

MILAN LAD AIMING FOR STATE RECORD**Prep Shot Put. Mark Expected to Fall****BY HAL SCHRAM**

The name of a new shot-put king will be engraved upon the Michigan high school record book Saturday at East Lansing.

That's the promise of Huron Valley followers. They claim that 18-year-old John Koczman, of Milan, is a cinch to crack Bill Watson's 12-year-old mark of 53 feet 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches when the 40th annual championships are staged at Michigan State College.

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ACCORDING to his many followers, only an unforeseen injury or a downpour can stop the Milan High senior.

Coach Ron Isbell dismissed his 185-pound star from basketball practice so that he could concentrate on his shot drills. Many afternoons during the winter months Koczman

made the 14-mile trip to near-by Ann Arbor to receive special instructions from Charley Fonville, Michigan's great shot putter.

Under Fonville's tutelage Koczman added almost eight feet to his best previous effort. Only two weeks ago he pitched the 12-pound ball 55 feet in a league meet.

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OTHER POTENTIAL record smashers are Marv Cichowski, of Saginaw High, in the 200-yard low hurdles. Cichowski turned in a :22.4 effort at Ypsilanti last week on a muddy track. The record is :22.8 set by Garion Campbell, of Monroe, in 1944.

Jim Kepford, whose brother Ike was a star athlete at Northwestern University and a World War II hero, is given

a good chance of establishing an 880-yard record.

Kepford, from Muskegon High, turned in a 2:01.5 effort in the regionals at Kalamazoo. The Class A record is 1:59, established by Harold Carpenter, of Royal Oak, in 1940.

Babe Didrikson in British Meet

LONDON — (P) — British Golf officials announced receipt of Babe Didrikson Zaharias' entry for the British Women's Golf Championship tournament at Gullane, Scotland, June 9-13.

The entry list, still open, is expected to top 125. Mrs. Zaharias is on an unbeaten streak in the United States, having won 15 straight tournaments there.

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