

Frankly Speaking... by Bill Frank

Track Regional Here Figures To Be One of Best in State

PRESSURE IS STARTING TO BUILD for what promises to be one of the best state regional track and field meets on record on C. W. Post Field, Saturday afternoon, May 15.

On that date Central High will host a star-studded 16-team Class A regional along with a big 23-school Class C Regional. The Bearcats are defending champions in Class A and St. Philip in Class C. Both are defending state champions, too.



Charles Forsythe

Charles Forsythe, director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MSAA), has announced some changes in the running of regional meets that should add prestige.

More state qualifiers are now available for regional competitors.

In the past, the 1-2-3 finishes in various events in the regional meets qualified for the state finals. Under the new system, a regional performer who equals or betters the best fifth place time, height or distance which was made in an event during the last three-year period in the state finals shall qualify for the state finals.

As an example, the fourth place finish in the Class A state finals high jump last year was 6-4 feet. In the forthcoming regional on C. W. Post Field there are at least five high jumpers who already have cleared over 6-3 feet. So, anyone who clears 6-4 feet in the regional will qualify for the state finals regardless of finish in the regional.

In another important change for the state finals, an extra point place has been added. In the individual events there will be eight places, with first place counting eight points. In the past there were only seven places. There will be 10 places in the two relay events with first spot counting 10 points. Medals will be awarded to all the places.

Athletic Director Gerry Graham and his staff at Central are looking forward to the A-C Regional.

The Class A entries are: Battle Creek Central, BC Lakeview, Lansing Everett, Sexton, Eastern, East Lansing, Jackson, Jackson Parkside, Hastings, Grand Ledge Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix, Portage, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Niles.

Class C entries are: St. Philip, Bellevue, Benton Harbor St. John, Bridgman, Concord, Constantine, Decatur, Eau Claire, Galesburg-Augusta, Hartford, Kellogg, Homer, Jonesville, University High, Mattawan, New Buffalo, Quincy, Reading, Richland, Three Oaks, Union City, Watervliet and White Pigeon.



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