

Mt. Pleasant Shot-Putter Good Bet

1,200 Competitors
in Split Activity

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ANN ARBOR—The pressure will be on Dave Goodell Saturday when 1,200 Michigan high school trackmen go after medals and records in the 46th annual state championships.

For the second straight year the great schoolboy carnival will be held between the University of Michigan's Perry Field and Michigan State College.

Class A and C schools trek to Ann Arbor, Class B and D entries invade East Lansing.

GOODELL, representing Class B Mt. Pleasant High, will go after a shot-put record on the Spartan campus. A 200-pound weight star and a good college football prospect, he is the state's most glamorized shot-putter.

For the last two Saturdays Goodell has tossed the 12-pound ball 62 feet 8 inches.

That's something like 14 inches better than the state mark of 54 feet 7½ inches set by Bob Carey, the Michigan State giant, in 1948.

All state high school records must be established in state championship meets to be recognized.

That means Goodell, who is coached by his father, Fred Goodell, must get off a record here again Saturday if he's to get his name in the books.

"I DON'T THINK Dave will let the pressure get him," said his father. "All we're asking is for a day free from rain and not too cold. If we get the good day, and Fred folds up, we'll have no alibi."

There's a chance for a record in the Class A high hurdles where Art Liles, of Saginaw; Duane Root, of Wyandotte, and Dale Griffin, of Jackson, look as the best in a speedy field.

Saginaw High, which won five straight Class A team titles between 1945 and 1949, appears ready to return to the throne room.

Coach Herb Korf will have 11 individuals and two relay teams in Saturday's dash.

A few contenders like Arthur Hill, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo, have superior numbers but it is doubtful if any will catch the flying Troyans when they start splitting up the points. There are those who feel that as few as 20 points will be sufficient to win in Class A.

NILES OR Mt. Pleasant should handle the Class B field. Lenzing Everett is the Class C choice but East Jackson, with its great star, Ray Registon, must be given a chance.

Eggleston has qualified in four events and could bring his school as many as 19 to 22 points.

Norman-Dickson High, of Brethren, is favored to replace Otaville as Class D king.

Preliminaries in hurdle and dash events and some field event finals are set at 12:30 a. m. All other finals are set for Saturday at 2 p. m.

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