

## RALPH CRAIG WILL RUN THE CENTURY DASH FOR MICHIGAN

**Detroit Boy, Who Discovered His Ability in the Hundred-Yard Event by Accident, Will Figure There This Spring—Has Ten-Second Mark.**

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Ralph Craig will enter the hundred yard dash for Michigan. Followers of the Detroit prep. school cinder path will well remember Craig as the lad who scampered away with so many hurdle races for Central high school back in 1906 and 1907. Those who saw him at his best remember his remarkable flight over the high sticks in 15 seconds flat. The Detroit hopper hopped the 220 yard low barriers in just 26 seconds, equalling the Chicago interscholastic record, held by Jose Malcomson. While in attendance at Central high, Craig was far from lacking in football ability, making a half-back position on the blue and white aggregation in 1907.

But no one had ever heard of Craig as a hundred yard dash man. When he entered Michigan, Keene Fitzpatrick kept him at his old hobby, the hurdles. The Detroit star was entered in the 220 yard low hurdles in the Eastern Inter-collegiate meet at Boston last year, and it was here Craig found out he could sprint.

The meet was held on a Friday and Saturday. On Friday Craig qualified easily in the 220 yard hurdles, winning his trial heat in good time with a lot to spare. No trials were run in the century dash, as only eleven men had entered.

On Saturday, Keene Fitzpatrick took Craig out on to the cinder path to warm him up. Several

sprinters were waiting for the first heat gun in the semi-finals of the hundred yard dash.

"Wait a minute," said Keene. Then he led Craig over toward the starting line. The Detroit lad crouched, stiffened and was off with the hundred yard men to warm up for the 220 yard hurdle event. And those who watched the Wolverine in that heat know how he warmed up. He started slightly behind the rest. At the fifty yard mark he was running even, his stride and speed increasing at every step. At the 75 yard mark he showed the burst of speed that made him famous and broke the string an easy winner in 10 seconds flat. Keene Fitzpatrick smiled.

Craig appeared for the start of the 100 yard finals. A word from the starter, a report, and Foster of Harvard jumped away in the lead. Craig was pushing him hard at the 60 yard mark. Gradually Foster nosed ahead. But 10 yards from the tape Craig showed his terrific burst of speed. People rose in the stands. The men hit the tape together and it was the opinion of those in the stands that Craig had won. The judges, however, decided in favor of Foster, protests from the Michigan men being in vain.

Craig did not compete in the 220 yard hurdles, the event following too close on the heels of the century dash final. He had done enough. In his own opinion and in the opinion of Keene Fitzpatrick he had, without training, outspinted the best man in the east.

## Ralph Craig feature

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