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State Schools in Track Finals

Prep Champions See Titles in Danger

EAST LANSING, May 25—(A. P.)—More than 500 high school athletes will be on parade here tomorrow in an all-day competition to determine the State track and field championships.

Boys will leave their homes from every nook and corner of the state. For the first time in recent years, the Upper Peninsula will have an entry. The little hamlet of Bergland in the far north expects to enter a team.

In all there will be 122 schools competing, headed by 92 schools in Class C. There will be 28 from Class B, 20 from Class D and 26 from Class A.

Class A schools command the chief attention. Victory entitles the winning team to undisturbed possession of the State championship outside the Detroit League. Detroit schools withdrew from the meet several years ago after consistently winning it year after year.

Indications are that the meet will be rather tough on defending champions. Three of the four winners of 1933 are not expected to repeat, while the fourth has heavy competition from two rivals.

Kalamazoo Central, the defending champion, is apparently out of the running for the team title this year in the Class A field. On the basis of showings this spring, both in dual meets and in regionals last week, six other teams are expected to fight it out for premier honors. They are Saginaw Eastern, Monroe, Muskegon, Ann Arbor, Ferndale and Grand Rapids South. Led by its great sprint star, Kolbe, Saginaw will enter the meet a favorite, but Muskegon has enough all-round talent to cause plenty of trouble. Saginaw was runner-up in the 1933 competition.

The Class B competition likewise is expected to bring forth a new champion. Birmingham, the defending titleholder, is not listed among the strong contenders this year. Niles, the runner-up of 1933, together with Dowagiac, Dearborn, Mt. Pleasant, Alma, Hastings, Grand Haven and Cadillac, are given the nod as the favorites.

Paw Paw High School is regarded on its showing to date as an overwhelming favorite to take the Class C title away from Buchanan, the defending champion. The list of schools figured to score heavily does not include Caro, the runner-up last year. Other schools in the top running are Buchanan, Marine City, South Lyon and Lowell.

Centerville will be fighting to win its fourth consecutive Class D title. Its habitual winning ways, however, may be upset by either Portage, the runner-up of 1933, or Napoleon, regarded as heavy contenders for the title.

Preliminaries and finals will start at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and continue throughout the day. There will be 12 events, with the discus and javelin banned for the third successive year.

No individual will be permitted to compete in more than four events. A 40-yard entry may compete in the relay as the only other track event. Those entering the half-mile or mile are eliminated from further competition in track events.

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