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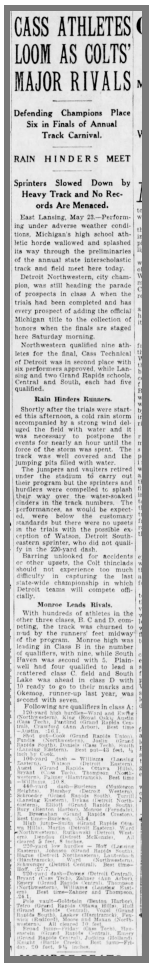

CASS ATHLETES LOOM AS COLTS' MAJOR RIVALS

Defending Champions Place Six in Finals of Annual Track Carnival.

RAIN HINDERS MEET

Sprinters Slowed Down by Heavy Track and No Records Are Menaced.

East Lansing, May 23.—Performing under adverse weather conditions, Michigan's high school athletic horde wallowed and splashed its way through the preliminaries of the annual state interscholastic track and field meet here today.

Detroit Northwestern, city champion, was still heading the parade of prospects in class A when the trials had been completed and has every prospect of adding the official Michigan title to the collection of honors when the finals are staged here Saturday morning.

Northwestern qualified nine athletes for the final, Cass Technical of Detroit was in second place with six performers approved, while Lansing and two Grand Rapids schools, Central and South, each had five qualified.

Rain Hinders Runners.

Shortly after the trials were started this afternoon, a cold rain storm accompanied by a strong wind surged the field with water and it was necessary to postpone the events for nearly an hour until the force of the storm was spent. The track was well covered and the jumping pits filled with water.

The jumpers and vaulters retired under the stadium to carry out their program but the sprinters and hurdlers were compelled to splash their way over the water-soaked cinders in the track numbers. The performances, as would be expected, were below the customary standards but there were no upsets in the trials with the possible exception of Watson, Detroit Southeastern sprinter, who did not qualify in the 220-yard dash.

Barring unlooked for accidents Saturday afternoon, all finalists should be in readiness for a meet difficulty in capturing the state-wide championship in which Detroit teams will compete officially.

Monroe Leads Rivals.

With hundreds of athletes in the other three class, B, C and D competing, the track was churned to mud by the runners' feet midway of the program. Monroe high was the class B leader in the number of qualifiers, with nine, while South Haven was second with six. Flint had four qualified to lead a scattered class C field and South Lake was ahead in class D with 10 ready to go to their marks and Okemos, runner-up last year, was second with seven.

Following are qualifiers in class A:

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