

Greatest Half Mile Ever Shaping Up in State Meet

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EAST LANSING — The weatherman always holds the trump card in track and field, but if the day comes up sunny and warm, watch for the greatest high school half mile ever run in Michigan Saturday.

The occasion is the annual state Class A track championships on Ralph Young Field and although other records are likely to fall, it's the 880 that deserves top billing in this meet.

IN REGIONAL meets last Saturday, five schoolboys turned in times of under 1:55. The state record, held by De-

troit Kettering's Roger Cleaver, is 1:52.

Best regional time belonged to Kevin Reabe of Waterford Kettering who turned in a great 1:52.5 effort. But Al Cornwell of Battle Creek Lakeview, Ron Phillips of Denby, Bob May of Dearborn and Mitch Garvey of Portage Central also were under 1:55 over an assortment of all-weather and cinder tracks.

Although the Michigan State facility is in excellent shape, it is doubtful if it is as fast as some of the all-weather tracks the schoolboys have been competing upon this spring. It may be a second or two slower but the mere fact that the competition will spur

greater endeavor may lead to a record run.

Four milers, Mike Goodwin of Jackson Parkside, Steve Danfort of Bedford, Jake Snell of East Lansing and Doug Brown of Harper Woods Notre Dame, are all flirting with 4:17. But here, Lou Scott's record is 4:13.2 and will probably stand any assault.

Mike Holt of Detroit Henry Ford holds the state 440 record of 48.8 and will be back to defend his title. But the competition is tremendous.

MIDLAND'S Mike Murphy ran a 48 flat quarter last week while Mike Sheppard of Ferndale and Dale Walters of Owosso are others who've bettered 48.8.

Hurdler John Morrison of Redford Union will take a shot at Bill Tipton's 13.9 mark in the 120-yard high hurdles. Morrison, the Mansfield champion, has been as low as 13.6 this spring.

Battle Creek Central is the defending team champion but the Bearcats can expect challenges from East Lansing, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Detroit Redford Union, Pontiac Central and Flint Northern.

The Class B title goes up for grabs at the University of Michigan where Ecourse has a great shot at a team crown and Jerry Sinkel of Detroit St. Anthony will undoubtedly set a record in the open two-mile.

Class C and D schools converge on Central Michigan's oval in Mt. Pleasant for their title runs. Preliminaries at all three centers start at 10:30 a.m. with finals at 1:30 p.m.

Brown Is 2-Up In Atlanta Golf

ATLANTA—UPI—Pete Brown, who is one of only a handful of Negroes on the pro tour, went 9 under par at 135 Friday to grab the second-round lead of the Atlanta Golf Classic by a stroke over newcomer Bob Shaw of Australia.

Arnold Palmer, one stroke back at the start of the second round after an opening 68, lost ground Friday with a 73-141; defending classic champion Bob Lunn had a 72-142, and Gary Player had a 70-142.

Brown, 34, and the 24-year-old Shaw, both shot 6-under-par 66s Friday over the hilly Atlanta Country Club course. But Brown, who had a 69

tour event when he captured the 1964 Waco Open. His best finish last year was 10th in the Byron Nelson Classic.

"The secret was my putting," Brown said. "When you consider that is the weakest part of my game, I'd have to say that I've been putting real well lately."

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| Pete Brown | 69 - 66 - 135 |
| Bob Shaw | 70 - 66 - 136 |
| Bruce Crampton | 69 - 69 - 138 |
| Jackie Cupitt | 69 - 69 - 138 |

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