

Vikings Favored to Win Regional Track

Team Can't Miss, Fans Say

Confident Pontiac Team Is Dark Horse

Northern High School's track fans, figuring their team can't miss two years in a row, have doped the Vikings to win first in the Regional-Valley meet at Saginaw Saturday with between 60 and 70 points. Last season the Vikings won the City title by 30 points and were favored in the Regional, but when it was all over Central had the title with 53½ points, while Northern had only 46 points.

Injuries and the failure of a key performer cut in on Northern's points, but so did division of the 440 and 880, where Central was strong. This season, Northern's well protected in those runs and should benefit. The Vikings are strong in all other events, too, with the exception of the mile. And in that run, it looks like the other schools will cut each other's throats.

Pontiac, which has entered 25 men in a confident belief it will make a strong title bid, has two milers who have gotten below five minutes, and Owosso has a good miler, but Duane Tilghman of Saginaw, who has done 4:48, is the favorite.

Central, victor only over Owosso in dual meets, is figured to battle Pontiac, Saginaw and Arthur Hill for second place. Owosso doesn't figure to get many points outside of the mile and half-mile. The two non-Valley schools aren't expected to win many places. Midland has a pole vaulter, George Smith, who has done 11 feet, while Alpena's only strong event is the 440.

In the draw for lanes, Northern fared badly. However, Les Gratton and Harold Fielder, the top Viking quarter-milers, will be in separate divisions of that dash, while Archie Morrison and Jim Westbrook, almost equal as half milers, also will be in separate runs. The relay will be run in staggered lanes. Northern's favored team drew the sixth lane, while Saginaw, next strongest, drew No. 5.

If the meet is close, Leo Sloan, ace hurdler, will get in the relay, as he is the team's fastest 220 man, with a 23.6 clocking in the mud the other day. Gratton is about on a par with Nate Howison as the second fastest 220 man on the squad.

Field events are slated to start at 10 A. M., with running events getting under way at 2 P. M.



Woods

Oxendine



Gratton

Fielder



Sloan

Morrison



Whitman

Howison



Bill Hamilton . . . Viking "Athlete of the Year"

END OF TRAIL—For these Northern and Central trackmen, the Regional-Valley track meet at Saginaw Saturday is the end of the season, the State meet having been called off. All these boys are strong contenders for Regional titles. Hamilton, best claimant to the title of Northern's "athlete of the year," is defending champion in three events. He won both hurdles, tied for first in the high jump last year at Owosso, and is the only holdover champion on hand this season. Eugene Woods, Central, who placed fourth in the high jump last year, is a strong contender in that event and the shot put, too. Cornelius Oxendine, Central, is the leading contender in the shot. Les Gratton and Harold Fielder, Northern, are Flint's best bets in the 440. Gratton got third, plus fifth in the broad jump, last year. Leo Sloan, Northern, is favored in the hurdles. Last season hampered by an injury, he got a second and a fourth. Archie Morrison, who tied for third last year, is Northern's best half-miler, though his teammate, Jim Westbrook, may beat him Saturday. Dick Whitman, Northern's pole vaulter, may come home with a title, instead of a tie for third, as he did last year. Nate Howison, Northern's sophomore dashman, will be hard to beat in both sprints. (Journal Photos.)

Simmons Back To Tiger Field

He Returns as Member of Red Sox

Detroit — AP — The Tigers, growing, extremely rusty due to prolonged inactivity, thought they saw a soft touch today in the cellar-dwelling Red Sox, but looks are often deceiving.

Braves Allowed a Man Over Limit; Dodgers Close Pair of Deals

New York—UP—A special dispensation from Commissioner Landis today permitted the Braves to have one player more than the 25-man limit.

Pitchers Fred Sanford and Sid Peterson were shuttled to Toledo of the American Association on a 24-hour recall basis and Manager Luke Sewell, a catcher,