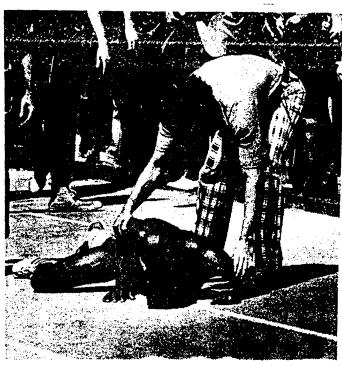
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An unidentified spectator (left photo) lends a helping hand to Randy Roach of Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven after tumbling at the 100 dash finish line Saturday in the Class A track meet at Hartford Public High School, who finished sixth water and multiple services and multiple services and multiple services. Roach, who finished sixth, cut a knee and pulled a muscle

when he lost his balance stretching across the finish line. In right photo victorious Pablo Franco breaks the 100 dash wire in 9.5 seconds to tie the state record (Courant Photo by Ar-

Franco Ties State Mark

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Pablo Franco swept through
another pair of dash wins and
tied his own state record in the
100 dash and teammates Curt
IVERSON and Pedro Martinez
also placed first to boost Hartford Public to its sixth straight
Class A outdoor track title Saturday at Hartford Public High
School.

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Ib. sprinter master, ran 9.5 in wind aided the 100 dash runners and 120 high hurdlers it was clearly a muffling factor in all other runs and in the javelin and pole vault.

Iverson turned in a 47' 8" triple jump which is nearly two feet better than he had ever done before and Martinez won the half mile run in 1:58.6.

The Owls posted a team high of 411/2 points in a field of 40 schools representing 364 competitors, Second place was West Haven with 23 points followed by Norwich with 22 and Windham with 15 points. Desjardins Run 4:13

Other top individual performances were turned in by miler Gary Desjardins, Windham's Pete Witkowski and Norwich's two relay teams.

Desjardins, of Maloney in Meriden, whipped through his best mile in 4:13. He's after the state record of 4:10.8. "I need to bring my third lap time down from 66 to 64 seconds or better and maybe someone to push me in the last lap," the Bowling Green bound senior said.

Witkowski, a sophomore, won the long jump with a 22' 91/2" jump and placed third in the triple jump. Norwich won the 4 x

220 relay and the mile relay.
Amity's Lenny Cocco, who had set the state record in the 330 intermediate hurdles in a sectional meet last Tuesday, was leading Saturday's race when he tripped on the last hurdle and fell out of contention allowing Windham's Art Potvin to win in 39.4, his best time. Cocco's record is 39.1.

New Britain's Mark Gawryzsczuk won the discus throw for the second straight year. He threw 162' 8", his best this year.

The top six runners qualify for next Saturday's State Open Meet at Roger Ludlowe High

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