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Preps Put on Spikes For Big Indoor Runs

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There was a rapid sports transition this week all across Michigan's snow-capped peninsula. Thoughts of track and speed replaced basketball and points as the schoolboys geared for a season which officially gets underway Friday at 2 p.m. That's when meet director Bruce Waha and Eastern Michigan University track coach George Marshall sound the first whistle in the 11th annual Huron Relays.

THIS IS THE first of two big indoor track events for Michigan schoolboys. The second is the Spartan Relays at Michigan State a week hence.

The Huron Relays has attracted over 800 individual entries from 101 schools with squads entered from Mansfield, O., to Traverse City, Birmingham Seaholm in Class A and Mansfield Malabar in Class B are the defending team champions.

Contestants from 45 Class B schools will take over Bowen Fieldhouse Friday with finals slated to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday there'll be squads from 55 Class A schools.

Competition is scheduled in seven relays and six individual events. Medals are to be awarded for the first three finishers in all events.

Coch Roy Kruger, of River Rouge typifies the problems of the average coach trying to get a team ready for this relay carnival. Only last Saturday night the Panthers completed their 1965 basketball season by bringing home their fifth straight state Class B championship.

"WE SHOULD have some distance power and hope to pick up points in the mile and two-mile relays," said Kruger. "Still it is way too early to evaluate our chances." "I also hope Sam Campbell, our 6-foot-4 basketball scorer and rebounder, feels like throwing the shot."

If Campbell isn't in the

mood he might as well stay home because, most assuredly, Bob Johnson of Vassar will be ready. Johnson has thrown the shot 28 feet, 4 inches and has to be the favorite in the event.

There's also word out of Kalamazoo that Jim Giacchino of University High has turned in a 4:20.1 mile. That's moving any time of the year but

particularly impressive in March.

Merle Wilford of Elyria, O., and Jim Haviland of Waterford Kettering have both bettered 13 feet in the pole vault. It should be an interesting weekend.

Bowen Fieldhouse holds 4,000 fans for track. Admission both days will be a modest one dollar to all.



Bruce Waha
Meet director

JOE FALLS

Must a 'Nice Guy' Always Finish Last?



LAKELAND — Of all the opening days in baseball, none is as traditional as the inaugural in Cincinnati. Nor as colorful.

The Reds have been opening at home since the 1880's and their fans come from Bexley, W. Va., and Maysville, Ky., and they jam old Crosley Field until its sides literally buckle from the weight of humanity.

When the Reds open at home, life stops in the Rhineland. It's something to see and Steve Boros wanted to see it. Steve's an adventurous lad. He's been to Europe and the Far East and once even made a trip to the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

LAST SEASON he wanted to add opening day in Cincinnati to his experiences.

He never made it. Almost, but not quite.

The morning of the game, Fred Hutchinson called him into his office and broke the news to Boros. "Steve, I'm sorry but we're sending you to San Diego."

It was a cruel blow. Those who can't make it are usually sent out to the southland, before the club's break camp and

Boros got his jolt just a few hours before game time.

"THAT YOU, Fred," he said to his manager. "I appreciate the chance you gave me in Florida."

And Boros meant it. "He left us a happy kid," said SI Burick, who covers the Reds for his Dayton paper. "He really felt he had been given a chance to make the club."

To those who know Boros, his reaction to this disappointment was not surprising. For here is a young man with



class. Not an outstanding ball player—maybe he'll never be that—but a fellow who is as honest as they come.

Steve Boros has never tried to deceive anyone, least of all himself.

HE WAS A FLOP with the Tigers. They hoped for great things from him, but he let them down. Nobody knows it any better than he does.

And Tuesday, before the exhibition game between the Reds and Tigers in Henley Field, Steve talked of his two seasons with the Tigers.

"I wasn't a bad hitter that first year," he said. "And I was a pretty good fielder, too."

He tried to conceal the smile that flickered across his face.

"But that second year . . . Oh, baby," he went on. "I did everything wrong. I lost my confidence at the plate and I guess I also lost it in the field. I couldn't even run the bases. I made mistakes hitting, fielding, running and thinking."

HE WAS TRADED to the Cubs for Bob (Buttercup) Anderson, which was an indication how far Boros had fallen. Last April Boros went to San Diego without a sulk and hit



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