

Local Prep Stars Shine In State Track Finals

(By John McElwee.)

Probably unprecedented in the 32-year-old history of the State High School Athletic association championship track and field meet, a wake of 13 broken records and 2 tied marks Sunday followed the hectic competition at the Michigan State college track at East Lansing Saturday where 800 tracksters from nearly 212 schools competed for state honors. Four defending titleholders were dethroned in the meet.

With Flint Central paced single-handedly into the runnerup post in class A by Floyd Bates who won the high jump, high and low hurdles and took second in the broad jump for an individual total of 22 points, title honors went to Saginaw Eastern's balanced team. South High took third in the meet with 22 points, 13½ of which were credited to George Doran. Saginaw took the meet with 31 3/5 points to Flint Central's 30½. Creston's 15 points accounted for sixth place, while Union with 12 was tenth. Ottawa had 7 for fourteenth place.

Belding B Victor.

Belding took class B honors from East Lansing by a one-point margin 29 to 28, while Algonac won class C, Charlevoix running second with 19½ points; Bergman, Charlevoix's one-man team, turned in the entire amount of the Pirate's total with firsts in the high hurdles, high jump, and a tie for first in the low hurdles; in addition he took a fifth in the broad jump. East Grand Rapids placed third in class C with 18 points, Dick Williams accounting for 10 by a first in the shot put and a third in the broad jump. Peterson's sixth in the high hurdles, Stoutjesdyke's second in the 880 and Higgins' third in the 440 accounted for the remaining points along with Youdan's fifth in the shot.

Outstanding performances of local entries included the showings of both Doran of South and Miller of Creston in class A. Doran showed his heels to the best in the state to sprint home for a double, winning both the 100 and 220-yard dashes. His pace for the century was :10.1 and in the 220, :21.9, just two-fifths short of tying the meet record. Both marks will probably go into the city books here, the :10.1 as a tie for the existing record, and the :21.9 as a new 220 mark.

Miller, in his qualifying heat for the high hurdles, set a :15.1 state

mark that tied Bates' essay in that event until the afternoon finals where the Flint speedster set his :15 flat record with Miller on his heels for a close second. Miller also took a third in the low hurdles when he hit the final hurdle hard enough to break his pace for the sprint to the tape. He would have placed second otherwise. Miller, in qualifying for the event, set a :22.7 mark that will probably be recognized here as a new record to displace the :23.4 time set by Ward of South in 1937. Miller's :15.1 mark will also be considered for recognition. The Creston ace anchored the Bear relay team into fourth place also.

Veenkamp of South, in finishing second in a :50.4 quarter-mile heat was so hard on the winner's heels that he probably broke the city league mark of :50.9 in the event. Veenkamp's estimated pace in the event was :50.5 but no watch was held on him. Both Kruse of Creston and Mioduchowski of Union ran two of the fastest 880's turned in by local entrants this year, each finishing second to a Saginaw Eastern runner. Mioduchowski was a stride or so back of Russell who finished in 2:01.5, while Kruse sprinted in on the heels of Hall in a 2:03 heat. Both of the local thinclads put on strong finishing spurts to come up from the rear to place.

Pioneers Place.

East Grand Rapids placed well in the middle distances, Higgins finishing third in a 440 heat, while Stoujesdyke put on a beautiful closing finish to take second in his 880 heat. The East runner spurred in the final 100 yards and passed a dozen men on the way in.

Aside from Bergman in class C, western Michigan also produced other outstanding trackmen in class B where Shelb of Allegan, Derby of Fremont and Henry of Belding turned in fine performances.

Schelb won the broad jump, tied for first in the high jump and then topped off the afternoon by tying for second and third in the pole vault for 15 points; Derby took a second in the shot and fourths on both dashes for 11, while Henry won the high hurdles in :15.4, a new record, and finished second in the lows.

Butler of Howard City set a new record in the 880, pacing the distance for a new mark of 2:01.6 in class C.