

# Best High School Relay Team in Detroit



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These Central High runners established themselves as the best relay team in Detroit when they were timed in 1:36.6 to lead qualifiers in the semi-finals of the Metropolitan League's track championships at Central High Wednesday. They were aiming to beat the record of 1:36 and will get another chance in the finals at Central Saturday night.

## Even Those Who Lose Are Stars in City Track Meet

By FRANK ANGELO

"College track coaches would be glad to get boys who just manage to place in events here. That's one of the strongest points of Detroit high school athletics—good trackmen."

Art Erwin, Eastern High athletic director and track coach, who has been watching Metropolitan League meets for 20 years, made that observation Wednesday at the conclusion

of the league's championship semi-finals. He had seen one record set, another tied and several others threatened as Southeastern got the jump on Cooley, defending champion, in this year's battle for team laurels.

Performances backed Erwin's generalization about the talent.

There was Mac Umstadd, for example, who established a record of 2:03 for the 880-yard run, bettering the mark he set last year by eight-tenths of a second. The smooth-striding Northwestern senior beat his previous mark every time he ran in dual competition this year. Wednesday was his first chance to make it official.

Four others got into the finals of the half mile and it took a time of 2:09.6 to qualify, excellent time in any high school competition on an indoor track.

### 12 Straight Strikes but Not a 300 Score

FLINT, Mich., March 16.—Clayton Bellanger, of the Wilson's team in the Chevrolet UAW night bowling league, shot 12 straight strikes in league competition—but didn't get a 300 game. He had five straight strikes to close out his second game and then collected seven in a row to start his third game. His two scores were 241 and 275.



Umstadd

Bud Schoenbach, Southeastern star, turned in the record-equaling race when he won his low hurdle heat in 4 seconds flat. Each of the other three heat winners, Dave Wall and Charles Pinney of Cooley and Socrates Asteriou of Northwestern, were only a fifth of a second slower.

Schoenbach's performance indicated that Southeastern will give Cooley quite a fight for the team title in the finals to be held at Central High Saturday night. Southeastern already has seven points to its credit, having placed first and third in the shot put, the finals of which were held Thursday. Southeastern also gained nine qualifying positions Wednesday and seemed certain of totaling about 27 points in all.

Meanwhile, Cooley gained 15 qualifying positions and also placed a relay team in the finals. However, seven of its places are in the two hurdle races in which Schoenbach and others are certain to put up a stiff fight for points. Cooley also has three in the pole vault and its hopes of retaining the title rest on the performances of boys in these three events, and in particular on Wall.

Wall, the individual star in Wednesday's competition, qualified in the high and low hurdles and the high jump. He has tied the record in each of the hurdle events this year and is counted on for at least 10 points Saturday night.

Cooley suffered one blow Wednesday when Andy Marshall, one of its best milers, was disqualified for passing another runner illegally. Marshall won his heat in 4:55. He beat out Jack Sherwin, of Pershing, in the best race of the day. Sherwin was involved in a spill with John Roxborough at the start, but passed him on the final lap.

The first champion crowned was

Gene Hirsch, of Southeastern, a defending titlist. Hirsch threw the shot 48 feet, 3 inches to beat his nearest rival, Eddie Opalewski, of Pershing, by five inches. Opalewski, in turn, was only half an inch better than Herb Roehrs, another Southeastern athlete. Dick Corona, fourth place winner, tossed the 12-pound ball 46 feet, 1 inch, a distance which Erwin said would have won 15 out of 20 championship shot put events he has seen.

Six high jumpers cleared 6 feet to get into the finals and five pole vaulters topped 10 feet, 9 inches. Wednesday's summary:

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**  
SHOT PUT—Won by Gene Hirsch (SE), 48 feet, 3 inches; second, Eddie Opalewski (P), 47 feet, 10 inches; third, Herb Roehrs (SE), 47 feet, 9 1/2 inches; fourth, Dick Corona (E), 46 feet, 1 inch.

**QUALIFIERS FOR FINALS**  
30-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Dave Wall, Bob Smith and Bob Hogan, all of Cooley; Cliff Bauer (R); Al Novitszki and Leamon Mosley both of Hamtramck; Bud Schoenbach (SE); Bob Ramsay (Cass). Best time—Hogan, Wall, Ramsay, 4.4 seconds.

30-YARD DASH—John Faughn and Dennis Burton, both of Western; Bob Smylie and Earl Hill, both of Southeastern; Ed Solomon (N), Tom Slaughter (E), Dick Piper (R), Ed Conner (H). Best time—Faughn and Slaughter, 3.8 seconds.

MILE RUN—Jack Addington and Ed Crossley, both of Redford; Henry Lord (Cooley), Jack Sherwin (P), Russ Nalle (SE). Best time—Addington, 4:46.8.

POLE VAULT—Bill Hock (SE), John Watroski (H); Henry Bleeker, Bruce Thomas and Ray Spohr, all of Cooley. Height—Each cleared 10 feet, 9 inches.

440-YARD DASH—Ronald Whetter (Central), Dick Baker (R), Harold Garrick (SE), Walter Hartley (Cooley). Best time—Whetter, 54.4 seconds.

30-YARD LOW HURDLES—Dave Wall, Harry Lang, Charles Pinney and Bob Hogan, all of Cooley; Bob Ramsay (Cass), Ed Solomon (N), Bud Schoenbach (SE), Socrates Asteriou (NW). Best time—Schoenbach, 4 seconds. (Equals league record set by Dan Northwestern, in 1920 and since tied by six others.)

220-YARD DASH—Ed Conner (H), Bob Grant (Central), Dick Caskey (NW), Ray Meyers (Central) and James Burke (W). Tied for fourth place in finals and will meet in run-off today. Best time—Conner, 25 seconds.

880-YARD RUN—Mac Umstadd (NW), Gordon Smith (R); Bob Joyce and Jack Webb, both of Cooley; Jack Thomas (NW). Best time—Umstadd, 2:03. (Breaks record of 2:03.8 set by Umstadd in 1936.)

HIGH JUMP—Lawrence Banks (NW), Walter Promack (Cass); Art Jenkins and Ray Petersen, both of Southeastern; Dave Wall (Cooley), Richard Dean (H). Best height—All cleared 6 feet.

RELAY—Central, Northwestern, Cooley, Redford. Best time—Central, 1:36.6.



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