

SCHOOL COACHES SEEK SPRINTERS

"CAN YOU DO THE HUNDRED?"
IS ASKED FOOT BALL
CANDIDATES. *DN*
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Work of Bringing Squads Into Shape
Fast Passing Rudimentary Stages;
Detroit College Out.

Those fans who said there could be no real foot ball under the new rules must have changed their minds by this time if they had seen nothing further than the work done by the local high school squads during the past week. At all the schools coaches started out with a big bunch of raw material, but in less than two weeks' time have developed a lot of promising material. Light men who otherwise would have had no show are now picked for the back field and even the line.

Up at Central especially, where they are favored with both quantity and quality, the chances are good for a champion eleven. Not only do they expect to land the interscholastic pennant, but also that of the state. Wilson had over 40 men out for first practice. In several days they were pretty well weeded out and the weaklings had all returned to their books. It was a case of the survival of the fittest. Even now there are three or more men out for each position.

Each afternoon during the week the boys turned out at about 3:30 p. m. and practiced till darkness stopped them. The first week all the practice consisted of was running back punts and learning to fall on the ball. This gave them plenty of exercise, strengthening their wind at the same time. Talk of practice being killing amounted to little.

Scrimmage work took place for the first time on Monday. It found the boys ready and full of ginger. Capt. George Widman went in for the first part of the work and then assisted "Mische" Wilson coach the fellows to carry the ball in the correct way. Waldo Sloman turns out every day for the same reason.

Allen Garrells has been showing up well at every practice. There is no doubt but that he will make one of the ends. "Con." James and "Scotty" Smith are still fighting it out as to who will be quarter back. This is

Patterson, candidates for full back. Another old Eastern player looks very promising for one of the ends. He is "Punch" Donaldson, and was a member of the Indian squad that lost the pennant to Central by one point. Several other of last year's men are in old-time form and are confident of making the eleven.

There is much joy in the wigwams of the Indians. Several of the fans who were inclined to speak slightingly of the present squad were invited to watch them practice. To tell the truth, they changed their views and at present are talking of nothing but making second place in the league. The boys are even now calculating as to how low they can hold Central on the 24th of November. They are a very fast bunch and intend to make things lively for their opponents.

They open the season on Oct. 13, meeting the D. U. S. Klein, last year's tall half back, will play the same position this year. Suckert, another old man, is booked for the other half. Then there is Tom Bullion on one end and either Ulbrich or Krecke on the other. The other places have been pretty well filled up with the exception of full back. Brodie may be played here, but at present he is sick. The boys have themselves to thank for the good condition they are now in. Capt. Bullion has been working untiringly in the absence of the coach.

"How fast can you run the 100 in?" That is the question asked of all the candidates at Western High. Then comes another, this time by the coach, "Show me." Dr. Downing has a lot of light material among the "cow-boys" and these are his methods in bringing out a fast bunch who are going to do their best to land the flag. No signal practice has been given as yet. This will be left for the last thing.

Scrimmage work is also tabooed until the last week or two. Nice long runs with a little practice in passing is the run of things at the west side school. This system has brought out a large number of the track men and there are showing up fine. Burdick, Simons and Smith are doing good work. Campbell, the captain, is also in great form. It is not known who will do the kicking for them.

Owing to the late opening of school, D. U. S. has not had much chance to show what they can do. The full squad has not been out yet. Those of the candidates who reside in the city have the advantage of an extra week

of work. Coach Knickerbocker is confident of turning out a squad that will make even Central open her eyes. Several of the men whom he coached last year seem perfectly confident of his being able to make good. D. U. S. has left nothing undone this season to bring a winning team into the field. Nothing further has been done than to practice a little passing. "Morrie" Reynolds will again play quarter for the squad. Capt. McClellan is expected to occupy one end. There has not been much out-of-town material out so far.