

## THREE DETROIT SCHOOLS ARE IN BIG MEET AT BOIS BLANC

Central, Eastern and Western to Have Representatives  
for State Interscholastic Championships  
Saturday Afternoon.

These are busy days for the Detroit prep school coaches, for next Saturday afternoon on the eluder paths at Bois Blanc the annual track and field championships under the auspices of the Schoolmasters' league will be staged. There is a reason for all the activity; to win a title of this character is the ambition of all athletic tutors confining their efforts to interscholastic sports. The successful one is envied by his rivals, while the victorious troupe lives in the memory of it long after school days are forgotten and they are ancient in the battles of the world.

This year, three Detroit schools will enter the competition, while the other, Detroit University school, is eliminated by word and deed of the governing body. Central, first and foremost of the local schools because of its past triumphs on the eluder paths, will haunt the white and blue of the institution, cherishing the fond recollections of conquests that are history and optimistic of another soon to be realized. Eastern, ambitious to reap the prestige victory will give it, but somewhat skeptical of the outcome, promises to exert every ounce of its strength to glorify the yellow and the black. At Western, where exhibitions of courage and fighting spirit far outnumber successes, willing hands and feet are working with the one end in view, to add to the fair name of the red and the white.

### Three Schools Going.

For the three of them are going to this—the greatest in the history of the classic, it fondly is predicted—hoping but not over-confident of winning or sharing in the highest glory a prep school can attain on the eluder paths in Michigan. Opposed to them will be 24 schools from every section of the lower peninsula, all of them just the pick of the entire state and satisfaction.

It is the select of Detroit against the pick of the entire state and fortune to witness one of these struggles, understands the bitter though friendly rivalry manifested.

For years this annual event was staged on every field under the watchful eyes of men whose business it was to yearly reinforce the annually depleted ranks of varsity material at Ann Arbor. The boys fought for the privilege to represent their schools on such an important day and if Dame Fortune elected to smile on them the subsequent encouragement, numberless times shaped an athletic destiny that brought the boys nation-wide reputations. Ralph Craig, the sensation of the college world last year, once competed for Central in many others could be mentioned who, as school boys, laid the foundation for greater successes in col-

lege competing for high schools at Ann Arbor.

For reasons best known to themselves the governing body of this particular branch of interscholastic athletics decided to abandon the University, lower and conduct the affair free and independent of the University authorities. How that pleased the impresarios at the university seat never really was told, but the fact remains that there is no noticeable lack of interest in comparison with other years. The only material difference is in the complete elimination of schools from neighboring states.

### All Michigan Teams.

It is going to be a meet for state teams purely. In other years, when the affair was staged in Ann Arbor, invitations were sent to schools in near-by states, but that feature is done away with now. Toledo, last year's winner, will be among the absent Saturday, as will all of the Chicago schools whose athletes featured meets in last years and hung on records which stand to this day.

In all 27 separate and distinct schools have entered spike-shoed representatives on Saturday, while in other events the contestants will bring the total near to 4,000.

Interest in the affair is at a high pitch and the moving spirits in the affair look for the greatest crowd in its history.

There are no favorites for the championship now, though Muskegon, Shelby and one or two more of the up-state teams may spring surprises.

Couch Collins, of Detroit Central, is plugging away with his modest efforts, but predicting top honors, come. Early in the season Muskegon reported a strong outfit, but of late the breaks have been against it and the confidence in the boys has been shaken.

One can never tell a winner by the practice work. A team may look like ready money in the trials, only to fall down badly when the conflict is on. Then in an affair such as this one will be the team that is evenly balanced and can pick up seconds and thirds and an occasional first is more apt to emerge a winner than one team or squad of boys drilled in two or three particular events.

### Central Strong in Sprints.

Central appears strong in the sprints this year, but weakly weak in the field. Collins hardly expects to succeed much in the latter events, but has hopes that if some of the rivals can cut into points of the teams who are strong in the short sprints victory wouldn't be at all out of his grasp.

There is where the whole thing lies. The team which is cut into the least has the best chance to split the boys.

## Bois Blanc preview

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