

Final Action Taken By Macklin And Bartelme

Directors of Respective Colleges Will Not Attempt
To Stage Interscholastic Track Meets This
Year—No Great Loss Say They

The M. A. C. interscholastic meet which was to have been held May 11 has been officially called off. This announcement was made by Prof. J. F. Macklin after a long telephone conversation with Director Bartelme of Michigan Thursday afternoon.

The statement did not come as a surprise to the local office. Since the schoolmasters first began the discussion, it has been practically certain that there would be no meet on the local field this year but no definite action was taken until the high school officers were prepared to make their final declaration. For the past two or three years it has been evident that some of the schools who entered the meets were not entirely satisfied, chiefly because of the fact that some entries were permitted which did not seem to them to be fair. This objection was directed toward D. U. S. and one or two schools from outside the state, and at last, to secure something definite, the schoolmasters of Michigan demanded that the entries for the meets, both at M. A. C. and Ann Arbor, be limited to schools who were willing to join the interscholastic association.

To this end an attempt was made to use M. A. C. and the university as clubs to compel the minor schools to join, which Macklin refused to do, holding that it was not fair to the minor schools. The latest development came Thursday, when it was learned that by an act of the Schoolmasters' club, any school entering the meets of the two big colleges would be considered ineligible to compete in the meet held at Bois Blanc island. Inasmuch as this would keep all the best competitors out of the meets, it was decided to call them off and wait a year or two to see what the results of the meet as run by the high schools themselves would be.

This will have no particular effect on the M. A. C. track work except that it takes away one of the big events of the year. Preparations had not gone

very far on account of the uncertainty of holding the meet, and since that day promises to be well filled by the government inspection of the cadet corps, a dual meet between the two lower classes, and a ball game, the absence of the high school athletes will be missed by but few of the students.

Pledged to Detroit.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., April 19.—As a result of the action taken by the Schoolmasters' club at the meeting held some time ago, in which it was decided by that body that a separate meet should be held of their own high schools in Detroit, the University of Michigan will not be able to hold the inter-scholastic meet this year.

After some deliberation and an attempt to arrange some of the high schools in the state for the schedule, Director Bartelme having the matter in charge, decided that such a course would be useless, and the matter has been dropped. The schoolmasters decided to hold a meet of their own, but did not disbar their schools from attending the Michigan inter-scholastic. The result was evident, however. Their own high schools—numbering some 28 schools in the state—pledged themselves to attend the Detroit meet. Two out of town meets for these high schools were obviously too much for their treasuries to bear, hence the principals of high schools throughout the state of Michigan have with one blow deprived the state university of their one greatest asset in prospective athletes. The student body is decidedly wrought up over the situation.

Director Bartelme refused to make any comment except that he was "glad to get rid of it." The impression has gained favor that Michigan is not "glad to get rid of it," but figures that one meet will be all the pedagogs will be willing to bear. Then they'll be mighty glad to return to Michigan. The action of the Schoolmasters' club was that of a miniature "conference."

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