

Flint Has Top Stars

Arthur Hill Not Sure It Can Repeat

East Lansing—(U.P.)—Weather designed for record-breaking performances Saturday greeted some 600 schoolboy athletes entered in the state high school track and field meet at Michigan State college. Heavy rain in the night made the track heavy, however.

Approximately 140 schools will vie for titles in four classes with competition in class A expected to produce the best performances.

Leading the list of class A schools qualified for the meet are Saginaw Eastern, Flint Central, Battle Creek and the defending champion, Saginaw Arthur Hill.

Battle Creek holds a numerical advantage over this quartet, having 14 qualifiers. The two Saginaw schools are close behind, Eastern with 13 and Arthur Hill with 12. Flint has only eight qualifiers.

Jackson Good Sprinter.

Although weak in numbers, Flint possesses two of the meet's outstanding performers in Jesse Thomas, hurdler, broad and high jumper, and Owen Jackson, sprinter. Jackson is counted on to win both sprints handily and to pace the relay team.

With a pair of individual stars like Jackson and Thomas, Flint could collect enough points from their performances to win a big meet such as the class A attraction.

Saginaw Eastern will pin its hopes on Hurdler Amlen Carter, Quarter-miler Don McMillan and Pole Vaulters Jerry Bishop while its crosstown rival, Arthur Hill, will count on Defending State High Jump Champion George Osborn and Hurdler Cliff Thomas for a good share of its points.

Leading the Battle Creek qualifiers will be Bob Bradley, lanky Negro high jumper, who cleared 6 feet in regional competition last week.

Coach Bill Kelly of Arthur Hill isn't any too optimistic about the Lumberjacks' chances of successfully defending their crown. He says "we haven't the strength we had last year by a long ways. Aside from Thomas and Osborn, we haven't any sure points. But we have 12 boys qualified who are certainly willing to try."

Other class A schools figured to provide the favorites with plenty of tough competition include Muskegon, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Fordson, Pontiac, and two Grand Rapids schools, South and Catholic.

All Eyes on Swain.

In class B, all eyes will be on Bob Swain of East Grand Rapids, who has a chance to set a new state record—and possibly a new world mark—in the 100-yard dash. Swain stepped the century in 9.7, just three-tenths of a second off the Owens-Wyckoff world record, at the Grand Rapids regional meet last week.

Schools expected to make it hot for East in defense of its class B title include Hastings, St. Joseph and Mt. Pleasant.

A wide-open race is anticipated for the class C title, won last year by Fowlerville, with the defending champion having a fairly good chance to repeat.

In class D, the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint is expected to provide plenty of trouble for Lee-lanau in its defense of the crown.

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