

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES**  
 Benton a Crowd of Spectators with  
 Their Agility and Skill.  
 At the First Meet of Benton Sports  
 The Benton Harbor high school  
 track team entered themselves with  
 glory and surprise and pleased a large  
 crowd of spectators Saturday after-  
 noon at Benton Springs by winning  
 the practice meet. From St. Joseph  
 came teams by the handsome score of  
 50 to 27.  
 Benton Harbor won every first place  
 except one and would probably have  
 won had under more favorable circum-  
 stances.  
 The first event was the high jump  
 with Peters and Moffat, of St. Joseph,  
 and Finmer and Barker, of Benton  
 Harbor. Barker won first easily with  
 5 ft. 11 in., breaking the state interschool  
 tie record. As this is his first trial  
 this year he will probably improve 1 or  
 2 inches. Finmer won second with  
 4 ft. 11 in. and Peters won third with  
 4 ft. 10 in.  
 In the running broad jump Finmer  
 took first by the excellent jump of 11  
 ft. 5 in. Peters second and Moffat  
 third. Finmer is a phenomenal  
 jumper and is expected to make 20 ft.  
 within two weeks.  
 In the standing broad jump Fin-  
 mer, Peters and Moffat finished in  
 order named. It was 9 ft. 8 in.  
 The next event was the shot put and  
 Finmer displayed his superiority by  
 gaining first with a put of 37 ft. 9 in.  
 Barker second, and Barker, who  
 returned to fill out place, was third.  
 In the pole vault Barker exhibited  
 his prowess by winning second place  
 against tremendous odds. Peters was  
 first and Moffat third. Height, 7 feet,  
 11 inches. Barker never had a pole in  
 his hands before.  
 In the mile run O'Hara took first  
 place without exertion in the very  
 available time of 5 minutes and 17 sec-  
 onds. Finmer, Miller and Murphy  
 were disqualified. O'Hara is without  
 the strongest distance runner in the  
 county.  
 In the hammer throw Finmer took  
 first with a gigantic throw of 72 feet,  
 six inches. Barker, second, with 57  
 feet, 3 inches.  
 In running, hopping and jump cup,  
 this Finmer had through his own way  
 and won first place with 25 feet, 11  
 inches. He outclassed his competitors,  
 Miller second and Peters third.  
 Next came the long yard dash which  
 was won by Barker. Peters second,  
 Harger third. Time 11 seconds.  
 The last event was the relay one  
 half mile, four men in each team.  
 Finmer and Miller took the first heat  
 for Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, re-  
 spectively. Finmer gaining a lead  
 that was not diminished in the race  
 and which was widened in the next  
 lap when O'Hara ran against Barker.  
 Then Barker took the responsibility  
 for Benton Harbor. Barker and Peters  
 were the last and Benton Harbor had  
 won the contest.  
 In this race O'Hara again displayed  
 his wonderful nerve and sailing qual-  
 ity for when in the lead of his competi-  
 tor he stumbled and fell but quickly  
 regained his feet and widened the gap  
 between him and his opponent in the  
 former distance.  
 Benton Harbor was well be proud of  
 her team which without training made  
 an excellent showing.  
 The next meet will be the county  
 held May 19th and St. Joseph  
 and Benton Harbor will compete.  
 Manager Hanson said he did not ex-  
 pect his own would do well without  
 training.  
 Our boys owe thanks to Will Howell,  
 Dr. Barker, A. F. Kelly, A. L. Buracker,  
 E. C. Wilson, for advice and assistance.  
 Robert Ruby, the genial muscle  
 manager, was in his glory and with  
 lead in it remarked as he led the boys  
 to the benches, "I always walk off  
 with the women."  
 Score: Benton Harbor, 55 points; St.  
 Joseph, 27 points.

# Benton Harbor vs St Joe 5-6-1900

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