

Western State Normal Interscholastic Is Decided Success

Grand Rapids Central's Well Balanced Team Is Winner in Normal Games

First Interscholastic Meet Great Success and Marked by Competition of Much Merit; Good Crowd Enjoys Sport

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Grand Rapids Central	39
St. Joseph high	19
Otsego high	14 1-4
Plainwell high	13 1-4
Paw Paw high	12
Muskegon high	12 3-4
Kalamazoo Central	11 1-4
Dowagiac high	11
Lansing high	11
Allegan high	6
Grand Rapids South	5
Grand Rapids Union	4
Battle Creek high	4
Wayland high	3
Cedar Springs	2 1-2
Albion high	2

INDIVIDUAL STARS

McKenzie, Gd. Rapids Central	15
Scholtz, St. Joseph	11
Workman, Plainwell	10 1-4
Merchant, St. Joseph	8
Bowersox, Otsego	8
Vande Visse, Gd. Rap. Central	8
Porbes, Grand Rap. Central	5
Walker, Dowagiac	5
Nunn, Paw Paw	5
Winegarden, Muskegon	5
Sheridan, Muskegon	5

Grand Rapids Central's well balanced track team won the first Western State normal interscholastic track and field meet, which was held Saturday afternoon on Normal field. The Furniture city lads scored 39 points and took five firsts and one relay race, also two seconds. Two boys from St. Joseph, Merchant and Scholtz, scored 19 points and put that school in second place. Little Otsego developed surprising strength in the shot, discus and hammer and took third place. Workman, of Plainwell, with three points added by his team mates, put that school fourth, while Paw Paw bobbed up serenely in fifth position. Kalamazoo high finished seventh. Stowe won a second in the 120 yard high hurdles, which was the best position gained by Taylor's green athletes.

Meet Is Success.

The day was ideal and the meet was a ten strike from the point of being a success. Excellent accommodations helped to swell the crowd and the Western normal boosters and workers have reason to be much gratified at the result of their initial efforts in staging an interscholastic. No less than 33 schools were presented by 202 athletes, a truly remarkable showing. Despite the big fields to handle, the various events were rushed off in fast time and the delays were few. In this respect the work of the officials is worthy of special commendation.

Interest naturally centered in the track events. In these contests the entries were very large and it was necessary to run many preliminary and semi-final heats to eliminate the eligible stars. In the case of the 440 dash, with 49 entries, the field was divided and two distinct races were pulled off, in lieu of the preliminaries in the shorter dashes and hurdles. Thirty four faced the starter for the mile run and it was truly an inspiring sight when this splendid field started at the crack of the pistol.

Many Worthy Features.

The table at the head of this column and a perusal of the summaries will give a fairly good idea of the work done. Naturally the marks are all records for this particular annual event and will be competed against in the 1917 games.

Special attention should be called to the running high jump, in which Walker of Dowagiac, cleared the bar at 5 feet 10 inches. The pole vaulting of Winegarden, Muskegon high, 10 foot 9 inches, was highly creditable. Workman's victory over Houston, of Grand Rapids Central, in the second 440 yard run, was a thrilling finish. Merchant won the 100 yard dash easily, while Workman and Merchant divided honors in the 220 yard dash, clearly outclassing the field. Otsego's strength in the weights was a big surprise, while Paw Paw's victory in the class A relay was popular.

Summaries:

100 yard dash: Merchant, St. Joseph; G. McFarlin, Paw Paw; Boynton, Albion; Walsh, Dowagiac. Time 10:2.

120 yard high hurdles: McKenzie, Grand Rapids Central; Stowe, Kalamazoo; Shives, Grand Rapids South; Boerman, Kalamazoo, failed to finish. Time, 17.3.

220 yard dash: Workman, Plainwell; Merchant, St. Joseph; Houston, Grand Rapids Central; W. Bacon, Grand Rapids Central. Time, 23.1.

440 yard dash, first race: McKenzie, Grand Rapids Central; Sullivan, Coldwater; Riggs, Wayland; Osman, Allegan. Time, 55.

440 yard dash, second race: Workman, Plainwell; Houston, Grand Rapids Central; Schensul, Kalamazoo; Walsh, Dowagiac. Time, 53.4.

880 yard run: Porbes, Grand Rapids Central; VandeVisse, Grand Rapids Central; Carlton Radford, Lansing; Anway, Wayland. Time, 2:07.3.

Mile run: VandeVisse, Grand Rapids Central; Merritt, Lansing; Gerhardt, Kalamazoo; C. Schuster, Grand Rapids South. Time, 4:48.2.

220 yard low hurdles: McKenzie, Grand Rapids Central; Cornwell, Grand Rapids Union; Kurtz, Kalamazoo; Shives, Grand Rapids South. Time, 27.2.

Running high jump: Walker, Dowagiac; Scholtz, St. Joseph; Anderson and Hamilton, Lansing, tied for third and fourth places. Distance 5 ft. 10 inches.

Running broad jump: Nunn, Paw Paw; Scholtz, St. Joseph; Schmitz, Allegan; Boynton, Allegan. Distance 20 ft. 7 in.

Pole vault: Winegarden, Muskegon; Wheeler, Cedar Springs and Cross, Muskegon, tied for second and third places; Irvine, Kalamazoo; Spears, Otsego; Wilson, Muskegon; Workman, Plainwell, tied for fourth place. Distance 10 ft. 9 inches.

Shot Put: Scholtz, St. Joseph; Bowersox, Otsego; Thompson, Plainwell; Walker, Dowagiac. Dis. 41 ft. 7 1-2 inches.

Discus throw: Bowersox, Otsego; Spears, Otsego; Hubbard, Battle Creek; Fuller, Plainwell. Dis. 103 ft.

Hammer throw: Sheridan, Muskegon; Walters, Otsego; Hubbard, Battle Creek; Walker, Grand Rapids South.

Relay, towns under 10,000 population: Paw Paw, Dowagiac, Allegan, Coldwater. Time, 1:41.1.

Relay, towns over 10,000 population: Grand Rapids Central; Lansing, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids Union. Time, 1:39.