

## SVL Track Teams Compete Tonight

# Preview Of State Meet

Spectators at tonight's Saginaw Valley League track meet at Arthur Hill Field will in all probability be watching this year's state Class A champion perform.

This is no startling prediction, but merely a statement backed up by past performances and the fact that prep track runners follow form much more faithfully than do their four-legged brethren of the horseflesh fraternity.

**ONLY ONCE IN THE LAST 13 YEARS** has a team from outside of the valley emerged as the state track king. That was in 1951 when Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills surprised with a compact but speedy delegation of sprinters and hurdlers. Farmington, with its brilliant hurdler Warren Cawley, will be a threat in this year's meet May 23 at Michigan State, but it's doubtful that Farmington has the balance to end the Valley's domination of track in the state.

Tonight's league meet will feature a three-team fight between defending champion Flint Northern, four-time state champion Pontiac Central and Flint Central, undefeated in dual meet competition this season.

Flint Central and Bay City Central are the only two Valley teams which have never won a state track title — and the

fleet-footed Indians are anxious to leave only the Bay City Wolves clinging to that dubious distinction. Flint Central has running threats in every distance from 100 yards to the mile, but is comparatively weak in the field events.

**FLINT NORTHERN**, which edged Pontiac Central by a single point for the league title last year only to lose to the Chiefs by a slim margin in the state meet, will depend on its potential record-smashing relay teams and team balance.

Pontiac Central, hoping to capture its fifth successive state crown, lacks topnotch sprinters, but the Chiefs are strong enough to take over if either of the Flint entries falter.

Arthur Hill's determined Lumberjacks and Saginaw High's Improved Trojans are planning on grabbing some of the glory. It's possible that Arthur Hill may upset the order of finish for the top three teams.

**ALL THE RUNNING EVENT FINALS** will be staged under the lights, starting at 8 o'clock. Field events and running event preliminaries are scheduled to start at 5 o'clock. An admission fee of 35 cents will be charged to watch the meet, expected to break out in another rash of record-smashing performances. Eight marks were cracked in last year's spectacular competition.