

Practically Concede 'Scholastic Meet to Grand Rapids Central

Though All Attendance and Entry Records Will Likely be Broken, There is No School Expected to Show Strength Equal to Furniture City Aggregation

Track men from 38 Michigan high schools will make up the swarm of 250 or so prep athletes who will contend on the M. A. C. track Saturday for the interscholastic cinder championship of the state.

Entry lists kept piling up in the office of Coach Gauthier Friday up to the very last minute for filing, and if no other records are demolished the attendance, at least, will easily surpass that of all former years. Practically every major high school in Michigan, and a flock of the lesser lights in interscholastic circles, will be in the running. Detroit will send four teams, and Grand Rapids, Bay City and Saginaw will enter two teams each.

As completed Friday the entry lists showed the following teams and men: Bay City Eastern, 8 men; Oshtemo, 9; Saginaw High, 17; Addison, 3; Cass Tech, Detroit, 19; Ann Arbor, 7; Arthur Hill, Saginaw, 5; Detroit Eastern 11; Grand Rapids Central, 14; Lansing, 17; Paw Paw, 4; Plainwell, 4; Hart, 3; Muskegon, 13; Elkton, 1; St. Johns, 19; St. Joseph, 6; Ionia, 5; Duckersville, 1; Bay City Western, 8; Pontiac, 8; Crosswell, 3; Alma, 18; Detroit Northwestern, 15; Williamson, 5; South High, Grand Rapids, 4; Newaygo, 11; Kalamazoo, 3; Harbor Springs, 1; Dowagiac, 2; and Nashville, 4.

Grand Rapids Union, notwithstanding avowals of an intention to start a squad in the Astic classic, is very likely to be out of it. When the time limit for filing had expired, Grand Rapids Union was among the missing 1958; and unless the Grand Rapids school can offer an unusually sound alibi for its tardiness, it in all likelihood will not be permitted to compete.

But while Grand Rapids Union may be forced to watch the ceremonies from the bleachers, Grand Rapids promises to be most ably represented by the team from Grand Rapids Central. There was some doubt a week or two ago as to which way the title will be likely to fall Saturday, but all doubts have been banished now in favor of the Furniture City boys. The Central team won the Albion interscholastic, and a few days ago, at Ann Arbor, it gave further signs of point-winning power by placing third in the University of Michigan meet. In so doing, it led all other Michigan schools. Unless a dark horse of more than ordinarily dusky hue appears on the horizon, Grand Rapids Central's chances of winning the state honors will be away above par tomorrow.

Detroit Eastern, last year's victor, appears to be decidedly out of it, while Detroit Central has failed thus far to pull off anything which might indicate that it should be feared by the Grand Rapids preps. Muskegon, also, is doped as harmless from the Grand Rapids viewpoint.

Saturday's events on the M. A. C. field will open at 12:30 o'clock with Floyd Rowe of Michigan acting as referee and starter.

While the track meet is in progress bands from a number of state high schools will play a continuous concert. Judges, who will listen to the music, will announce the state musical champions at the same time the track winners are rewarded. The winning bandmen will be presented with silver loving cups.

The visiting preps, on their arrival on the M. A. C. campus Saturday, will be received by East Lansing college men and entertained.

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Another hurdling wizard has come out of the west to hang up new world's records over the high sticks. Bob Simpson, wearing the colors of the University of Missouri, is the latest wonder man of the collocate athletic realm and his feat of copping the 120-yard high hurdles in 14 3-5 seconds at the ninth annual Missouri Valley conference meet at Columbia, Mo., was only part of a brilliant day's work.

In addition Simpson tied the world's mark of 23 3-5 seconds in the 220 low hurdles and put himself in the same class in this event with Alvin Kraenzlein of Pennsylvania, and Wendell of Harvard. Then just for good measure he won the broad jump at 22 feet 10 1-4 inches.

Simpson's first real bid for fame was a year ago when he equaled the 15 second mark in the low hurdles. A month ago he tore a fifth of a second off that figure and became world's record holder. That mark was equalled a week later by Fred Murray of California.

Three of the six stop watches used in timing Simpson at Columbia caught him at 14 3-5 seconds, two caught him a second faster than that time, and one, John Bender of the Kansas State college, choked him at 15 seconds.

The hurdlers biggest surprise came in the 220-yard low hurdles, which he negotiated in the time of 23 3-5 seconds. The last time this record was equaled was when Kraenzlein did it in 1898. This time was 4-5 of a second faster than Simpson has ever run it and it is thought that it is the first time he ever extended himself.

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