

## 82 Teams Enter Top Track Meet

More Than 1,000 Athletes To  
Compete Tomorrow.

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ANN ARBOR — (AP) — Saginaw Eastern, perennial state track king, is a heavy favorite to take top honors in the season-opening Silver Shoe Relays tomorrow at Yost field house.

More than 1,000 tracksters from 82 schools will vie in the nation's biggest one-day indoor prep meet, which annually serves as the preview for the state outdoor meet in May.

**Ypsilanti Favored In 'B'**

Couch Herb Korf's well-balanced Saginaw crew expect to have little trouble pacing the 20 class A outings, while Ypsilanti is favored to defend its class B title successfully. Dundee looks like the C-D victor.

Interest is especially high in the Relays meet because wintry temperatures have kept most teams out of action and coaches are in the dark as to their strength.

Holding down the Michigan sinder throne for the last five years, Saginaw Eastern appears to have the makings of another powerhouse. With 33 entries, Eastern leads the Relays field in numbers. Arch rival Saginaw Arthur Hill is second with 30.

**Jackson Entered**

Pontiac, another Saginaw Valley contender, has 29 men, while Bay City Central will make its bid with 18. Jackson 18 and Ann Arbor 15. Battle Creek also will represent the Five-A loop in the meet.

Jackson lost to Saginaw by only 4-point last year in the Relays, but has been hit hard by transfers and ineffectiveness.

Kalamazoo Central, third-place finisher in the state meet last year, carries the Southwestern conference banner into competition for the first time. Flint Northern, by virtue of freezing 48 to 43 outdoor win over Arthur Hill this week, is tagged as the meet's dark horse.

**No Detroit Teams**

Relay officials reported that Grand Rapids and Detroit league teams will not compete because of conference rules forbidding outside competition.

Midford and Walpole Lake stack up as Ypsilanti's main threat for the B title, while Milan, Berrien Springs and Ann Arbor University High rule as leading contenders to Dundee.

Skyrcraper Mill Mead of Bay City Central will be the center of attention as he bids to shatter his Relays high jump record of 6 feet 2½ inches.

**Predict Thrilling Duels**

A thrilling duel in the 65-yard class C-D hurdles is anticipated when Dundee's Jack Goodrich and Harlan Benjamin of Milan meet. Famous for his quarter-milers in recent years, Korf figures he has another champion at Saginaw in Olyford Nelson.

Flint Northern's Sylvester Collins, defending state lumber champ, is given the edge again to lead the field in the Relays. Kalamazoo doesn't expect to catch Saginaw Eastern in the team race, but hopes to cop the half-mile relay.

Close competition is in store for the class A dash men. Flint Northern's Ellis Duckett and Leroy Bolden and Saginaw's Elsie McKeeler are expected to battle for honors with Jackson's Dick Welch, Jack Alger and Harry Miller.

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