


Jim Stokes has come a long way since his first outdoor track meet in 1973.



The 17-year-old senior at Flint Kearsley High School broke his ankle in the pole vault, limped through the season but, with hard work, recovered to win the state meet with a leap of 14 feet, 3 inches.

Last week, the 5-foot-10, 150-pound vaulter became the first prep in Michigan indoor history to surpass the 15-foot standard with a jump of 15 $\frac{1}{4}$  at the Huron Relays and is honored with a Free Press salute.

**Jim Stokes**

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