

## • Track



First row: Rice, Anderson, Barrows, Day, Withrow, McKee, Palmer, Hoebecke, McKerscher.  
 Second row: Coach Steele, Newcomer, Randall, Hultman, Miskill, Christensen, DeBoer, Ogren, Brown.  
 Third row: York, Stebbings, Brenner, Albee, Chason, Weaver, Latta, Williams, Pound, Gregory, Kammert, Frazee.  
 Fourth row: Gilmer, Hudson, Kerr, Hubbard, Wisniewski, Welferode, Koopstra, Harter, Kaboon, Dietrich, Kingwill, Ausicker, Hula.

• With the new Julius Houseman Track Field ready for use this spring, the thinclads staged a big comeback at Central this year. Over eighty boys signed for competition.

The Sixth Annual Session Room Meet opened the season during April vacation. This was positively the closest affair that we have ever seen. 204 won the big trophy with 39 points, and following in order were 136 with a 38  $\frac{1}{3}$  total, 112 with 36  $\frac{2}{3}$  counters, and 104 with a score of 34. John Bath won both dashes in creditable time. Bob Anderson's mark of 19' 9" in the broad jump was also good. But Don Hoebecke's mile in 4:50.8 was an exceptional early season mark.

The next meet was a dual trial with Creston, which Central won 80 to 24. Millard Hultman piled up 13  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the points. Bob Miskill climbed to 11'  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the pole vault and Bob Anderson went out 20' 5" in the broad jump. Again, Hoebecke made fine time in the mile, this time 4:44.3. Withrow's time of 55.8 for the quarter mile was also good, as was the relay mark of 1:37.5. The Gold and White scored a slam in the high jump.

Following the Creston affair came a triangular meet with Allegan and East. Our boys took the lead with 99 points, to Allegan's 39  $\frac{2}{3}$  and East's 11  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Hoebecke's improvement to 4:40.3 in the mile was the only outstanding time.

South brought over their usual well-balanced squad, and although first places were evenly divided, the Trojans took a close meet, 58  $\frac{2}{3}$  to 45  $\frac{1}{3}$ . The high hurdles went to McDonald of South on 15.8, with Palmer a nice second.

Both dashes went to Brandel of South with Buth second each time. Hoebeke ran another fast mile for 4:42.7, and Withrow improved his time in the quarter to 55.1. Palmer ran the low hurdles in 25.1 to capture that event, and Gillise, South, took the 880 in a very good time of 2:07. In the field events Miskill raised his vaulting height to 11' 4½" and Anderson broad jumped 20' 1½". McDonald of South was the star of the day with his new city record of 5' 11" in the high jump, erasing the mark of 5' 10¾" formerly held jointly by Browne of Central and Smith of Ottawa.

On the following Saturday Central took the measure of Catholic's tracksters in a rather easy fashion. The Parochials were unquestionably handicapped by a lack of balance because of the comparative small number of boys out for track. Bartnik was one of the two Blue and White first place winners, capturing both dash events. Don Hoebeke, gunning for a city record, made 4:38.9, which is a remarkably speedy performance. Ed Palmer took both hurdles over Huyge, Catholic's star. Buth, running the 440 for the first time, forced Withrow to do 54.4 to win.

On May 18 Central played host at the Regional Meet at Julius Houseman Field. And what a meet it was! Colorful pageantry—superb showmanship—countless thrills—new records. The Gold and White lads missed the Regional title by only 1½ points. It was the Trojans from South who nosed out the Steelemen in the "big time." Central's star proved to be mighty Don Hoebeke, just about the gamest runner ever seen hercabouts. In his heralded duel with Hutchins of Union, Don outstripped and outclassed the Unionite and the rest of the field to break the tape in 4:33. By this performance Hoebeke shattered the old record of 4:35.8, chalked up by Kingsford of South in 1926. Ed Palmer placed third in the fast high hurdles, and in the low barrier event, skipped home in front of the city's ace timber-toppers. Mill Hultman tied for first in the vault after Bob Miskill had been forced out by an injured arm. Bob Anderson scored a second in the broad jump and a fifth in the century. Making 53.7, Withrow led the field home in his 440 heat. Johnny Buth received a tough break in his heat and just missed a first. Charon placed fourth in the 880, while Keegstra, Miskill, and Cummings shared in the nine-way tie for second in the high jump. To end the point-making, the Gold and White relay team raced home right behind Tech's state championship quartet.

A week passed, and the boys hit the trail for Lansing and the State Meet. Again Mill Hultman tied for first in the vault, soaring 11' 5". Don Hoebeke ran a very close second in the mile, doing about 4:32.9. John Buth placed second in his heat of the quarter, while Withrow scored a fourth.

On the whole, Central enjoyed a good year on the cinder paths. Although he has produced greater teams, Harold Steele turned out some of his finest individual stars this spring. The stellar consistent performers were Hoebeke, Miskill, Hultman, Withrow, John Buth, Bob Anderson, Ed Palmer, and Jimmy Keegstra. And say! The Novice Meet showed that Coach Steele isn't going to be in very sad straits next year!