

RIVER ROUGE'S DASH AND SHOT RECORDS FALL

Jack Smith's B. H. H. S. Aces
Click At Ann Arbor Track
Saturday Night

ANN ARBOR, April 7.—Two entrants, two firsts, two records—that's the record of Benton Harbor's track stars, Bert Copeland and Maurice Holmeister, in the giant River Rouge Indoor Invitational track meet held here Saturday night.

Copeland, the finest prep school sprinter in the state, whittled one-tenth second off the meet record as he broke the tape in 6.5 seconds to defeat a field of 54 top dashmen in the 60-yard dash.

Putting the shot 48 feet, 5 1/4 inches gave Holmeister, the only other Benton Harbor entrant, the meet record and the decision over 38 other weight heavies. The old record of 48 feet was set by LeClair of Wyandotte in 1939. This prodigious flip bettered Holmeister's last year's top effort by one and one-half feet.

A team score of 12 points was chalked up for the Tigers by the Copeland-Holmeister feat. The boys received small trophies in recognition of their stellar performance. The team title was won by Ann Arbor with 30 1/2 points, while Jackson was runner-up with 19 1/2. Nine meet records were shattered.

Horse Smith A Star

Individual hero of the meet was Horse Smith who accounted for 16 1/2 points for Ann Arbor. Smith captured the low hurdles, tied for first in the high jump and gave Copeland a hair raising race to the tape in a near dead heat in the 60-yard dash. He will be great competition for Copeland in the state outdoor meet.

Nine heats were required to cut down the large field in the dash. Bert won his first heat by equalling the old record of 6.6. He chopped off a tenth in his semi-final, then was forced to match that performance to nose out Smith in the final.

These two athletes are the best developed in more than a dozen years of mentoring and if he can find a little support from other candidates there is hope of a great outdoor season.

TRACKMEN WILL DRILL ALL WEEK

COACH Jack Smith has scheduled workouts all this week for his Benton Harbor high school track candidates. Since there is no school because of spring vacation, the drills will be held at 2 o'clock. Some are also going through their chores in the morning. The first meet will be held at Michigan City, Ind., on April 13, only two weeks away.

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