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PART ONE

Northwestern Favor

FALCONS PRESENT POSSIBLE THREAT

Northeastern Only School of Fifteen in Meet That Seems Likely to Offer Colts Serious Competition For Title.

Weaver's Men Have Won All Dual Meets This Year By Lopsided Scores; Old Records Seem Unlikely to Be Broken.

Northwestern high school, seven times city interscholastic track champion, will begin defense of its laurels at the preliminaries of the annual meet at the new Central gymnasium next Wednesday afternoon. All 15 schools of the league will be represented in the preliminaries. Eight individual contestants will qualify for the semi-finals of the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the high and low hurdles, and five for the 880, mile, shotput, pole vault and high jump. The finals will be held Saturday night. Only once since 1920 have the Colts given place to another school in the city affair. That was in 1923, when Eastern came to the fore. Again, as in previous years, the defending champions are conceded a slight edge on the rest of the field.

Coach Malcolm Weaver has a well-balanced team, one sure of several firsts and a good share of the second and third place points. Northeastern, runner-up in 1927, looms as the chief threat to Northwestern's title hopes, with Cass next and the remainder of strength scattered among the other league members.

Has Won All Dual Meets.

Dual meets this season, which in reality are just practice jaunts preliminary to the annual championship affair, have revealed few men of outstanding merit, although two or three may come through with record breaking performances.

In this respect, considering the showing made in dual meets to date, Northeastern's Jerome Dennis, last year's outstanding prep athletic star, seems sure. The difference in the size of the tracks and the absence of proper timing at some meets may tend to disappoint some of the sports fans.

Colts May Lose Erskine.

Northwestern has won every dual meet in which it has engaged this season, gathering among its victims, Western, Highland Park, Eastern, Northeastern and Cass. Generally, the scores were one sided. Friday, in a triangular affair with Northeastern and Central, the latter's track, the Colts won 53 points to 18 for Northeastern and 15 for Central. Both the Eskimos and Trailblazers were unknown up to that time.

Captain Erskine has been Northwestern's best man in the dashes and hurdles and also may run in the mile. Coach Weaver has shown that the Colts will have to get along without his services, as he will be ineligible for competition against the Falcons February 17. The mile seems to be the only event for such an injury to hold, and unless it is aggravated he should be in shape.

Eugene Smith, of Northeastern's 1927 national interscholastic championship team, looks like one of the principal contenders for firsts in the sprints. Smith, a fast and smooth, drawback, is favored for the 220-yard dash.

Smith Is Strong.

In the half mile, Smith of Cass, one of the most locking half miles in this part of the state and winner of the mile last year, has shown in his outdoor meets last year, will face some real competition.

Jaydell Thompson, of Northwestern, has, unofficially, bettered the 10 second mark in the 100 yard dash and has beaten Smith the only time he faced him this year. Thompson, however, injured his ankle and was run the trips in the early part of the season, but was shifted to the half to strengthen the Colts in that event.

Walter Arnold, of Western, is another possibility for the 880. Hurd, also a Northwestern man, has done 2:05 in the half, but was recently down with the flu.

Northwestern will rely upon Robert Carlson, Erskine and Smith in the dashes. Carlson has unofficially bettered the existing time of :05 1-5 for the Colts' track several times. Eichenrlich, of Northeastern, also has shown good form.

May Divide on Jump.

Sampson, of Cass, and Dennis, of Northeastern, are likely to divide honors in the high jump. Dennis, only five feet seven inches tall, has lifted himself over the bar at heights of five feet three and four inches over his head. He holds the state outdoor record for the jump, which he made last year on a wonderful spring, and may Dennis in the outdoor A. A. U. meet at Bells late last summer.

There is a dearth of material in the pole vault, Sampson, the outstanding man in the short put, Turnschoff, of Cass, not a very large man, has shown signs of being capable of better than six feet over the present official city mark and is said to possess the finest price a high school boy has ever had in this city.

The relay will probably be a duel between Northwestern and Northeastern.

WEST MICHIGAN PAIRINGS MADE

Class A High School Basketball Teams Ready for This Week's Meet.

Creston, Holland Clash First, Winner to Meet Grand Rapids Central.

Grand Rapids, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Drawings for the class A regional five team tournament, to be held here March 1 and 2, under the Y. M. C. A. Saturday morning and resulted in Creston and Holland being bracketed in the first round, the winner to meet Grand Rapids Central.

In the lower bracket, Muskegon was drawn to play Grand Rapids Union, the winner to meet the victor of the three-team upper bracket.

Creston and Holland was slated to be played at South High School gym at 7:30 Thursday night, according to Manager M. C. Kowlis called jointer for A. W. Thompson in an effort to have it advanced to Wednesday in order to afford a rest period between the two hard and fast games, and detached pentameter. The advancement was approved by the managers of all schools several of the drawn.

The game between Central and the winner of the Holland-Creston clash will be played Friday night at Central, the game called for by the Union-Muskegon game at 8:30. On Saturday, the teams defeated Friday will play a game at 7:30 p. m. to determine third place holder, while the winners will meet in the tournament finals at 8:30 p. m. Central Rapids will be eligible to and and one will attend from Kalamazoo, where Grand Rapids, South Bend, Battle Creek and Ann Arbor Harbor will stage a four team meet at the time of the Grand Rapids tournament.

Saginaw, Feb. 25.—Arrangements have been made to play the opening first round games in the Class D division of the regional tournament tonight, between Clio and St. Peter and Paul, of Saginaw, as a preliminary to the Class A and B contests, that closes the season for both clubs on the home floor.

The winner of the Clio-St. Peter and Paul game will meet Chesaning; Dundee, St. Mary's, of Saginaw, will meet St. Charles, and St. James, of Saginaw, in the second round on Thursday.

The opening round pairings in Class D follow: Akron, St. Mary's (Saginaw); Gagetown, Sebewaing, bye; Birch Run vs. Bronson; Lutheran seminary, Saginaw, bye. Tentative dates for the district tournament on March 2 and 3 will bring Saginaw and Flint Central together in the lower bracket, the winner to play Saginaw Arthur Hill, the winner of the Bay City Northern drawn bye in the upper bracket and meet in the second round.

Muskegon, Feb. 25.—Drawings for the district tournament (Class C and D) which begins next Thursday night at Muskegon Heights high school are as follows:

Class B—Muskegon Heights vs. Grand Haven.

Class C—Shelby, bye; Fremont vs. St. Mary's (Muskegon); Grant vs. Ravenna; Montague vs. Whitehall; Hillsdale Dodgeville vs. Whitehall; Newaygo vs. Montague.

Of the teams in the district, Grand Haven, Shelby and Ravenna, the class C champs, and Detroit Bacon, with a team which has beaten teams two classes higher this winter, will be favorites for the state class D crown this year.

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