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**NEW BRITAIN** — Double champion Pablo Franco and teammates Haywood Woodward and Sam Carr combined to outscore all teams and plucky Randy O'Neil of Branford set the only state record in the pole vault Saturday at the wind-blown State Open Track Meet at Central Connecticut State College.

Franco, who won the 100 and 220 dashes, and Woodward and Carr was the nucleus to Hartford Public's team victory. It was the Owls' fourth straight outdoor title. The trio combined for 30 of the Owls' 49 points. Second place was cross town rival Weaver with 19.

O'Neil, a plucky 5' 6" 137-pound senior, flipped over the bar at 13' 10" breaking Bob Anding's record by two inches

set last year. Anding was from Staples.

### Crippling Wind

O'Neil's record leap came forty minutes after every other event in a powerful, gusty wind that help most performances from being other than routine.

Franco won the 100 in a mud-slow 10.5 but took the 220 race in 22.0, a time considered by most to be out of the ordinary considering the wind. Franco's best times are 9.5 in the 100 and 21.2 in the 220. He won both events last year.

Senior Haywood Woodward, a Golden West qualifier, finished second to Franco in both races and Sam Carr placed second in the 120 high hurdles and third in both the 180 low hurdles and the triple jump.

### Bigelow Doubles

The meet's only other double winner was lanky Herman Bigelow of New London. He easily won the high jump at 6' 6 3/4" but failed in three tries to break his own state record of 6' 8 1/4" set last week.

"I had to approach the bar at angle so the wind wouldn't push me off course," Bigelow said. "It bothered my concentration." Then he added, "but I guess it helped me couple of inches in the triple jump."

Bigelow jumped 6' 6 3/4" — his best ever—which was with the wind.

"That wind is mean," Franco said after winning one of the slowest 100 dashes in recent years. "I really felt it at the 60-yard mark." At that point Franco usually explodes into high

gear. But Saturday there was no high gear.

### King Wins 880

Hartford Public's two other event wins came in the mile relay and the half mile run. And Golden West entree Daryl King was largely responsible for both. He won the 880 run in 1:58—beating back a rush from

teammate Pedro Martinez—then anchored the relay win.

Other state champions include Bob Wojick of New Britain in the shot put; Gary Desjardins of Maloney in the mile; Rich White of South Windsor in the discus; Dean Rosow of Hall in the 180 low hurdles; Tim Wagner of Brian McMahon in the javelin; Mike Doviak of Montville in the long jump; Gary Wrotnowski of Greenwich in the 120 high hurdles; Wilbur Cross in the 880 relay; Bob Schot of New Canaan in the 440 and Jerry Baerman also of New Canaan in the two mile.

**JAVELIN:** (1) Wagner (McMahon), (2) Kobal (North Haven), (3) Walker (New London), (4) Green (Southington), (5) Zaneski (St. Paul). Dist: 183' 10".

**SHOT PUT:** (1) Bob Wojick (New Britain), (2) Morris (West Haven), (3) White (South Windsor), (4) Stano (Xavier), (5) Devin (Derby). Dist: 55' 10 1/2".

**HIGH JUMP:** (1) Herman Bigelow (New London), (2) Bardaglio (Suffield), (3) Cassell (West Haven), (4) Davis (Bloomfield), (5) Jensen (West Haven). Dist: 6' 6 3/4".

**LONG JUMP:** (1) Mike Doviak (Montville), (2) Tullis (Weaver), (3) Bush (Torrington), (4) Marshall (Hartford Public), (5) Hodges (Hartford Public). Dist: 22' 7 1/2".

**MILE:** (1) Gary Desjardins (Maloney), (2) Shollis (Danbury), (3) Tierney (Bethel), (4) Pierce (East Windsor) tie with Hanley (Bethel). Time: 4:24.7.

**120 HIGH HURDLES:** (1) Gary Wrotnowski (Greenwich), (2) Carr (Hartford Public), (3) Powell (Trumbull), (4) Stegwald (Cheshire), (5) Rosow (Hall). Time: 15.7.

**100 DASH:** (1) Pablo Franco (Hartford Public), (2) Woodward (Hartford Public), (3) Tullis (Weaver), (4) Treat (South Windsor), (5) Brancha (Trumbull). Time: 10.5.

**880 RELAY:** (1) Wilbur Cross, (2) Weaver, (3) Norwich, (4) McMahon, no fifth. Time: 1:34.2.



## First and Second

State record holder Herman Bigelow of New London flies over the high jump bar at 6' 6 3/4" to set a meet record (left) and Bob Morris of West Haven (right) heaves the

shot put 55' for a second place finish in Saturday's State Open Track Meet at Central Connecticut State College (Courant Photos by Arman Hatsian).

**400 DASH:** (1) Schott (New Canaan), (2) McCue (Stonington), (3) Billman (Ludlowe), (4) Walton (Weaver), (5) Reardon (Bartow). Time: 50.8.

**DISCUS:** (1) Rich White (South Windsor), (2) Morse (Avon), (3) Gawryzzyk (New Britain), (4) Morris (West Haven), (5) Decamillo (Derby). Dist: 157' 10".

**880 RUN:** (1) Daryl King (Hartford Public), (2) Martinez (Hartford Public), (3) Aimer (Norwich), (4) Toran (Danbury), (5) Fiori (Farmington). Time: 1:58.

**TRIPLE JUMP:** (1) Herman Bigelow (New London), (2) Scott (West Haven), (3) Carr (Hartford Public), (4) Tullis (Weaver), (5) Kearney (Lee). Dist: 46' 3 1/2".

**180 LOW HURDLES:** (1) Dean Rosow (Hall), (2) McDonough (Trumbull), (3) Carr (Hartford Public), (4) McLeod (Torrington), (5) Devard (E. O. Smith). Time: 21.4.

**220 DASH:** (1) Pablo Franco (Hartford Public), (2) Woodward (Hartford Public), (3) Roach (Wilbur Cross), (4) McCue (Stonington), (5) Treat (South Windsor). Time: 22.0.

**TWO MILE:** (1) Jerry Baerman (New Canaan), (2) Dawson (Greenwich), (3) Walker (Weaver), (4) Harris (Avon), (5) Foran (New Canaan). Time: 9:35.5.

**MILE RELAY:** (1) Hartford Public (Bridges, Walker, Marthes, King), (2) 1.

Danbury, (3) Xavier, (4) Fairfield, (5) South Windsor. Time: 3:31.1.

**POLE VAULT:** (1) Randy O'Neil (Branford), (2) Springsteen (Amity), (3) Campbell (Rockville), (4) Meneo (Amity), (5) Falls (Bulkeley). Hgt: 13' 10" (State record).

**TEAM SCORES:** (1) Hartford Public, (2) Weaver 19, (3) New London 15, (4) West Haven 14, (5) New Canaan 13, (6) South Windsor 12, (7) Greenwich 10, (8) Danbury 10, (9) New Britain 9, (10) Wilbur Cross 9, (11) Brian McMahon 8, (12) Trumbull 5, (13) Hall 7, (14) Montville 6, (15) Maloney 5, (16) Greenwich 4, (17) Stonington 4, (18) Branford 4, (19) Bulkeley 3.