

# Northwestern Nears

## EASTERN GAINS SECOND PLACE IN TRIAL TESTS

### Prep Track Qualifiers

**Indians Loam as Only Menace to Colts' Bid for Ninth City Championship.**

**ELEVEN TEAMS QUALIFY**

**Failure of Redford and Cass to Land More Positions Further Surprises.**

Northwestern took a step further toward its ninth Metropolitan high school indoor track championship by leading in the preliminary at Central high school yesterday, making its place in the semifinals and final to be run Saturday night and a final race.

Redford, the only team ever to beat the Colts in the annual indoor affair and that back in 1923, increased this track by coming to lead by placing second to Northwestern in the number of qualifiers with 11, chiefly in the field events while Northwestern and Central each qualified six. Redford placed a relay team.

Failure of Redford and Cass to gain more positions in Saturday's competition, Redford had only five boys and four girls, both being out in several events in which they were expected to lead the field of eight performers, was one of the surprises of yesterday's contest.

**Eleven Schools Qualify.**

Northwestern placed five along with Redford, while Highland Park was the new entrant as Cass, Warren and Northwestern one each, making a total of 11 of the 15 in the preliminary trials in the qualifying race.

The low hurdles and mile runs proved the major features of yesterday's competition, the record in the former being tied twice and almost equalled in the latter. The 100-yard low hurdles which has stood since 1925 when he carried Northwestern's colors to victory in the first city meet ever held and equalled the record by only three tenths of a second in 1926, was nearly eclipsed.

**Beatty Equals Mark.**

Ernest Beatty, "Tommy" Negro from Northwestern, who has won both honors in the indoor competition for the last two years, was the first to equal the mark in the first semifinal heat when he beat out Patrick of Northwestern, by about two yards.

Patrick in the fourth semifinal which he won, carried Northwestern a step where it comes to deciding the champion and possibly setting a new record when he defeated Redford in winning in 1:02.8.

The times of three of the five qualifiers for the mile were all within a second of each other and about two seconds of the present record of a minute 48.8 second set by Chas. W. Johnson of Northwestern in 1927. Professor of Eastern city-concomity champion, Albert R. Lankin, the holder of any in present competition, set the field in winning in 1:07.4.

McMahon of Central whose hands and build would never seem to suggest he was a mile runner, was spotted here when he finished in 1:06.4. Another star all-around man was seen in 1:09.4. A. H. Clark of Northwestern led the last half mile in his heat and was timed in 4:50.4. Martin of Northwestern, in with a 4:56.4. With this excellent field entered the mile contest from one of the outstanding features of the track Saturday.

**Hendon May Extend Beatty.**

Northwestern qualified men in every event but the high jump. It has four in the low hurdles two each in the high hurdles, placed about 20, 400 and pole vault and one each in the 400 mile and shot put, in addition to the relay team.

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