

A Death Recalls—

Bob Hawkins' Greatness as an Athlete

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J. Roger "Bob" Hawkins' death recently recalled to many an old-time follower of amateur athletics the achievements of one of Detroit's best-known high school athletes in an earlier generation.

"Bob" Hawkins attended Central High and later Detroit University School, where he became an all-around track star. Although only 5 feet, 4 inches, he ranked as one of the city's best high jumpers and often cleared 5 feet 10 and 6 feet



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in competition. Besides being an exceptional high jumper, "Bob" also stood out as a broad jumper, pole vaulter, hurdler and sprinter. He won firsts in both the high jump and the pole vault in the Detroit Interscholastic Athletic League in 1906. In the same year he was sec-

ond in the high jump in the Y. M. C. A. interscholastics, also running on the second place relay team. That year, too, he captured first in the high jump and third in the broad jump in the D. A. C. meet.

The next year Hawkins was first in the high jump in the "Y" meet, won the Detroit University School all-around championship, repeating in 1908. Also in 1908 he competed in the University of Chicago, Cornell, Northwestern and University of Michigan interscholastic meets, placing high in each. At Chicago he ran on the winning 440-yard relay team, and, at Cornell, competing against stars from all sections of the country, Hawkins won the high jump and placed second in the broad jump.

A death in his family prevented young Hawkins from attending college, but he retained his interest in athletics and in 1912 was the Michigan A. A. U. high hurdles champion. In recent years he was a bowler at the D. A. C.

He leaves his wife, Mable, his mother, Mrs. Ida Hawkins, and a brother, Oliver.