

CRAWLEY, ALCORN TOPS

State Prep Track Stars Best in Midwest in '59

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Comparisons in sports rarely prove anything but Michigan can take pride in its 1959 batch of high school trackmen which head into Saturday's state regionals.

It is a rare spring when Michigan can boast better performances than either Illinois or Indiana, but this year Michigan's galaxy of cinder pounders hold a distinct edge.

Both Indiana and Illinois held their sectional eliminations last week.

A FREE PRESS survey of top performances on the Peninsula this spring show that Michigan is ahead of Indiana in eight of 12 comparable events and holds a 6-4-2 margin over Illinois.

There is no hurdler in the Midwest to compare with Farmington's Rex Cawley who for the past two weekends has been under national high school records in both the high and low events.

Bill Alcorn, the Birmingham pole vaulter, also is in command while Michigan's bevy of fine sprinters lead the three-state field.

Only in the 880 and shot put does Illinois hold a distinct edge. Indiana's edge over Michigan can be counted in fractions.

SATURDAY'S regionals in the Detroit area are scheduled at Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Allen Park, Thurston, University of Detroit, Warren, Howell and Marysville.

The top local regional belongs to Thurston where

Farmington, Birmingham and Pontiac are slated to tie into one another.

Among Michigan's top individuals are Dennis Wright, Flint Northern, who owns a :00.1 clocking in the 440 and

Comparative performances for Michigan, Illinois and Indiana scholboys:

MICHIGAN

HIGH HURDLES—Warren Cawley, Farmington, Time—13.6.
880-YARD RELAY—Willow Run and Flint Northern, Time—2:09.6.
100-YARD DASH—Don Voorhies, Frankmunsh, and Otis Harrison, Willow Run, Time—10.8.
200-YARD DASH—Don Watkins, Farmington, Time—21.4.
440-YARD DASH—Irons Wright, Flint Northern, Time—50.1.
880-YARD RUN—George Fried, Flint Central, Time—1:50.2.
MILE RUN—Rex Purdy, Grosse Pointe, Time—4:29.4.
SHOT PUT—Bernie Daggett, Kalamazoo Central, Distance—55 feet 9 inches.
BROAD JUMP—Bud Hopkins, Monroe, Distance—27 feet 1/2 inch.
POLE VAULT—Bill Alcorn, Birmingham, Height—15 feet 2 inches.
HIGH JUMP—Fred Brooks, Pontiac, Height—6 feet 2 inches.

VS. INDIANA

HIGH HURDLES—Jack Hallenbeck, Fort Wayne, Time—14.8.
880-YARD RELAY—Froebel High, Gary, Time—1:51.
100-YARD DASH—Steve Shackle, Howe, and J. D. Smith, Froebel, Time—10.
200-YARD DASH—Bob Heid, Elkhart, Time—22.
440-YARD DASH—Joe Phillips, Gary, Time—50.4.
880-YARD RUN—Joe Davis, Attica, Time—1:51.5.
MILE RUN—Don House, Concannon, Time—4:28.8.
SHOT PUT—Elliot Uzelac, Gary, Distance—53 feet 11 1/2 inches.
BROAD JUMP—Charles Peterson, Ferris State Tech, Distance—22 feet 4 inches.
POLE VAULT—Steve Overton, Kalamazoo, Height—13 feet 6 inches.
HIGH JUMP—Bob Welch, Jeffersonville, Height—6 feet 2 1/4 inches.

AND ILLINOIS

HIGH HURDLES—Larry Howard, Froebel East, Time—14.6.
880-YARD RELAY—Bloom, Time—1:57.
100-YARD DASH—Bob Dutz, St. Elmo, and Forest Newton, Kankakee, Time—10.8.
200-YARD DASH—Dunne Barnes, Belland and Newton, Time—21.7.
440-YARD DASH—Larry Howard, Froebel East, Time—50.8.
880-YARD RUN—Bill Rawson, Lake Forest, Time—1:55.1.
MILE RUN—Ferry Dearden, Collegeville, Time—4:25.
SHOT PUT—Ron Barbiz, Bloomington, Distance—55 feet 2 1/2 inches.
BROAD JUMP—Henry White, Phillips, Distance—25 feet 2 1/4 inches.
POLE VAULT—Jim Nelson, La Grange, Height—13 feet 2 1/4 inches.
HIGH JUMP—Bill Johns, Libertyville, Height—6 feet 2 inches.



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