

# Wilcher leads Central to third title

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**FLINT** — Thomas Wilcher had a disgusted look as he swung his hand up in the air. Twice. It should have been a time for celebration for this multi-talented, super-charged athlete after he powered Detroit Central to its third straight state Class A high school track championship.

"I wanted to break my high hurdle record," said Wilcher, a Detroit News All-Stater in football who signed with Michigan. "I know I could have run a 13.2 but the starting gun went off quicker than I expected and I wasn't ready. I'm not pleased with my time."

Wilcher, who holds the state record in the high hurdles with a clocking of 13.5 seconds, won the 110-meter highs in 13.6 seconds. Wilcher also won the 300-meter low hurdles in 36.3 seconds and anchored the winning 400-meter relay which won in 4:17.

Coach Woody Thomas' Central team dominated the meet (winning six events), to more than double second-place Taylor Center's total. Central had 78 points to Taylor Central's 38.

What's the secret for all of Central's track success?

"Dedication and," Wilcher added with a smile, "a little speed."

Central's Dave Beasley won the 400-meter dash in 47.4 and Central also won the 800 and 1,600-meter races. William White an on three winning relays and Vincent Hall, Marc Jett and Beasley each ran on two.

Records were set in the pole vault and discus. Defending state pole vault champion Scott Krupilski of Traverse City vaulted 15 feet, 8 inches and Johnny Mitchell of Muskegon threw the discus 179 feet, 10 inches.

**Detroit Chadsey wins girls' title**

**FLINT** — Chadsey kept stride with Detroit

## Track

Central as teams from the Detroit Public School League swept the boys' and girls' state high school track championships at Flint Northwestern.

Minutes after Central won the boys' title, Chadsey took the girls' championship as it totaled 46 points to dethrone Flint Northern. Three-time defending champion Northern finished second with 39 points.

**Flint Ainsworth tops boys' 'B'**

**GRAND RAPIDS** — Kim Fellows set a state record in the discus and also won the shot put and teammate Jim Featherstone set a record in the high hurdles as they led Flint Ainsworth to the Class B track and field championship.

Ainsworth finished with 45 points; Allen Park had 33 to edge Ypsilanti Willow Run which had 32.

Fellows put the shot 56 feet, 8 1/4 inches and heaved the discus 175 feet, breaking the old state record of 167-3 established by Ron Finch of Mount Pleasant in 1980.

**Tecumseh hurdler highlights girls' 'B'**

**GRAND RAPIDS** — Tecumseh's Martha Hans, who set records in both hurdles events, was the only double winner in the state prep Class B girls' track and field championships.

Hans won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.4, bettering Monica Williams of Port Huron Central's 1980 mark of 14.6, and won the 220-meter lows in 28.8, eclipsing Michelle Pfeiffer of St. Joseph's 1979 record of 29.0.

Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse and Oak Park tied for the team championship with 32 points each. Livonia Ladywood had 26 points, and Tecumseh — thanks mainly to Hans — tied with Ludington for fourth with 25 points.

**Lutheran West captures boys' C**

**BANGOR, Mich.** — Joe Corbett won the 100-meter dash and the 110-meter high hurdles to lead Detroit Lutheran West to the prep state Class C boys' track and field championship.

Lutheran West finished with 100.5 points, far ahead of its nearest competitor, Detroit Redford St. Mary, which had 41.5.

Corbett won the 100 in 10.98 and took the hurdles in 14.44.

**Lutheran West girls take Class C**

**BANGOR, Mich.** — Donna Smith won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes to lead Detroit Lutheran West to the prep Class C girls' state track and field championship — matching the title won by the West boys' team.

West finished with 45 points. Cassopolis was second with 27, three points ahead of third-place Ida.

Smith won the 100 in 12.64 and the 200 in 25.27. She also ran a leg on West's winning 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay teams.

**East Catholic takes boys' 'D'**

**CARO, Mich.** — Dwayne Grice won the high hurdles in 14.8 and ran a leg in one of two winning relay races to help Detroit East Catholic nose out Battle Creek St. Philip by two points for the Class D boys track and field championship.

East Catholic won the 800-meter relay in 1:31.61 with Grice running the anchor leg, and then won the 1500-meter relay in 3:27.47.

**400 dash mark broken in girls' 'D'**

**CARO** — Becky Klein broke her own record in the 400-meter dash and ran a leg on the winning 1600-meter relay team to help lead Ann Arbor Greenhills to the Class D girls track championship.