

A GOOSE EGG
 Manager Russell's High School Athletes Win it at Ann Arbor.

BASTAR WAS DEFEATED.
 Captain of the Local Team Was "Boxed" by Sprinters From Detroit.

Despite the fact that one member of the Benton Harbor high school track team had been picked by the athletic authorities at the university as a certain winner in the short dash the local aggregation of sprinters, jumpers and weight throwers disastrously failed to win a point and the interscholastic meet in Ann Arbor, the final events of which were pulled off Saturday in a cold rain. Bastar, captain and star athlete of the team, came the nearest to landing a few points. Twice he came within an inch's distance of grasping at least a silver medal and three points. In both instances he had disturbed the natural flow of events.

As stated in The News Saturday night, Bastar was generally picked as the winner in the 100 yard dash and high jump. This was owing largely to the form shown by him in the preliminaries Friday afternoon, abetted by the non-attendance of his victors in 1900. Before the final events on Saturday afternoon there was a conference between the managers of the Detroit high school teams. At this conference it is alleged plans were laid to defeat the Benton Harbor sprinter. Here is what happened: Bastar entered the semi-final, slipped a trifle in starting, quickly recovered himself and dashed after the bunch. He had passed all except two in the front and was preparing to pass these also when the two combined to prevent such action by doing what is called in sporting terms "boxing." Whenever Bastar attempted to pass he received an elbow blow from either the runner on the right or on the left of him. The result was that he was defeated in the semi-final. An appeal was taken to the judges, half of whom held that Bastar should be entered in the final. A long discussion followed and the judges finally ruled against the Benton Harbor captain.

In the high jump Bastar won fifth place, clearing a height of 5 feet 2 inches. He cleared nothing 3 feet 2 inches by the barest chance possible. In the hammer throw he made a record of 105 feet. The winner threw this weight 125 feet.

Kidd, Armstrong and Allen, the other members of the local aggregation, made unlucky attempts to win points for their school, were defeated and then did something which won them the admiration of everyone—saw their defeat good naturedly. In an interscholastic meet this is not altogether a usual thing. There is generally a tendency to be little achievements of the victors. The goose eggs which Kidd, Armstrong and Allen won amount them equally as much and kept them in good spirits as long as the gold medals did the other fellows.

The events in which the Benton Harbor boys entered were: One hundred yard dash, Bastar; 200 yard low hurdles, Bastar; half mile run, Allen; Armstrong; Hammer throw, Bastar; Armstrong; running high jump, Bastar; shot put, Bastar; Armstrong; quarter mile bicycle race, Kidd; mile bicycle, Kidd; mile run, Allen; Armstrong; two mile run, Armstrong.

The team left Ann Arbor Saturday night, arrived in Mio, early Sunday morning and drove to Benton Harbor, arriving here yesterday noon. Will Russell, trainer and manager, was with the boys at the meet.

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