

# City And Area Qualifiers To Seek State Track Titles

Prep thinclads from the city's Sprinter Jesse Boyd, Half-Miler three high schools as well as Ralph Harper, and Hurdler John many from the area will help Martin in individual events and settle state championship issues from a medley-relay foursome. In competition here and at East Lansing tomorrow.

As in the past few years, the four-pronged State Meet again will be split between Michigan and Michigan State. This year the Class B and Class D qualifiers will compete here while the Class A and Class C hopefuls will be at East Lansing.

More than 500 athletes, representing 136 schools, qualified during last week's regionals for the local part of the State Meet. The Class B field will have 406 entries from 102 schools while the Class D figures are 146 and 34.

The competition tomorrow at each center will get under way at 10 a.m. with four field-event finals plus trials as needed. The following program of finals, including all races, will start at 2 p.m.

## Star Hurdler Here

One of the performers here tomorrow is an oldtimer in the matter of state championship competition. He is speedy John Palmer of St. Louis High, the only prep athlete to hold records in two classes. Two years ago when St. Louis was a Class C school he set the class record for the 180-yard low hurdles at 20 seconds flat. He didn't have to go so fast last year to establish the Class B standard of 20.2 seconds.

Among others who will bear watching at the Ferry Field acres are Adrian's Larry Masteller, a fine quarter-miler, and a pair of better-than-usual Class D milers, Les Grable of Dimondale and Vern Reed of Vermontville.

## Area Stars Entered

Local interest will center on the performances of Milan's High-Jumper Len Love and Howell's Hurdler Larry Gonies, Quarter-Miler John Clark, Half-Miler Hal Haller, and Pole-Vaulter Doug Drew.

The big local and area contingent will be at Michigan State for Class A and Class B competition.

Ann Arbor High's main hope for an individual title probably rests with Nick Rayer, a good half-miler who runs bare-footed. Pioneer Elmer Rush is qualified for both sprint events while Bruce Schneeberger will go in the pole vault and Tom Burd in the high jump. Ann Arbor also will compete in the half-mile and medley relays.

Levi Simpson, perhaps, rates as Ypsilanti High's best bet for individual honors. He could win a 440-yard title and should do well in the broad jump. The Braves also will expect points from

In Class C, U High might pick up a medley title while Hurdler Chuck Belknap should place high as might Sam DeCamp in the broad jump. The lone St. Thomas qualifier, Ed Marchan, could pick up points in the century.

Half-Milers Paul Dunham of Clinton and Jim Hock of South Lyon stand out among the area qualifiers as do Lincoln's versatile Sprinter Tom Belmore and Saline's Shot-Putter Si Woods. Other area athletes who hope to do well include Lincoln's High-Jumper Ron Redick, Roosevelt's Broad-Jumper Al Stewart, Dexter's Shot-Putter Mike O'Malley and Pole-Vaulter Ralph Stone, and South Lyon's Pole-Vaulter Lance Molander.

Class team titles will be defended by Saginaw in A, Inkster in B, Lansing Everett in C, and Brethren in D.

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