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STORRS — Muscular and aggressive Pablo Franco wrecked the record books with a flattering 9.5 spurt in the 100 dash and powerful Hartford Public again took home the team trophy in Saturday's 43rd annual State Open Track Meet at UConn.

Franco, a 6' 180 lb. sophomore at Hartford Public, established one of four state records for the day with his 9.5 timing which broke the record of 9.6 set in 1933 by William McNulty of Hillhouse and tied by Danbury's George Eriquizzo and Franco. It was the second straight year Franco has won the Open 100. He also broke a meet record in winning the 220 and along with Bacon Academy's Abe Davis were the only double winners. "Fastest Start"

"Fastest start of my life," Franco said smiling, shaking his head. "I got out two yards ahead of everybody. I knew it was a good time before I finished." Franco also owns the state record in the 220 at 21.4 and his 9.5 timing is faster than the existing New England record of 9.7 and is the fastest ever run on the UConn track.

In winning the state title for the third straight year, Hartford Public set three state records in accumulating four first places, three seconds, one third and two fifths for 44 points. Golden West two-miler Charlie Duggan broke Jim Hall's 9:19 time by three seconds and the Owl mile relay team of Ernie Patterson, Miguel King, Pedro Martinez and Daryl King lowered its state mark to 3:22.9, also a meet record. Ernie Patterson was the other Owl winner in the 440.

The other state record was set by the Wilbur Cross 880 relay team of Randy Roach, Rick Frasier, Harry Edwards, and

John Robinson who ran a blistering 1:29.7.

#### Smith Troubled

The other Connecticut representative at the Golden West meet, half-miler Bob Smith of Simsbury, easily won in 1:55.4 but was off his best time of 1:52.4. He admitted after the race that he was shooting for Eugene Tetreault's 1962 mark of 1:51.6 but an event change caused him to wait longer than scheduled. "Somebody called the wrong event and we were waiting in the sun for half an hour for the 880 to start. That heat just drained me," Smith said.

Along with Franco, the only other competitor to win consecutive state titles was Penney's Mike Brennan in the high jump. He tied the meet record of 6'7" set in 1965 by Hartford's Mel Braswell but just missed on three attempts at 6'8" which would have given him the state record.

#### 'Just Felt Good'

Abe Davis, who set three meet records in the Class C. Meet last week triple jumped 46'9 1/2" and long jumped 22'5" for his two victories. "I just felt like I was going to do something today. I got my steps down right and I ran through a few times. I just felt good. It seems like I do better in this heat but I don't like it," he said.

Other winners were: Penney's Bill Komm in the javelin; Paul Grisko of Bristol Eastern in the discus; Gary Desjardins of Maloney in the mile; Weaver's Jim Gaines in the 120 high hurdles; Bill Perry of East Catholic in

the shot put; state record holder Bob Anding of Staples in the pole vault; and Paul Galayada of Southington in the 180 low hurdles.

Long Jump: 1. Abe Davis (Bacon), 2. Marshall (Hartford), 3. Watts (Milford), 4. Scott (W. Haven), 5. Mean (Danbury). Distance: 22'5".

Javelin: 1. Bill Komm (Penney), 2. Wagner (McMahon), 3. Jenks (Windsor), 4. Wright (Darien), 5. Schneider (Amity). Distance: 196'7".

Discus: 1. Paul Grisko (Bristol Eastern), 2. Auer (Morgan), 3. Smirga (Fairfield Prep), 4. Ferguson (Madison),

5. Duncavage (Trumbull). Distance: 159'.

Mile: 1. Gary Desjardins (Maloney), 2. Keenan (Branford), 3. Marino (East Catholic), 4. Kenyon (St. Bernards), 5. Brown (Xavier). Time: 4:24.9.

100-yard Dash: 1. Pablo Franco (Hartford), 2. Rades (Manchester), 3. Watts (Milford), 4. Steinberg (W. Haven), 5. Gediman (Plainville). Time: 9.5 new meet and state record.

120 High Hurdles: 1. Jim Gaines (Weaver), 2. Carr (Hartford), 3. Linder (Darien), 4. Powell (Trumbull), 5. Salminkas (E. Hartford). Time: 14.8.

Shot put: 1. Bill Perry (East Catholic), 2. Smith (Waterford), 3. Morris (W. Fiori (Farmington), 3. Gates (Manchester), 4. Gankofski (Coventry), 5. Caden (Norwalk). Time: 1:55.4.

180 Low Hurdles: 1. Paul Galayada (Southington), 2. Salminkas (East Hartford), 3. McConough (Trumbull), 4. Gery (Trumbull), 5. Grune (Staples). Time: 20.3.

220 Run: 1. Pablo Franco (Hartford), 2. Stone (Ridgefield), 3. Robinson (Wilbur Cross), 4. Roach (Wilbur Cross), 5. Kelly (Branford). Time: 21.7 new meet record, breaking 22.1 set by Charlie Vann of Hartford in 1969.

