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# Class B Prep Track Finals Produced Good Efforts



Photo by JOE HARTMAN

Mason's state champion Randy Fox cuts loose with a mighty heave in shot put.

Never have so many state prep champions undergone coronation in a single afternoon as were crowned Saturday.

It was that day of days, the Michigan High School Athletic Association track and field championships for boys and girls.

AND A beautiful day it was, too — even if you disregard the sunny, mild weather.

What else could you call thousands of athletes, competing man-to-man and woman-to-woman, but beautiful?

As has been the MILWAUKEE habit for many years, boys' events were scheduled in the afternoon. For the first time, there were the classes of competition for girls.

THE RESULT was the awarding of 63 team championships, plus individual and relay team titles in 82 events.

That's a whole lot of winners. And every prep man or

woman among them can honestly say he or she is the best. A lot of them even claim, with considerable pride, no doubt, to be the best in more than one event.

A good many can go one step further and proclaim themselves the best ever in their specialty and class.

ONE of the great things about track and field is that the athletes of the past can be measured against those of the present with no uncertainty. The record book takes care of that.

The book doesn't take into account modern improvements like the all-weather track and the fiberglass pole, no matter how good the athlete is, per cent fallible.

But, the real "modern improvement" can be found in the physical capabilities of the athletes themselves.

BY VARIOUS means, just browse through the statistics of the state final events.

You'll find it is a host of records established Saturday.



Coach looks after injured runner



It was, as this photo illustrates, an interested and enthusiastic crowd that witnessed Saturday's Class B state track finals

## But Chiefs Capture 'A' Track Crown No First Places for Pontiac in Finals

PLYMOUTH, Mich. (AP) — Pontiac Central didn't capture a first place but topped its first state Class A high school track championship in 14 years Saturday.

Chiefs, which scored in eight of 13 events, including three record-high finishes, finished 12 points — 17 more than runner rival, Ann Arbor Pioneer.

DETROIT KENTWOOD was third, while Mount Clemens edged Detroit Cass Tech for fourth.

There were 80 teams that scored in the meet, held for the second consecutive year at Piquette Avenue Stadium.

It was the sixth state championship for Pioneer. It was the fourth state title for Central, but first since 1960 and first for Coach Roger Shier.

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## DePorres Grabs 'C' Title

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. (AP) — For the third consecutive year Detroit DePorres captured the Class C high school track championship, getting a pair of victories from Dan Adams in the process.

Adams won the 100-yard dash with a 14.4 clocking and was first in the 200 with 28.4.

He was also on DePorres' a-w-a winning relay team which took over 4:42.

A STATE prep, Class C DePorres finished with 38 points in the meet, held at Central Michigan University.

New Haven was a distant second with 18 points while Detroit East Catholic topped Detroit Service 20-12 for third.

FIVE RECORDS were set in the day's 13 events, while two were tied.

REBEY BRAWLEY of Perry successfully defended his shot put championship. The 140-pounder, 1973 mile champion, outdistanced his competition to take the heaviest shot stone.

Other top local athletes include New Haven's Donald Gamm, who ran the 120 high hurdles in a record 1:2. — time better of 1:4.4 — and St. Louis' third in the mile relay despite running under the old state record.

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Tom Dotts of Hasletone paces along with a solid lead enroute to all-class record in the Class B mile

## Mendon Breezes to Class D Crown

CAROL, Mich. (AP) — Mendon plied of four first places, and breezed to the Class D state high school track championships Saturday at Cassopolis.

Mendon won the 120 high hurdles, the mile run, the 800 yard and the two mile and finished with 49 points — 10 more than runner-up North

quarter of Ray Swanson, Ron Bostick, Jim Pracy and Don Dabbert covered the distance in 1:13.6, outpacing the old mark by one and two-tenths second, which was held by Ann Arbor University School since 1967.

It is another Ann Arbor School, St. Thomas, brought home the 100-yard dash with a record-setting 15.8 time in shot put by Leonard Lillard. The old mark, 15.73, set by Russell Johnson of Schoolcraft in 1971.

GRAN LAKE was the 400 meter of the record Class C event, with the team of Dan Wyman, Randy Stager, Bob Colshaker and Roger Crouch.

Today's games begin at 2 p.m. with Ann City against 1902 Bay and Glen's facing Jackson Junction. The championship contest is slated for 1:30 p.m.

## Champs Dethroned

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Defending champions were dethroned in two classes of Michigan's high school tennis championships — Lower Peninsula version — Saturday.

Jeff Eversmeyer of Cranston upset the 1973 Class A singles champion, Gary Cook, and won the title at Kalamazoo College.

Don Dotts of Hasletone won the Class C title with a 6-2 victory over Jay Culp of A11 Sassa with Jay and Colshaker's support with 10-6.

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Dawson, Cranston and Midwest Dow. It was the first time in four years that East Grand Rapids had neither won nor shared the title.

Ann Arbor Pioneer, Jim Vannoy, finished fifth.

The Vannoy brothers, Jim and John, carried Vankyo to the first Class A tennis title in school history. Jim Vannoy advanced to the quarterfinals.

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## Two Local Softball Teams in Finals Today

Tougepower favorite 1902 Bay of Jackson, and Cassopolis' 1902 Bay and Glen advanced to today's semifinals in the Tournament East 'Open' at Grand Park.

Bay City yielded for two runs in the seventh and four in the eighth to upset a spring Ann Arbor Travelers team, which has already won tournaments in Milan and Ypsilanti.

1902 BAY advanced by dropping the host team Trinitas five, 1-5, while Glen's Bay defeated both KMD Director of Grandville and deterring city champions American Amusement.

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