

Best Area Prep Trackmen Will Compete May 26

By LEN HOYES

Trackmen in the Flint area will have added inducement for good performances in regional meets tonight and Saturday.

Coaches from the Flint area, in cooperation with The Flint Journal, have finalized plans to hold a special meet May 26 at Houston Stadium.

The meet has been named The Great-

er Flint Track and Field Invitational in which a selected group of contestants will be invited to compete.

GORDON SPENCER, Southwestern High coach, has agreed to be the meet manager. Other members of the committee, which will make the final selection, are: Bob Bloomer, Northwestern; Bob Stallcup, Grand Blanc; Duane Raf-

fin, Holly; Bill Tucker, St. Agnes, and Mike Coke, Hamady.

The meet will be held at Houston Stadium and will be limited to high school athletes in good standing under the Michigan High School Athletic Association rules.

Most of the invitations will be sent to contestants in line with performances submitted by coaches to Spencer who

has compiled a weekly list of the top contestants in each event for The Flint Journal.

THE COMMITTEE hopes to limit each event to nine contestants. There will be no preliminaries for the 7:30 p.m. meet.

Some invitations already have been sent to the outstanding contestants. The

final list will be compiled after regional meets this weekend and three league meets next week.

The meet has been the subject of coaches' talk for several years as a chance to see the best Flint area trackmen on the same track at the same time. It will be an all-class meet with Class A men competing with those from Class B, Class C and Class D.

Although the invitation list will be dominated by Class A contestants from city, Big Nine and Metro schools, coaches have felt that non-Class A men deserve a chance to compete against the best.

SPENCER SAID, "Anyone who's been around the Flint area for long knows that some of the best men have come from smaller schools. Some were good enough to compete in Class A."

Among the best non-Class A men in recent years are Paul Krause (Bendle), Bob Sherman (Durand), Rich Schlegelmilch (Bentley), Darrell Morton (Lakeville), Bob Waters (Montrose), Bob Boudreau (St. Matthew), Harvey Loiselle (Holy Redeemer), Abram Powell (Michigan School for the Deaf) and Cliff Kittle (Atherton) who would have merited invitations to a meet of the Greater Flint Invitational's caliber.

This year, pole vaulter Don McMonagle (Hamady), high jumper Dennis Stanley (Linden), long jumper Mike Wood (Mt. Morris) and hurdler Roger Downing (Holly) and shotputter Buzz Tyler (Holy) are Class B men who rate high on the honor roll.

THE GREATER Flint meet also was suggested by coaches who have felt other invitationals, such as the Kalamazoo Champion of Champions meet, require too much travel and have lost some of their luster.

Some men will be invited in two events but will be permitted to select only one. Among those in this category are Grand Blanc's Mike Pierce, Kearsy's Dave Baker and Southwestern's Mike Torres who have good times for one-mile and two-mile runs. MHSAA rules prohibit anyone from competing in both events.

The Greater Flint meet will be a non-profit affair with any proceeds going toward improving the meet. It's hoped that a trackman of national caliber will be invited for an exhibition and perhaps a clinic in future years.

Each contestant will receive a participation certificate and first, second and third places in each event will earn suitable medals.

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By Doug Mintline



New State Hall of Fame Members Billy Rogell (left) and Joe Schmidt Get Together with Detroit Lions' Famed Bobby Layne and Baltimore Colts' Johnny Unitas

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Rogell, Schmidt, Forsythe Enshrined in State 'Hall'

first to say it has been appreciated.

Yet let no one tell a lie. The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, and those around the nation who've copied our format, is a success because of Nick's talent.

Kerbawy has smooth-talked corporations out of funds to finance the fine production that is exhibited at Cobo Hall

DETROIT — I shall never forget how W. Nick Kerbawy sold an Associated Press writer, New York trained, a terrible yarn in years past. Nick then was general manager of the Lions.

It happened at a time when other sports, I'm guessing the National Open Golf Tournament, deserved headlines. It might have been some other worthy event.

But the sports pages, in the midst of this story, however major it was, were dominated by a Kerbawy yarn, no matter that it was a figment of his fertile imagination.

What happened, at breakfast in the big city, was that an enterprising reporter made the mistake of asking W. Nicholas, "What's new?"

Kerbawy, always wide awake, even in the morning, and that's disgusting, answered, "Well, I'll tell you. We've been offered a million dollars for Bobby