Two Mile: 1. Charlie Duggan (Hartford), 2. Dawson (Greenwich), 3. Hensley (Johnathan Law), 4. Osuch (New Milford), 5. Crowley (Stonington). Time: 9:16.3, new state and meet record. Breaks 9:19.1 of Jim Hall for state record and Ed Kowalski of Pulaski, 9:34 for meet record.

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Team Scores  
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ney), 2. Bigelow (New London), 3. Linder (Darien), 4. Bardaglio (Suffield), 5. Scheerer (Windsor Locks). Height: 6'6". Ties meet record, set by Mel Braswell (1965) and Parsell, Southington (1966).

880 relay: 1. Wilbur Cross (Randy Roach, Rick Frasier, Harry Edwards, John Robinson), 2. Ridgefield, 3. Weaver, 4. Hamden, 5. Hartford. Time: 1:29.7 New state and meet record breaking 1:30.3 set in 1963 and Hartford's meet record of 1:30.8 in 1969.

Pole Vault: 1. Bob Anding (Staples), 2. Tie: Roy (Avon) and Campbell (Rockville), 4. Hein (Farmington), 5. Gillespie (Wilton). Hgt.: 13'2 1/2".

440 dash: 1. Ernie Patterson (Hartford), 2. James (New Britain), 3. Sloute (New London) tie with Stefanski (Waterford), 5. Billman (Ludlowe). Time: 50.2.

Triple Jump: 1. Abe Davis (Bacon), 2. Tullis (Weaver), 3. Marshall (Hartford), 4. O'Hara (Montville), 5. Carr (Hartford). Distance: 46'9 1/2".

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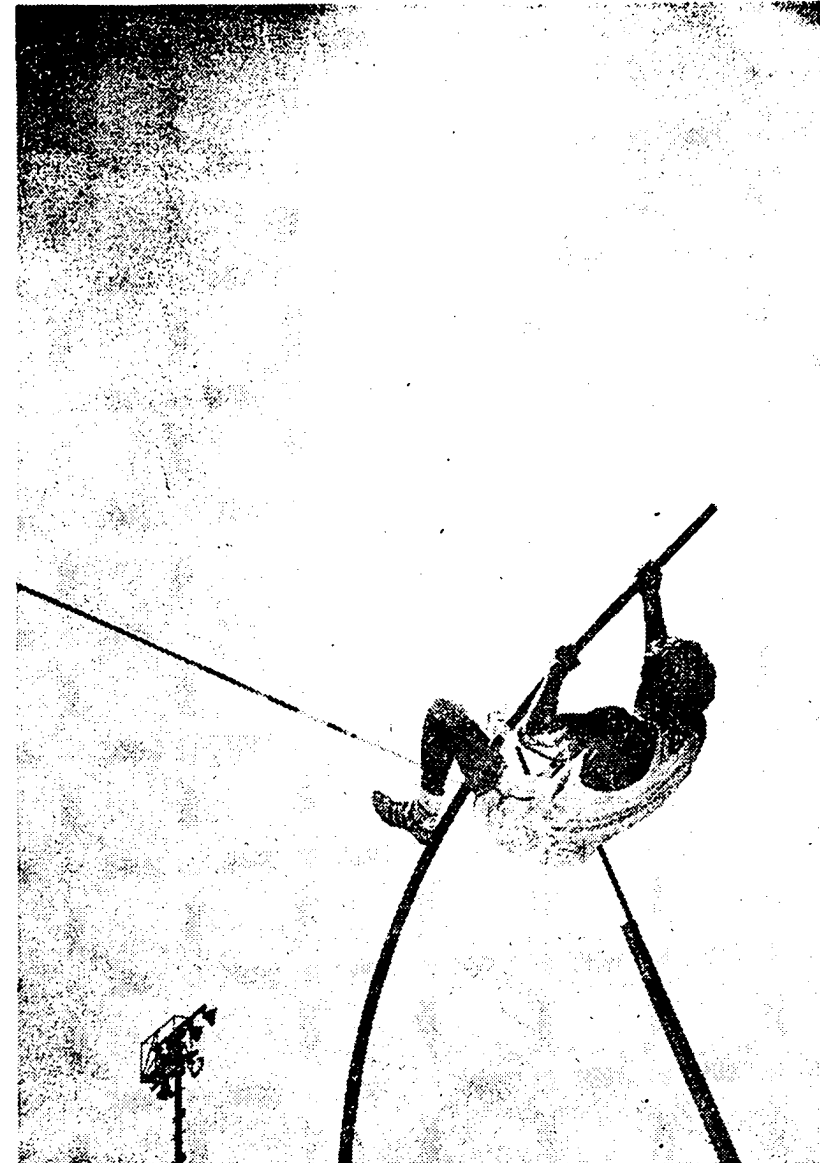
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Up, Up and Over

Avon's pole vaulter Ed Roy clears 12' early in the competition and finished second in the 43rd Annual State Open Track Meet at UConn Saturday (Courant Photo by Jerry Williams).