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Rough Road Ahead of Defending Champions at College Saturday

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Although whittled in size by war-induced travel economy, the annual lower peninsula inter-scholastic track and field championships at Michigan State college Saturday promise to sparkle with talent in another wide-open scrap for team laurels.

Only 162 schools qualified in last week-end's regional competition, 17 fewer than entered the 1941 titular round, while 600 individual performers gained the right to compete Saturday, compared with 711 qualifiers last year.

L. J. Fridonic, meet director, said it was likely the actual field in the four-class carnival would be much smaller than the number eligible to compete. Many coaches, he said, would think in terms of five rather than trophies before embarking on any sizable journey to the meet.

Minus its graduated one-man team, Bert Copeland's Weston Harbor apparently is slated to topple from the Class A throne. The Harborites were smothered by Kalamazoo Central in regional competition, and Saturday face the additional challenge of other sectional standard-bearers, including Ann Arbor, Monroe, Huron Oak, Flint Central and Grand Rapids Creation.

East Lansing Favored

East Lansing and Bear Lake set the regional pace in defense of their Class B and D titles, respectively, but will find skinny odds on their chances to repeat in Saturday's showdown. Puntum already has defeated East Lansing's three-time championship squad and leads a menacing Class B regional title group, also including Three Rivers, Birmingham, Mt. Pleasant and Traverse City.

Bear Lake faces a stiff challenge from White Pigeon, Bloomfield Hills, Byron, Mt. Morris, St. Mary and Whitehall, Class D regional champions.

St. Clair Shores South Lake, 1941 Class C champion, stumbled in regional action and the divisional state seems wide ajar to a parade of regional contenders, including Inlay City which scored 80 points in sectional competition, Two Pines, Keweenaw, Marquette, Grandville, Mason, Shelby and Charlevoix.

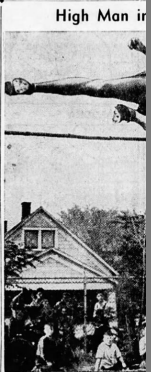
At least three state records will be subjected to deadly sniping on the basis of regional competition. Bob Rogers, Kalamazoo central operator, has only to better his 200 performance of last Saturday by a tenth of a second to equal the 16-year-old record of 21.7 seconds for the distance set by Roger Meister of Detroit Northern in 1924.

Coronus Was Star

Horace Smith of Jackson high, who set a 120 high hurdle record of 14.8 seconds last year, Saturday leaped over the 200 low hurdles in 23 seconds flat, a tenth of a second slower than the record standard. Although he had been favored to crack his own high hurdles mark this season, Smith did not compete in the event in his regional meet and missed it the district class.

Ryan Book, Coronus husky, is labeled a class regular and record-breaker in the Class C shot-put in which he set a 48 foot, 2 inches mark last year. In regional competition, Book showed the iron ball 50 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Other stand-out performers in last Saturday's rain-soaked regional competition included Forrest Naveaux of Monroe, favored to repeat in the pole vault; Emilio Romanias, Flint Central miler; John Croover,



Rated the greatest high school athlete in the middle west this year, Dwight Edmonds of Central, Ill., is headed for the University of Illinois. He plays all sports but will pass up football at Champaign. He has high jumped nearly 6 ft. 7 in., scored an average of 47 points per game in basketball, and is a cracker-jack baseball pitcher.

PASTOR

Concluded from Preceding Page to stand up is a question. Pastor has taken care of them. He has done this by walking or riding no less than seven miles per day for the past five years. Sometimes he goes as far as 14 mile a day -- through the rain, the snow or the heat. Instead of sweating out, the legs have grown springier and bouncier to the year.

It could be that Maunello—who has knocked out almost 30 runners—can land a clincher on the Pastor's chin. But even if he does, I don't think he can win. A good many better men have hit the bulls eye before while beating Pastor, but nobody has ever knocked him down for the count. Nobody, which is more than ever Mr. Joe himself can say, great champion that he is.

"I take care of the legs," Pastor says, "and the legs take care of me."

College Scores

(By The Associated Press)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 21 (AP)—Add to "iron man" picture. Abe Stoltz, Birmingham football pitcher, hurled his team to a 7-0 win the other morning, went home for lunch, then pitched and won both ends of a double-header against another team in the afternoon, 6-1 and 4-2.

Inlay City hurled: Bob Howison, of Michigan, Class A, 400 champion; and in the pole vault: Emilio Romanias, Flint Central miler; John Croover,

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