

MARKS IMPROVE

Big Week Ahead for G-K Track Standouts

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A pair of important dual meets today, the Portage Optimist Relays Wednesday and the regionals Saturday add up to a busy and important week for Greater Kalamazoo high school track and field performers.

The steadily improving G-K preps lowered the standards in six events last week and should continue the trend this week in stern competition if the weatherman cooperates.

The Norrix-Central intra-city dual meet at 7:30 tonight at Norrix Stadium is a big one with the underdog Knights trying to pull off an upset of the Maroon Giants. University High is involved in an afternoon dual affair with Wolverine Conference foe Allegan.

Central, Norrix, U-High, Portage and St. Augustine, along with 20 other tough class A and B schools, will comprise the field in the Portage Optimist Relays Wednesday night at McCamley Field. It's the state's finest relay event and should attract a big crowd.

Although none of the G-K prep teams is rated a contender for honors in Saturday's regionals at Portage (A-C) and Western (B-D), individual stars should make their presence felt.

During the last week U-High's Stan Coleman, a .38-foot shot putter when the season started, got up to 48-5, Cub teammate Ron Creager ran a .10.5 100-yard dash, Central's half-mile star John Thurston ran a 2:05.3, Maroon Mike Thompson turned in a :52.4 in the 440, Central's Willie Williams went 11-6 in the pole vault and the Maroon 880-yard relay team turned in a 1:32 flat clocking.

The complete list of G-K bests.



STAN COLEMAN
Top G-K Shot Putter

Shot Put—Stan Coleman, U-High, 48-5.
Broad Jump—Walt Worthy, Central, 22-2 1/4.
High Jump—Wes Carpenter, Norrix, 5-11.
Pole Vault—Willie Williams, Central, 11-6.
120-yd. High Hurdles—Jim Hinz, U-High, :15.8.
880-yd. Relay—Central (Paul Bassett, Dave Johnson, Mike Thompson, Norm Gottlieb), 1:32.
Mile Run—Dan Fanselow, Norrix, 4:43.1.
100-yd. Dash—Ron Creager, U-High, 10.5.
440-yd. Dash—Mike Thompson, Central, :52.4.
880-yd. Run—John Thurston, Central, 2:05.3.
180-yd. Low Hurdles—Jim Hinz, U-High, 21.6.
220-yd. Dash—Ken Calhoun, U-High, 23.2.
Mile Relay—U-High (Jim Willson, Don Koets, Joel Schneider, Ritchie Reynolds), 3:42.8.