

GM Records Are Fast

But Few May Go In Track Season

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The assault on Greater Muskegon track records which has become heavier each year may be the biggest in some years if early returns are any indication.

With only a handful of meets held so far this season one new mark has been set and two others tied.

Muskegon's Ruben Mitchell set a new high jump standard in his first competition of the young season in the Saginaw Relays at Central Michigan College when he went 6 feet, 2¾ inches.

The record-tying performances were this week when Mack Hunter of the Heights ran the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds to tie the mark set by Jerry Fitzpatrick of Muskegon Catholic Central in 1957.

Bob Greene of Muskegon charged over the 120-yard high hurdles in 15.1 seconds to tie the record he set last year.

Given good weather and fast tracks, a number of other marks should be eclipsed this season but at least six records seem secure.

Among them are the three oldest on the books:

The 4:33.2 mark in the mile run set by George Cowley of Muskegon 'way back in 1908.

The 50.8 seconds standard in the 440 set by Stan Birleson of the Heights in 1930.

The 2:01.5 in the 880-yard run set by Muskegon's Jim Kepford in 1948.

The records which appear to be safe are these:

The medley relay time of 2:31.5 by Muskegon's Jack Rose, Ron Phillips, Ron Williams and Ken Woodring in 1956; the shot put mark of 57 feet by Joel Boyden of Muskegon in 1955 and the pole vault standard of 12 feet, 9¼ inches by Muskegon's Dick Cahill, when he finished second in the state meet in 1958.

Hunter, off to the fastest start in his brilliant three-year career, could set three new records.

He owns the broad jump mark of 23 feet, 3 inches set in the "Champion of Champions" meet at Kalamazoo in 1958. He already has tied the 100-yard dash record and is within a fraction of a second of the 21.5 in the 220-yard dash set by Tom O'Neill of the Heights in 1958.

If he can get some pushing, Greene is almost a cinch to break his own high hurdle mark and has a chance to break the 180-yard low hurdle record of 10.6 seconds set by Muskegon's Dick Cahill in 1958.

Figuring on normal improvement, Mitchell should break his own high jump record at least a couple of times this season.

Hunter will have to go some to top his own broad jump mark since he traditionally has had trouble with takeoffs.

The final record in danger is the 1:32.0 clocking in the 880-yard relay set by the Heights in a preliminary heat in the state meet in 1958. O'Neill, Richard Wright, Floyd Cook and Hunter were on that team.

The Heights foursome this season of Sam McMurray, Latrice Sain, Paul Adams and Hunter already has run within a second of the record.

Local Track Records

100-yard dash—9.9 seconds by Jerry Fitzpatrick (Catholite), 1957. Tied by Mack Hunter (Heights), 1960.

220-yard dash—21.5 seconds by Tom O'Neill (Heights), 1958.

440-yard run—50.8 seconds by Stan Birleson (Heights), 1930.

880-yard run—2:01.5 by Jim Kepford (Muskegon), 1948.

Mile run—4:33.2 by George Cowley (Muskegon), 1908.

120-yard high hurdles—15.1 seconds by Bob Green (Muskegon), 1959. Tied by Green in 1960.

180-yard low hurdles—10.6 seconds by Dick Cahill (Muskegon), 1958.

Medley relay—2:31.5 by Muskegon (Jack Rose, Ron Phillips, Ron Williams, Ken Woodring), 1956.

880-yard relay—1:32.0 by Heights (Tom O'Neill, Richard Wright, Floyd Cook, Mack Hunter), 1958.

Shot put—57 feet by Joel Boyden (Muskegon), 1955.

High jump—6 feet, 2¾ inches by Ruben Mitchell (Muskegon), 1960.

Pole vault—12 feet, 9¼ inches by Dick Cahill (Muskegon), 1958.

Broad jump—23 feet, 3 inches by Mack Hunter (Heights), 1958.

Buc Nine Wins Easy Ball Game

GRAND HAVEN—The High School Buccaneer baseball team, which this week won three games—two of them lopsided wins over Coopersville and Western Michigan Christian of Muskegon—meets its test next week with games with three strong teams on the schedule.

Grandville High's strong nine comes here at 1:30 p.m. Monday for a game at Beech Tree park and on Tuesday the Bucs will meet Muskegon High School. Holland will be played at the Dutch diamond on April 22.

The Blue and Gold slaughtered Coopersville this week and then on Thursday gave Western Michigan Christian a 20-2 defeat. The game took so long it was called in the sixth frame.

Coach Steve Sluka used 18 players in an effort to give all his boys a chance. Doug Vander Wall, the classy lefthander of Sluka's team, won credit for the win.

The score:
CHRISTIAN 2 1 1
G. HAVEN 4 52 27x—20 17 4
Holtrop, Streeling and Heethuis. Gallop: Vander Wall, Osbeck and Kent, Fortino.

Braves Unity Reformed Loop Season Champs

Standings	W	L	TR	Pct.
Braves	32	10	12	41
Dodgers	30	12	9	39
Yankees	25	17	10	25
Phillies	20	22	2	22
Indians	19	23	3	22
Cubs	14	24	6	20
Tigers	12	29	5	14
Senators	12	29	5	14

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