

PREDICT PREP RECORDS

'New' Wayne Relays Draw 700 Athletes

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Detroit's high school track and field season rushes to an early climax Tuesday afternoon when Wayne University presents its 19th annual relays on Redford's Sawyer Field.

Despite the mellow age of the event, this renewal of the prep carnival will have a distinct newness about it.

For the first time there will be no team champion. So Miller High, the 1952 winner and nominally the defending titlist, will have nothing much at stake except perhaps its reputation.

COACHES FROM the record-breaking field of 37 schools decided to cast out the team championship fight in favor of greater emphasis on the individual events.

The result is that top relay combinations will be pitted against each other in the same race rather than being seeded in separate heats as has been the practice.

Over all, it should make for finer performances. Wayne's David I. Holmes, the meet director, predicts record achievements in "at least three or four" of the program's 10 events.

"IT DEPENDS a lot on the weather," Holmes said. "The recent rains have hurt the chances but we'll have the finest races in our history and some records seem sure to fall."

In all, more than 700 metropolitan Detroit athletes will be involved in the struggle for gold medals, another new feature brought to the Relays this spring.

Field events are slated for 1 p. m. and the competition will have some of the brightest performers of the high school scene in action.

A keen broad jumping duel is expected to develop between Miller's Rex McLeod and Eastern's aptly named Fred Hopgood. Both have soared beyond 22 feet and McLeod's 22-5 rates an inch better than the present relay mark.

The giant carnival serves as a warm-up for the City League and regional state championships both coming up within the next three weeks.

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combination right cross-uppercut sort of blow to the chin.

AT THE PROTEST meeting, Osborne praised Walcott—who insists he is 39—as a one-time great fighter and then added:

"I think Walcott was through when he went into the ring and I was very disappointed in his performance... he should retire."

Bocchicchio and Malanda took this without batting an eye.

The protest was based on these points:

- 1—When count started by the timekeeper, Marciano was not in a neutral corner (He actually had been sent to Walcott's corner, the farthest from the knockdown spot and unquestionably neutral in this sense.)
- 2—When count started by the timekeeper, referee was escorting Marciano to Walcott's corner. (The 3-D films do not show this)
- 3—Referee counted the 10 seconds too rapidly (a stop watch used by a reporter while the films were being run showed the knockdown blow coming at 2:25 of the first round. The reporter's watch showed 10.1 seconds elapsing from the start to finish of the timekeeper's count)
- 4—Walcott was actually up before the count of 10.
- 5—The ring was not regulation size and too heavily padded. (An IBC official said

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