Simmons. Ed Gates' bases loaded single in the seventh won it for the Cowboys.

Our Lady of the Lakes made the regionals in Class D as Jeff Morris pitched a five-inning no-hitter to blank Rochester Lutheran, 13-0, and his brother Chris Morris, came on to hurl a 7-0 one-hit victory over University Liggett in the nightcap.

Sacred Heart of Dearborn won its third straight Class C district shutting out St. Alphonsus, 1-0, behind Roland Morency's six-hitter. Gary Ferenchick squandered home the game's only run.

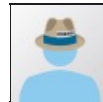
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Royal Oak Kimball 4, Royal Oak Dondero 0  
Ford 5, Mackenzie 4  
Grosse Pointe South 4, Grosse Pointe North 2  
Warren 2, Kettering 1  
Ann Arbor Pioneer 4, Westland John Glenn 0  
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