

Busy Week Ahead for Prep Athletes

By Tod Rockwell

Outdoor track in the City High School League will share the spotlight with baseball, tennis and golf this week, as the first of a series of meets in a curtailed track program take place.

High school directors will meet at Northern High Monday to draw for triangular meets which will be held during the week. Because the school term has been shortened nearly a month it was necessary to bunch the track season into a comparatively short space of time. But it will be time enough to crown a champion and Hamtramck's best Common appear to be the chief contenders.

The outdoor title is held by Hamtramck. But this spring the Indians have not shown that they can be considered a serious contender. In the indoor meet, Hamtramck ran away with the honors, scoring twice as many points as Cooley, its nearest competitor.

Coach Floyd Stocum of Hamtramck believes his team will be stronger outdoors than it was indoors. This is because several newcomers to his squad have shown marked improvement during the last few weeks.

Skorupski Is Prospect

Not the best of these is Bill Skorupski, shot putter and discus thrower. Bill became a track candidate by chance. A few weeks ago he was out for the baseball team. But he carried his 184 pounds a little too heavily to suit Hal Shields, the coach, and was advised to try out at the weight events in track.

The first time he ever picked up a discus, Stocum said, he tossed it 94 feet. Floyd outlined a training program for the big fellow and now, a few weeks later, he is tossing the discus nearly 110 feet. And Bill is far from being a novice at the shot put even though he has been training at it only a month or so.

Last week he tossed it better than 42 feet. The most encouraging thing about Skorupski is that he is a junior. He will be eligible for next year. Shields already is counting on him for a regular full-back berth on the grid team. Bill made his letter on the Common football team last fall.

In Leonard Busch, Stocum has one of the smartest little athletes in the City. For two years the small Common star successfully directed Hamtramck grid teams at the quarter-back post. He had few peers in the City grid league for speed.

Busch Fast from Mark

Perhaps there isn't a boy in the City who gets away from a mark in the sprints any faster than Busch. And once out in front he is a hard youngster to overtake. He is a good competitor and while not the fastest sprinter in the City, his flying start may make him a contender for sprint honors.

Walter Jackowski is another newcomer to the Common squad. His best distance is the 220 and he can step the 440-yard dash in good time as well. Pit Roman Harkaway is the ace of the Common quarter-milers. He was a finalist in the outdoor meet last year and with a year's experience under his belt, is a much better runner this year.

Can they meet in the City beat out Ben Karnowky, of Cooley? Stocum has an answer to that question. He claims that John Bush, who gave Karnowky the race of his career last winter in the indoor championships, will defeat the Cardinals when they get together in the City meet. If training helps, John will be hard to beat.

Claude Sherry, Cooley coach, is just as certain that Don will win that mile race. Don is training just as religiously. This event promises to be one of the highlights of the City meet.

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