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COLTS ARE FAVORED TO WIN TRACK TITLE

Northwestern Boasts Most Strength for Sixth Annual Indoor Meet Saturday—Cass Only Contender—New Marks Expected.

Northwestern, with a regiment of strength in four events, and potential point winners in six of the remaining seven, is favored to put another championship cup in its trophy case when the finals of the sixth annual city indoor track meet are held in the Colt gymnasium Saturday night.

The Colts displayed their supremacy in the shot put, 220-yard dash, half mile and relay events during the preliminaries on Wednesday and are expected to garner a sufficient number of points in these four events to warrant its fifth championship in six years.

Cass Tech and Southwestern are the only schools in a position to threaten the chances of Northwestern, but even though they qualified a large number of entries for the finals, their teams lack the balance boasted by the Red and Gray. However, the struggle for second place promises to be a feature of the meet.

Northwestern, having set new records in four tests, is certain to take first places in these events and with the other members annexing points here and there should experience little trouble in repeating its victory of last year. The Colts qualified athletes in every event with the exception of the pole vault and are favored to place in each test in which their colors will be carried.

On the showing made in the trial heats, Cass Tech, looms as the logical runner-up. The Mechanics have, in Bill Loving and Gaines, two athletes capable of winning any event in which they start, and aided with the points that may be won by Eddie Tolan in the dashes and Cunningham in the quarter mile, should offset any showing made by the Prospectors.

Northwestern bases its chances on Glenn Carlson in the shotput and hurdles, Widman in the high vault, Crouse in the mile, Tait in the dashes, Jacobs and Seeger in the half mile and the relay team. While Southwestern qualified the second largest number of boys it has only one first place in sight. Kuretic, Zajac and Sansone placed in that order in the trials and this is the event that will boost the standings of Coach Hermanson's protégé.

Expect New Records.

Several new records are expected to be made. Carlson bettered his own shot put mark on Wednesday and has visions of lengthening this distance Saturday night in an effort to establish a mark that will stand over a stretch of years.

Two races stand out on the card, the 220-yard dash and the half mile, and it is within the bounds of reason to expect that the records made on Wednesday will be passed out of existence. Jimmie Tait led the field in the former test, but when pitted against Lewis, of Northwestern, the only runner with a chance of defeating him, he may clip several seconds from the new mark.

Paul Jacobs, who lowered the time in the half mile, will meet Don Seeger, holder of the former mark, in the finals. Seeger is confident of keeping his name on the list of record holders and this race may furnish the best competition of the evening. At any rate Northwestern is certain of annexing eight points regardless of which runner breaks the tape.

Relay Race Features.

The relay race also will test the real ability of the various schools as each of the qualifiers bettered the mark in the trials. While Northwestern won the event, Cass trailed by one-fifth of a second and may overcome this handicap Saturday night.

Cass is certain to place in the high jump with Gaines and Loving both entered, but Eddie Meyers, of Eastern, who was off form in the preliminaries, may extend them to win the event.

The meet is scheduled to start at 7:30 and all athletes are asked to report a half hour previous to that time to avoid any unnecessary delay. The events will be directed by two sets of officials, one group running off the field events on the main floor while the other group will stage the distance events simultaneously on the upper track.

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