

City Prep Loop Will Crown Two Champs

*Titles in Baseball
and Track to Be at
Stake This Week*

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Will Cooley High School's track team win its third consecutive outdoor championship?

Can Hamtramck's baseball team win the diamond championship for the second successive year?

These two questions will be answered this week in the City High School track meet semifinals and finals and the baseball playoffs.

The track meet will be held Tuesday and Friday at the I. of D. Stadium with Southeastern's well-balanced squad the big obstacle in Cooley's path. After the final regularly scheduled games in the baseball schedule are played Monday the semifinal round of the championship games will be played Wednesday at Northwestern Field. The finals will be held Thursday at Briggs Stadium.

Interest Increased

Interest in the track meet has been increased by the possibility that Northern High's sprint star, Leonard Alkon, will break another record in the dashes. At the East Side finals last week the husky Alkon clipped a tenth of a second off the 100-yard dash record that had stood for 15 years. In a special century at the Wayne Relay earlier this spring Alkon ran the distance in 9.5 seconds.

The battle for the team supremacy in the track meet should provide plenty of excitement. The Cardinals of Cooley ran away with the West Side meet, piling up 84½ points with six events still to be run when the meet was called off because of rain and a muddy track. These six events, the 100, 220 and 440-yard dash, both hurdles and the relay, probably will be held after the finals Friday.

Southeastern Strong

Southeastern, with 20 boys qualified for the finals, will have a strong team with which to try to stop the Cardinals' track monopoly. The Junglers' hopes are based on their strength in the shot put, high hurdles and broad jump. Bill Fritz, in the mile, may push Britton Lux and John Lord, of Cooley. The Southeastern team will be battling for places in all events rather than for firsts.

Cooley, with Bruce Thomas soaring near the record height in the pole vault, is virtually assured of a first place in this event. Ed Hentz, another Cardinal, had the best leap in the high jump, 5 feet 5 inches. This height is considered good enough to assure him at least second place.

Dash Records Periled

Northern, with Alkon setting the pace, is assured of firsts in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Alkon has won both events by wide margins and should set records in both if he is pressed by his rivals.

The baseball situation becomes

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