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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. 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 Arthur J. Warmsley).

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.

Franco, the muscular 6' 180 lb. sprinter master, ran 9.5 in the 100 dash that tied his state mark set last year but it broke the meet record of 9.6. Franco, who will participate in the Golden West Meet in Sacramento, California June 16, also won the 220 dash in 21.5, just .1 off of his state record. Although a stiff 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 41½ 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' 9½" 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 Gawryszczuk 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

School in Fairfield. The top six runners from the Class A meet along with the top four runners from the Class B meet and top two from the Class C meet qualify for next Saturday's State Open Meet along with the top 12 field event competitors from all three meets.

The Open Meet starts at 1:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

SHOT PUT: 1. Serrichio (Rippowan) 2. Longo (Southington) 3. Angel (Southington) 4. McGlin (Platt) 5. Passaro (E. Hild.) 6. Curry (Weaver), 58' 2½"

MILE: 1. Desjardins, Gary (Mal) 1:58.6
Sholtz (Dan) 2. Desjardins (Mal) 4. Benson (Dan) 5. Carlson (Amity) 4:13.0

JAVELIN: 1. Kennedy, John (Ludlow) 2. Mills (Bristol Cent.) 3. Davey (HPHS) 4. Eckels (Notre Dame) 5. Byler (Dan.) 187' 9"

LONG JUMP: 1. Witkowski, Pete (Windham) 2. Bond (Lee) 3. Selover (Dan.) 4. Payne (HPHS) 5. Phoenix (Bristol), 22' 9½"

100 YD DASH: 1. Franco, Pablo (HPHS) 2. Tomlin (McMahon) 3. Williams (W. Haven) 4. Popilo (Newl) 5. Peavy (Weaver) 9.5 record

HIGH JUMP: 1. Cassell, Jim (W. Haven) 2. Augeri (Xavier) 3. Jensen (W.Haven) 4. Fern (Noire Dame) 5. Smith (Windsor) 4' 4½"

120 HURDLES: 1. Clayton (W. Haven) 2. Keroack (NFA) 3. Murphy (Stamford) 4. Freeman (Fitch) 5. Cocco (Amity) 14.8

POTVIN (Windham) 4.8
800 RELAY: 1. N.F.A. 2. HPHS 3. W. Cross 4. Danbury 5. McMahon, 1:29.2
Cagle, Pemberton, Keroack 1:29.2

DISCUS: 1. Gawryszczuk, M (N.B.) 2. Meglin (Platt) 3. Bordees (Ridgefield) 4. Angel (Southington) 5. Lombardi (Notre Dame), 162' 8"

440 YARDS: 1. Douglass (Hamden) 2. Garvey (Glast) 3. Connolly (Warde) 4. Bailey (Staples) 5. Rice (Greenwich) 50.1

880 YARDS: 1. Martinez P. (HPHS) 2. Ringston (Wilton) 3. Floyd (Bristol E.) 4. Tran (Danbury) 5. Lyman (Green) 1:58.4
Evans (Sims)

TRIPLE JUMP: Iverson C. (HPHS) 2. Caine (NFA) 3. Witkowski (Windham) 4. Enrico (Naug) 5. Skoglund (Rockville) 4. Fiascher (Canaan) 47' 8"

330 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES: 1. Potvin (Windham) 2. Roberts (Weaver) 3. McLeod (Torr) 4. Ortiz (HPHS) 5. He Faubel (Stamford) 6. Clayton (W. Haven) 39.4

220 YARDS DASH: 1. Franco P. (HPHS) 2. Tomlin (McMahon) 3. Deacher (Bunnell) 4. Keroack (NFA) 5. Williams (W.Haven) 6. Greene (Cross) 21.3

TWO MILE: 1. Foran J. (N.Can) 2. Weatherwax (HPHS) 3. Hindermister (Sims) 4. Kishimoto (E. Hild) 5. Stone-man (Man.) 6. Morales (SIBern) 9:32.5

MILE RELAY: 1. NFA 2. HPHS 3. Darlen 4. Bristol E. 5. Greenwich 6. Simsbury (BROWN, Rice, Gilman, Pemberton) 3:26.5

POLE VAULT: 1. Appell D. (Amity) 2. Coughlin (W. Haven) 3. Mino (Amity) 4. Wade (Southington) 5. Morridon (E. Hild) 6. Leveau (Green) 13'

TEAM SCORES

1) Hartford Public 41½; 2) West Haven 23; 3) Norwich 22; 4) Windham 15; 5) Southington 11; Amity 11; 7) Danbury 10; 8) Maloney 9; Brien McMahon 9; 10) Darlen 7; 11) Rippowan 6; Ludlowe 6; Platt 6; New Britain 6; Hamden 6; New Canaan 6; 17) Notre Dame 5; Greenwich 5; Weaver 5; Bristol Eastern 5; 21) ...

Stamford 4½; 22) East Hartford 4; Bristol Central 4; Lee 4; Xavier 4; Windsor 4; Gastonbury 4; Staples 4; Wilton 4; 30) Simsbury 3; Bunnell 3; Ridgefield 3; Torrington 3; Wilbur Cross 3; Warde 3; 36) Fitch 2; Newington 2; Naugatuck 2; 39) Manchester 1; Rockville 1.