

# So We Hear—

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**M**ORE points will be tabulated at the state high school meet at East Lansing Saturday than ever before, as the state association has added an extra place this year, making six in all, with the order of points 6-5-4-3-2-1. The new point order seems to be pleasing to a few of the coaches with balanced strength but no outstanding stars. A second will be almost as good as a first and a third place plus a fifth counts just as heavily as a win in the totals.

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MUSKEGON HIGH SCHOOL, with two star performers, is hoping for a shot at state titular honors. Muskie fans spot Gayle Robinson as the best hurdler in the state, high or low. He has hit 15.2 in the highs and 23.5 in the lows this year, although he did not approach these marks in the regional at Kalamazoo last Saturday. Robinson is also a good broad jumper. Swanker, dash man with a low of 10.2 in the 100 and 22.8 in the 220, is the other Muskegon hope.

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**S**TILL Saginaw seems to remain the team to beat, with its triple-deck star, Bill Watson, the favorite in three events. Grand Rapids coaches are among those who hope to prosper through balanced strength as well as ability of stars. South High, with 14 entries qualified, may pile up quite a number of points behind event leaders. Ottawa and Central each has 11 entrants, while Tech lists 10.

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Grand Rapids has high hopes of success for Don Hoebeke, Central miler who made a new city record last Saturday at 4:33, but Don may run into trouble despite the fact that he led the state in times recorded in the regionals. Miles, the Kalamazoo Central winner, trotted in with 4:37.4 Saturday but has clocked 4:31 this spring. Hoebeke hasn't been chased hard this year, his best pace-maker being a stop watch he carries in his hand to check his time at each quarter.

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**A**LL-TIME state records appear in danger in some events Saturday, and the mile run mark is one. Miles made it last year at 4:31.3 and will be defending his record as well as his championship against Hoebeke. Watson of Saginaw has a good chance to break the shotput mark of Koehler of Lansing, at 51 feet 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches, which has stood since 1910. The half mile record of 1:59.9 is the other in most danger, with a strong field to push Sikes of Lansing Eastern, who came within 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds of the record in his regional \$80.

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Despite a star entry list and promise of close competition in most events, the state meet probably will be attended by fewer fans than usual Saturday, just because the Big Ten meet, leading college event of the mid-west, is being staged at Ann Arbor, only an hour's drive from East Lansing. The Ann Arbor show has the big tent in the state Saturday. This doesn't mean much to the state association as the state prep meet has had a free gate for a number of years, but plenty of track fans would like to take in both competitions.

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**I**T WILL not be surprising if Grand Rapids goes after the state high school meet for next year, after the unqualified success of the regional here last Saturday at Houseman field. State Director Charles Forsythe was on hand and was shown that Grand Rapids at last has the proper facilities. Dr. George May, veteran starter from the University of Michigan, said he never had witnessed a high school meet conducted with more smoothness or showmanship. Michigan State college has acted as host to the state meet for a long time and probably will be willing to continue, but on the other hand is unlikely to oppose a change for a year.