

Girls' U.P. Track Finals At Gwinn

Gwinn High School will host the Upper Peninsula girls' track and field championships Saturday, with 44 schools competing on the asphalt turf behind the school.

For the first time, the meet will be held in three divisions similar to the format followed in the boys' track finals. Teams will compete in Class A-B, Class C and Class D, with team champions in each class receiving trophies and each individual winner earning a blue ribbon.

Last spring marked the first U. P. girls' track finals, with Iron Mountain High School the host school. Last year's meet, attended by 19 schools, was conducted in only one division, similar to the format followed for the girls' track finals in Lower Michigan.

Since last year was the first time the girls participated in track, and subsequently in the U. P. finals, it is expected a number of new records will be established Saturday in the three field events and eight track events.

Last year's U. P. records are enclosed in the accompanying chart. With the setup into three divisions, a number of peninsula girls will earn a spot in the U. P. record book.

An indication of the record breaking spree that is expected to surface Saturday can be ob-

tained by glancing at the results posted in the Great Northern Conference girls' track meet Monday in Iron Mountain. At that meet, the first time the GNC held a girls' track meet, nine of the existing 11 U. P. girls' track marks were equalled or bettered.

Saturday's event begins at 10 a. m. with the preliminaries in the 80 yard low hurdles, 100 and 220 yard dashes, and the finals in the field events. The field events will be continuous.

The afternoon portion of the program begins with the finals of the running events at 1:30, with the finals of the field events continuing until conclusion.

The field events will be juggled by classes, with A-B-C in the high jump, C-D in the long jump and A-B-D in the shot put beginning at 10 a. m. After a short lunch break and rest period, Class D high jump finals will begin at 1:15, as will Class A-B long jump and Class C shot put.

Escanaba Eskymos enter the A-B division with the favorite's tag after winning the GNC title by seven points over 1973 champion Marquette. The Redettes are again expected to provide the stiffest competition, as they have done in the two previous meetings this spring in the GNC.

A second area squad also rates a chance of coming home with the under title, as the Rapid River Rockettes are expected to challenge Pickford for Class D honors. L'Anse is the early choice in the Class C field, which does not include any schools from this area.

Marquette won last year's crown with 66 points, while Manistique was the top area finisher with a fifth place 27 points. Escanaba was seventh, Gladstone eighth, Rapid River ninth and Big Bay de Noc tied for 17th with National Mine.

This year all of the area's schools will be represented in the U. P. girls' finals. Last year the event drew only 28 of the 59 peninsula schools.

Coach Gary Seehafer's Escanaba thincads chalked up six first places in winning the GNC meet earlier this week, with four of the wins bettering the current U. P. records.

Denise Porath, a double winner Monday, bettered the 100 standard and topped her own school mark. Tina Koish beat 1973 champion Ann Pazurich of Marquette while bettering last year's mark. Sue Flippen topped the 440 record in her victory and the medley relay, despite dropping the baton during one exchange, also clipped time off the present record.

Eskey also won the 440 relay, but a lane violation de-

prived them of the blue ribbon.

Rapid River won seven of the individual events to win their second Central U. P. League girls' crown last week. The Rockettes bettered one U. P. mark in winning the 440 relay in the CUP meet, and Vicky Pearson equalled the 440 mark.

Tom Piascecki of Gwinn, the meet manager, noted that an admission charge of \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students has been set by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He also noted that food and refreshments will be available at the track, and said that the finals will not be stopped in the event of poor weather.

Gladstone Girls Drop Track Test To Maroons

MENOMINEE — Gladstone High School's girls' track team closed out their dual meet season here Thursday, dropping a 67-20 decision to the Menominee Maroons. The two squads will return to action Saturday in the U. P. Finals at Gwinn.

Marilyn Theoret won the high jump for Coach Pat D'Arcy's Braves, and the Gladstone medley relay team picked up the only other win for the visitors.

The Braves were blanked in three events, and did not have a runner in the mile, an event

that saw only one Menominee girl compete.

The summary:
Low Hurdles: Ihler (M), Gignae (M), VanBroeklin (G) 12.1
Medley Relay: Gladstone 2:09.7
 880: Ruggierello (M), Davidson (M), Mitecki (G) 2:50
 100: Letret (M), Knispel (M), Company (M) 12.45
Mile: Conder (M) 6:46
 230: Hartman (M), Theasin (M), Barker (M) 28.75
440: Perket (M), Callis (M), McNair (G) 30.4
440 Relay: Menominee 35.0
Shot Put: Ebsch (M), Kennedy (G), Soper (G) 31' 1 1/2"
Long Jump: Hartman (M), Theoret (G), