

# Track Crown Is Conceded

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Considering what happened in the sectional meets last week, there is not much doubt regarding the outcome of the Metropolitan League's indoor track championships at Central High this week. Cooley, which set a scoring record of 208½ points in winning the West Side meet, is generally conceded the team honors.

Cooley will have entries in all events at Wednesday's semi finals and, with the exception of the high jump, should qualify for the finals in all. The individual and team titles will be decided Friday night.

Miller, co-champion with Southeastern on the East Side, should be Cooley's chief rival but the East Side school will be lacking in numbers. Miller has a pair of excellent athletes in Adam Haughton, hurdler and high jumper, and Cleo Caldwell, 30 and 220-yard sprinter. Between them they may take four firsts and help win the relay for their school. That, however, will be pretty much the extent of Miller's points. Southeastern's strength is in the distance events, 30-yard dash and hurdles.

## PLENTY OF POWER

Cooley has overpowering strength in almost all events. Coach Claude Snarey will have four qualifiers in the semi finals of both hurdles, the 220, 440 and the half-mile, three each in the pole vault and 30-yard dash and two in the mile run and the high jump, besides a relay team that should place among the leaders.

Recent River Rouge Invitational track meet, staged in Michigan's Yost Field House after one-year lapse, drew record entry of 377 . . . Twenty-four schools took part in events . . . Tenth grade students are Monroe's best table tennis players . . . Bill McPike is city singles champion and holds doubles with Ted Maupin, former singles winner . . . Maupin also is mixed doubles titleholder with Phyllis Gilday.

Saginaw Valley Class C Conference will be first in state to close base ball season . . . Final games will be played before May 19 when two members, Fulton and Shepherd, close . . . Conference track meet will be held at St. Louis, May 19 . . . Bob Leiter and Rex Rimmel have been elected Battle Creek Lakeview's co-captains in basket ball . . . Ten members of Escanaba's basket ball squad, first in school's history to win Upper Peninsula Class C title, have received letters from Coach George Ruwitch.

## THREATENS MARK

Russ Posthumous, Grand Rapids Central, threatens city mile record of 4:33 . . . His best time last year was 4:40 and he's even faster this spring . . . Grand Rapids Creston has only two veterans from last year's city championship base ball team . . . Escanaba athletes hold five of 12 Upper Peninsula Class B track records . . . Four are credited to George Shomin, who was graduated in 1942 . . . George holds marks for high and low hurdles, high and broad jumps.

Blissfield awarded basket ball letters to three boys now in service . . . Bill Beckey is in Marines, with Jim Staup and Dean Neuman in Navy . . . Dean joined up last day of season . . . Others left earlier . . . Bill Kelly, Saginaw Arthur Hill coach, rates his star, Dick Rifenburg, as state's best high school athlete . . . Kelly coached Dick in foot ball and basket ball and now has him in track . . . Rifenburg, a hurdler and shot putter, will be 16 years old in August.

Ken Doherty, University of Michigan track coach, recently said that he not alone believed a mile would be run in four minutes flat but that someone might possibly run one in less than four flat . . .

Only a few years ago a 4:15 mile was considered a very fast mile indeed . . . Twelve years ago Gene Venzke brought the record down to 4:10 and since that time Venzke and 13 other American milers have beaten 4:10 . . . The list includes, besides Venzke, Glenn Cunningham, Archie San Romani, Chuck Fenske, Wally Mehl, Don Lash, Earl Mitchell, Les MacMitchell, Bill Hulse, Frank Dixon, Bill Bonthron, Lou Zamperini, John Munski and Gil Dodds . . . Last named miler beat 4:10 eight times.

Barney Ross says that Jake LaMotta would not be rated among the first 10 middleweights if it were not for the war . . . Barney calls Jake a "very ordinary workman."

New York Yankees will admit 1,500 service men on week days, and 3,000 on Sundays, free of charge.

Barney Ross was one of the "looney" riders in racing until



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