

SCHOOL TEAMS REACH PEAK OF COMPETITION

Preliminaries of Annual City Track Meet Rob Usual Baseball Schedule of Much Interest—Cass Seen as Menace to Colts.

Athletes in the city high schools reach the peak of their competitive schedules Friday with preliminaries for the sixth annual city track meet listed at Codd field while the baseball teams reach the half way mark in their season.

While the baseball races is one of the closest in recent years with any number of teams still within striking distance of the pennant, much of the interest will be turned toward the track meet.

This interest is manifest in view of the possibility that Northwestern may be dropped from the track pin-nacle it has held since 1922. In other years it always was a safe prediction that the Colts would retain their honors. But this season there is a lurking suspicion that Cass Tech and not Northwestern will be on top of the heap when the final race is run.

Colts Come Through.

But suspicion seldom run to form. Northwestern has been counted out of the running on previous occasions only to correct its strength at an unexpected moment and upset all rivals. This was particularly true in the state meet at East Lansing last year. With only three events remaining the Colts were trailing far behind. Then with a sudden burst they came to the front and snatched honors by taking the last three tests.

While the team's all-around strength of other years is missing Northwestern has reasonably strong squad to combat the Merchants. Ross is counted a certain point winner in the century and low hurdles. Jake Widman looms strong in the high hurdles and javelin and with Ross will run the relay. Mosser, in the quarter, is rated one of the best in the city. Dart and Lance are almost certain to place in the faring with Cavataugh the favorite in the mile.

To save the little Northwestern must count heavily in the field events and it has every reason to believe that Pezet will come through in the shot and hammer throw. There also is the probability that Dave Smyth may upset all rivals in the pole vault.

Cass Looms Strong.

Against this array of talent, Cass Tech will counter with the strongest team that ever has opposed Northwestern in a major event. Eddie Tolon and Bill Loving, the pair that netted Cass the national indoor title, are to carry most of the burden. Loving was the high point score last year. He is rated the best in the high hurdles and high jump and is counted upon to score in the discus. Tolon stands out in both dashes with his brother. Hart, rated the strongest half miler in the city.

Tuchman in the shot, and Cunningham in the quarter mile also are rated highly to cut in on the color point total. Few other schools have capable arrays as the strength is scattered over the various sports to such an extent that it will be a struggle between Northwestern and Cass.

Neither Northwestern nor Highland Park, present leaders in the baseball circuit, have little to fear in their games Friday. The Colts oppose Southwestern and the Bears take on Commerce.

Aided by the combined hitting and pitching of Foley, the Colts are expected to upset the Prospectors while Commerce has little hope of extending the suburban team.

Western, with renewed confidence after his first victory last Tuesday, faces a worthy rival in Southeastern and the contest should be one of the best on the card. Central meets Hamtramck, and if Spriggs, Trail-blazer hurler is any way near form, the Common will have a tough afternoon.

Little doubt as to winners of the remaining games exists. Northern boasts too much power for Cass and the same is true of Northeastern against Bedford.

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