

For 12 Area Prep Track Squads

Huron Relays First Test

Area prep athletes swap basketball shoes for spikes Friday and Saturday for the sixth annual Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

Five area Class A and seven Class B squads are entered in an expected field of 88, up 25 from last year.

Heading the Class A contingent are Northern, Central and Southwestern, abetted by Lapeer and Ainsworth. Michigan School for the Deaf, which runs in state Class D circles; Atherton, Kearsley, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, Durand and Clio are expected to pursue the Class B crown Friday.

CLASS B preliminaries start at 3 p.m. Friday with finals beginning at 6. Class A preliminaries open at 2 p.m. Saturday and the finals at 6.

Mansfield, Ohio, will return to defend its Class A crown with 1961 king Ecorse returning in Class B.

Northern Coach Norb Badar greeted 11 returning lettermen

among 101 candidates. Three of his 1961 standouts, who played vital roles in the Vikings' state Class A championship, are gone.

Badar and assistants Fred Crawford and Francis Bentley are seeking replacements for sprinter Dennis McGee, who placed in both events in the state meet, quarter-miler Hugh Edwards who won the state 440 and Willie Dent, broad jumper-hurdler who is ineligible.

Badar annually has developed strong Viking teams and admits "we have a good nucleus."

HEADING NORTHERN's returning lettermen are sprinters Dalton Kimble and Capt. Ed Johnson and high-jumper Al Washington who holds the school mark at 6-2. Others are Ed Carr, Robert Coleman, Cliff Finklea, Frank Gause, Bruce Gonyea, Charles Haynes, Neal Patterson and Emmett Willingham.

Central Coach Carl Krieger's hopes hinge on depth, led by nine juniors and three senior letter-

men. The Tribe's biggest proven threat lies in state Class A broad jump champ Bob Barnett, who has a potential of 24 feet. Barnett will also be used as a sprinter.

Senior Ewell Carter will lead the Tribe sprinters, being the team's top point getter last year. Top hurdlers are juniors Marv Mabry and Jewell Baxter, who competed for a starting halfback berth on the 1961 football team. Mabry placed fourth in the Saginaw Valley Conference meet last year.

Sherm Wallace, another junior first-string halfback, will aid the 880 relay team.

The only other senior letter winner back is Bosie Mathis, who will compete in the 880 open and two-mile relay.

JUNIORS Barry Potter and George Balser will run the mile while Connie Connors and Marion Hoey give Mathis good support in the 880. Joining Barnett in the field events is junior pole vaulter Bill Lee.

Central's shot put hopes

suffered a blow when Norm Alexander was declared ineligible. Alexander's best effort last year was 48 feet, but he had tossed 52 feet in practice this year.

SOUTHWESTERN HIGH has nine lettermen among its 20 entries. Included are Paul Harris and Tyrone Maynie who ran on the mile relay team which placed sixth in the state last spring and Jim Bracy and William Whittaker who helped the Colt 880-yard relay team earn fifth place in the state meet.

Other lettermen are Hamp Morris in the hurdles, Roger Elford in the sprints, shot putter Ed French and distance men Joe Florida and Chuck Decker.

Among Coach George LeBrasseur's best sophomore prospects are hurdlers Mac Farmer and Gary Bolden and distance star Tom Florida.

BOWIE, Md. — Trojan Seth (\$4.40) scored his fourth victory of the meeting in the feature at Bowie.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Mon Pette (\$4.60) made it two in a row by winning Ballerina Purse at Oaklawn Park.