

Maturen Wins 2 Region Events Saginaw High Is Threat in Track Finals

(By the Associated Press)
Saginaw High, led by a stocky field event specialist named Bob Maturen, poses a genuine threat to defending champion Flint Northern in the Class A track finals at Ann Arbor Saturday.

A check of comparative efforts in last Saturday's regional meets disclosed that Maturen had the top mark in the pole vault (12 feet, 3 inches) and in the broad jump (22 feet, 2½ inches).

Schools Win Easily

No other athlete was tops in two events in the seven regional meets involving 51 Class A schools.

Led by Maturen, Saginaw captured its regional test in a breeze, running up 72 points to 46 for rival Saginaw Arthur Hill.

Flint Northern, meanwhile, was just as impressive in winning the regional at Ann Arbor. The Vikings

rolled up 71 points to 34½ for second place Ann Arbor High.

Other regional winners were Lansing Sexton (49½ points, Pontiac (73), Mt. Clemens (51¼), Monroe (43 1/10) and Grand Rapids Central (45%).

Close Dash Battle

Regional figures indicate trends but shouldn't be considered decisive.

However, judging by regional performances, here's what can be expected in Saturday's final:

An exceptionally close battle for the coveted 100-yard dash title. Three sprinters burned the distance in 10 seconds flat last Saturday—Bob Lillyblad of Grand Haven, Bob Smith, Monroe and Marvin Pierce, Saginaw.

Pierce, incidentally, is another reason why Saginaw should be a strong contender. He's also a member of the school's crack half-mile relay squad, which posted a sparkling 1:31.2 in the regional to top all schools.

Individual Leaders

The 220 also figures to be close, with Pierce expected to fight it out with Flint Northern's outstanding all-around athlete, Art Johnson. Johnson topped the regional runners in the 220 with a :21.4 effort, but Pierce was only a fraction behind, at :21.5.

Flint Northern is the team to beat in the three-quarter mile medley relay. The Vikings were caught in 2:31.7 in the regionals—the only school to go under the 2:32 mark.

Here is a rundown of the individual leaders in the regionals:

440 — Bill Campbell, Dearborn Fordson, :51.5.

880 — Dale Vandenberg, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 1:59.6.

Mile — Larry Favorite, Battle Creek, 4:34.3.

120 high hurdles—John Slachta, Saginaw Arthur Hill, :14.7.

180 low hurdles—Don Arend, Benton Harbor, :19.5.

Shot-put—Joe Boyden, Muskegon, 53 feet.

High jump—Neeley, Ypsilanti, 6 feet, ¾ inch.

Alma Stopped, 6 to 4 By Ferris Institute

ALMA—(AP)—Alma, MIAA baseball co-champions, failed to hang on to an early lead and were defeated 6-4 yesterday by Ferris Institute.

After Ferris had scored one run in the first inning, Alma came back with three runs in the bottom half of the inning and another in the second.

But that was the last of the scoring for Alma.

Ferris got one of those runs back in the third, two more in the fourth and scored one run in both the sixth and eighth. One of the runs was a four-bagger by first baseman Ferras.

MSC Tops Wayne, 6-2 In Non-Official Game

DETROIT—(AP)—Michigan State, battling for the Big Ten baseball title, capitalized on three errors yesterday to trim Wayne University 6-2 in a non-conference game.

The Spartans, who now have a 15-6 overall season record, combined two hits and a walk with Tartar miscues for three runs in the fourth inning.

Michigan State added single runs in the fifth and sixth inning, capping the scoring in the seventh on a bases-empty homer by Outfielder

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