

SPORT SECTION

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## Prep Athletes Vie This Week

### Records Are Periled in Several Events

Unless Al Thomas runs into some tough luck, Cooley High should win its first city indoor track championship this year.

It is the consensus following the annual sectional meet which took place on the West Side and Hamtramck on the East Side that Cooley registered 60½ points as much as all other West Side schools combined, in taking its annual crown, and the coaches seem to figure that the Cardinals are out for the better event.

Thomas, the "Rocky Comet" who has been burning up the tracks this year, should be good for anything from 20 to 25 points in the city meet. Thomas won four first place on the West Side and if Al Thomas wins first in the city meet, Cooley should win without any trouble.

#### Several Marks Periled

Several records will be threatened in the West Side meet, three city records and several all city records. West Side meet marks are the result of the official City League books. Only the performance in the semifinals and finals at Central High School are recognized so that all records can be made under the same conditions.

Thomas, who is entered in the low and high hurdles and the 200 and 400 yard dashes, should be good for one record in the low hurdles. Thomas won the high hurdles in four seconds that, though second faster than the record, is the low hurdles and was just one-eighth of a second slower than the mark of 24.2 in the 200.

#### Unstated Should Win

James McNair (Mac) Unstated, the 1800-pounder Northwestern half miler, appears to be a sure bet for a record. In the West Side meet Unstated was timed in 2:02.6. The official record is 2:02.8. Another Northwestern performer, Thomas Clark, in the pole vault, cleared 11 feet 8 inches in the West Side meet. This is two inches higher than the record.

Although Cooley will be favored to beat Hamtramck for the championship the Cosmos have won four times in the last five years, there should be some fine races.

Thomas will be matching stride with Eddie Hall, Pershing's sprinter, in the 100 yard dash and the low hurdles. Hall also tied the city record in the low hurdles.

In the 200 Thomas will have to beat Bob Wings of Hamtramck. This same Wings will race as the favorite in the 400. The mile race should produce a fight between Elmer Johnson, of Northwestern, and Johnny White, of Hamtramck, in the short, fast, Ralph Barker, of Southwestern, and Gene Hatch, of Southwestern, are the leading candidates. Thomas may get some competition from Howard Hampton, of Hamtramck, in both hurdles races, while Central's competitor in the 100 yard dash will be handling himself with such strong competitors as Hamtramck, Cooley and Eastern will present.

Wills Marsh, the Pershing boy who has leaped 6 feet 2 inches in dual competition, will be favored in the high jump, but Fave Wall of Cooley, shouldn't be overlooked in this event. Clark, in the pole vault, may have trouble in beating Tom Hertz, of Cooley, who cleared as high as 12 feet in previous years.

The city semifinals will be held Wednesday with the final Saturday night. Both will be staged at Central High School.

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