

CENTRAL HIGH ATHLETES SUFFER IN SPILL:

Coach Upton is not trying to establish an alibi, but well might use the excuse that the Grand Rapids team was put out of the running in the state interscholastic track meet at Lansing on Saturday by the collapse of bleachers on which a hundred or more were seated for the purpose of having a group photograph taken.

Capt. Clair Hudson of the Grand Rapids team was thrown to the ground in the collapse, and it so unnerved him that he did not get a place in the event, yet the time made by the winner was much slower than Hudson easily makes almost any time in low hurdling. Had Hudson won this event Grand Rapids would have won the state championship, so close were the four leading teams.

Luther, another Grand Rapids athlete in the spill, did not get a place in the broad jump, yet only a few days before he jumped a foot farther than the winner in the contests at Lansing. Had he won this event Grand Rapids would have finished first. Hudson and Luther were figured on as almost sure winners, as they perhaps would have been had they been up to their usual form.

Hughes, who was thought to have a very fair chance in the sprints, so badly bruised one leg that he did not run at all. Thus Central High's disappointing showing at Lansing is accounted for.