

Cosmos Ready to See Trouble

They'll Open Track Defense Monday

Hamtramck's indoor track team, ruler of the City League four times in the last five years, is preparing for trouble. The divisional meets will be held this week and all indications are that Hamtramck will lose its title.

The West Side meet will be held Tuesday and Thursday at Cooley. The East Side meet is set for Monday and Wednesday at Central. Last winter Cooley won the West Side title and Hamtramck the East Side crown.

Hamtramck's powerful squad which took the title last year by running up 48 points in the final has been wrecked by graduation. At least four other schools have turned in more impressive dual meet records this winter—Cooley, Redford, Southeastern and Northwestern.

City League coaches believe that several records will be threatened. Al Thomas, of Cooley, appears to have the best chance of putting his name in the record books. In dual competition Thomas has broken records in the 30-yard dash and the low and high hurdles. However, dual meet records are not considered official.

Cooley's Dick Slevin also rates an excellent chance of lifting the pole vault mark of 11 feet 7 inches. Slevin has done 12 feet in practice. Northwestern has two distance runners who might come through with record performances. They are Mac Umstattd, a sixteen-year-old boy, in the half-mile, and Warren Johnson in the mile. Johnson won the City cross-country title last fall. The recognized records are 2:04.8 in the 880 and 4:39 in the mile.

Probably the biggest favorite to win an individual title is Willis Marsh. Pershing's outstanding high jumper, Marsh leaped 6 feet 3 inches in Pershing's last two meets this winter. The league record of 6 feet 6 was set by Willis Ward in 1931. Ward's leap also is the National Interscholastic record.

The boys who place in the divisional meets qualify for the City semifinals to be staged March 30 at Central. The City finals will be held April 2 also at Central.

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