

MICHIGAN LIKELY TO STAGE SCHOOL MEET THIS SEASON

Interscholastic Athletic Carnival Probably Will Be Restored to Ferry Field, Although Nothing Definite Is Known as Yet—Former Criticism of Entertainment Offered Young Competitors Now Is Silenced—Something of the Affair's History.

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Ann Arbor, Mich., January 25.—Though rumors are still persistent that Michigan is again to be awarded the interscholastic meet, there is nothing that seems to have the air of decision about it and at present the affair is still very much up in the air.

For some reason or other, the high school authorities who have the matter in hand have not as yet announced themselves in any definite manner, though the time is fast approaching when work on the affair must be commenced if it is to be an occasion of the first which has been effected in the history of the state in the past. It is possible that the question of the eligibility committee in what is keeping the entire matter in suspense.

The committee stand on the issue of the question was stated last June that the athletic authorities here have been ill to change it at all, and to verify institution in proposed to the board, in any form whatsoever, naturally, naturally someone else, and in the past the high school authorities have rather taken the stand that Detroit University school and high schools in the association should not be permitted to attend on the grounds to make the affair a strictly high school association meet.

Wants 'Em All In.
That attitude is one that Michigan does not approve of, as the authorities here feel that Michigan is a state institution and that it would come with very ill grace from our side if any other high school should be barred from participating. This is especially so when Michigan has adopted the rules of eligibility compiled by the high school association and has always enforced them strictly.

It is only in the last few years that there was any thought of holding the meet away from Ann Arbor, and then the objection was raised because of some statements which appeared regarding the expense of entertainment offered the high school boys here. It was claimed that the college men entertained them not only but too well and the rumor grew with each repetition until it was claimed that the entire affair resembled a Roman holiday, at past it mildly. The next year Mr. Warrington of Saginaw attended the meet and announced and attended the meet and the affair was conducted. His way goes for entirely. Some of the news showed that the rumors were unfounded, but the news had been done, and anyway it seemed that the high school association, which had been of their own. This was done, but was far from an unqualified approval, and it was understood that Michigan was to be offered the meet again.

How They Are Treated.
The way that the visitors have been accommodated is somewhat as follows, varying of course each year in some extent. The train, etc., have been here on Friday and that evening the men have had the honor to witness the "cup" night celebration which is one of the prettiest of the Michigan traditions. This is the night that the freshmen burn their clove hats and remove them from their heads in the act of their service.

A baseball game is arranged for Saturday morning and in the evening the glow and music of the chime plays a part concert in University hall. While here, the athletes are quartered at the various fraternities houses, and it has generally been the rule that the Ann Arbor high school girls attend a dance or party on Friday or Saturday night.

As few of the many interscholastic meets which are held throughout the country are there more awards made out at the Michigan meet and it is probable that the number will be increased this year.

The meet is secured in part by partial contribution of the event. At present the winners of first place get gold medals, second silver and third bronze, while trophies are given to those finishing fourth in their events.

Varsity Cups.
In addition, cups are given for the team which shall win the meet three years, for the team which shall win the relay three years, a cup for the winning team, a cup for the second place team, a cup for team winning greatest number of track events, a cup for the team of greatest number of field events, cup for individual point winner, and the "Spider" Cox cup for the winner of the mile.

Varsity and All.
In addition a silk banner is awarded to the team winning the greatest number of events. With the exception of last year the meet has been an annual affair ever since 1888 and in that time the winners have been divided, between Michigan University school and Detroit Central high, as well as between Ann Arbor, Toledo, and Lansing. Michigan has won the best record to date, each school having won the meet three times, the best being to the Toledo and Lansing by Michigan Central, Muskegon, Mich., each having first success. Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids Central had for first in 1908.

D. E. S. Does Well.
Of the various records Detroit University school holds four, while Lewis Institute of Chicago is next with three. Chillicothe, Ohio; Lake Forest, Ill.; and Grand Rapids, Mich., each have two of the records, while Lansing, Mich., has one in each word. It is plain to see that the opposition in the main has been well defined and that no one school has been able to make a running record of the meet. For after year the prep school students themselves as decidedly in favor of them.

Ann Arbor met and it is the simple wish of all connected with athletics here that the annual affair will be resumed.

The "varsity" track team was handed another jolt this week when Barton announced that he was to leave college at once to go to New York. Barton, though a big fellow, was a point winner in the mile, and his loss will be an event as Michigan is always more or less able to fill his shoes and Farrer is running around in circles.

Assesses to Make Good.
This being "Bever's" first year as track coach at Michigan he is even more anxious than usual to turn out a winning combination, but Barton makes the second blow at the varsity track team as it was his last time and that winter he announced that he would be unable to track work this winter because of an injury received in his knee during football season.

With exams starting this week there will be little doing in Ann Arbor in athletics for a couple of weeks at least, though there will be a lot done for the athletes that is the exams. The Michigan facility is inasmuch that several of the high schools stand out with all over the city are looking in consequence. Also many new swimmers are developing in athletic boys. However, all is well that ends well, and the whole story will be still in about three weeks. There is no ice for hockey.

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