

After 4 Years, Hawthorne Vindicates Early Promise

If it had not been for the change in track and field rules this season, William Hawthorne, Michigan Normal College pole-vaulter, would be unbeaten this season.

Hawthorne, competing six times indoors and twice outdoors, has won his event five times and has been second three.

But no one has beaten him this year, even though he has failed to win first place three times.

Under the rules this year, when competitors tie for first place in pole vault and high jump, the event goes to the man who has missed the fewest times. This rule has cost Hawthorne three first places.

GOOD RECORD

In spite of these technical defeats, Hawthorne has an enviable record this year. He has been over 13 feet in every meet but one, and he won the vault in the State college meet with a mark of 13 feet 6



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inches, the highest he has ever gone.

Along with his vaulting, Hawthorne has been undefeated this year in the running broad jump. In three meets he has been over 23 feet each time. His best jump was just five-eighths of an inch short of 24 feet.

Hawthorne is a senior at Michigan Normal. He has won the pole vault and broad jump in the State meet for the past two years. In his sophomore year he won the broad jump, but did not vault because of a leg injury.

DETROIT BOY

His athletic feats this year have vindicated the promise he showed when he attended Detroit Eastern High School. He had but one year of competition in high school, but in that brief period he set the existing city pole vault records in both indoor and outdoor meets. In one of his dual meets he vaulted over 12 feet, being the only boy to clear that height while in high school.

His coach in high school, Claude Sharey, was a brilliant all-around athlete at Michigan Normal, and it was due to his interest in Normal that Hawthorne entered the school. Lloyd Olds, track coach at Normal, was also Sharey's coach.