

Metro's Best Talent Goes To No Avail

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It's a pity that Detroit's Metropolitan League high schools aren't allowed to compete in state tournament competition.

The Metro loop last week completed one of its most successful seasons in track. During the two weeks of championship cinder meets, the league erased nine marks from its own record book.

Five of the new marks would have broken the state records had the Detroit lads been granted a "life" to show their wares before the state officials.

HOWEVER, since 1930, the Detroit cindermen have not competed in the state meet and consequently their performances have not been recorded in the state record book.

In fact, comparing the Metropolitan League's track record with those of the state, the city group's standards surpass those recognized by the state in eight events while matching another record.

Hustlin' Henry Carr, who seems a sure bet to leave Northwestern High next year as the most celebrated prep ever to perform in the Motor City, set two new Metro records with bullet-like performances in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

HIS CLOCKINGS of 9.6 and 20.6 seconds, respectively, would have shattered the state records for these events. The state standard in the 100 is 9.8 seconds while in the 220—the best the state could do was the 21.7 established by George Hester of Northern High, who set the mark in 1925 when the Metro schools were engaging in head-to-head combat with the state lads.

Then Northwestern's half-mile relay team, which included Carr, raced to a 1:28.2 timing while the state still recognizes the 1:30 set by Northeastern in 1927.

Frank Carissimi of Denby, the greatest high school miler to ever run in Michigan, couldn't get his name into the state annals even though his 4:17.7 mile completely wrecked the Michigan mark of 4:21.8, held by Grosse Pointe's Remington Purdy.

Mumford's medley relay quartet turned in the fastest time for the event in Michigan history by churning the distance in 2:27.3, but Dearborn Fordson takes the bows as the best the state has to offer with 2:28.1.

Following is a list of how the Metropolitan League track records compare with the state marks:

State Record	Metro Record
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES	
14.4, Jones, Pont. ('54)	14.4, Howard, NW ('51)
MEDLEY RELAY	
2:28.1, Fordson ('55)	2:27.3, Mumford ('60)
100-YARD DASH	
9.6, Hester, Northern ('25) Detroit Alpena ('35) Pea. Flint No. ('60)	9.6, Carr, NW ('60)
MILE RUN	
4:21.8, Purdy, GP ('54)	4:17.7, Carissimi, Denby ('60)
220-YARD DASH	
21.7, Hester, Northern ('25)	20.6, Carr, NW ('60)
440-YARD RUN	
49.7, Campbell, Fordson ('55)	45.8, Hatcher, Cent. ('51)
180-YARD LOW HURDLES	
19.0, Cawley, Farmington ('54)	19.3, Davidson, Northern ('60)
880-YARD RUN	
1:57.4, Brelford, Birmingham ('34)	1:54.6, Umstatted, NW ('39)
880-YARD RELAY	
1:30, Det. North-eastern ('23)	1:28.2 North-western ('60)
BROAD JUMP	
23' 8", Jones, Pontiac ('54)	23' 4", Carr, NW ('60)
HIGH JUMP	
6' 4 9/10", Ammerman, Dearborn ('60)	6' 6", Rogers, Eastern ('59)
POLE VAULT	
13' 3", Alcorn, Birmingham ('59)	12' 10", Gilders, NW ('49)
SHOT PUT	
59' 5", Pritchett, Pont. Cent. ('60)	55' 8", Hatcher, NW ('60)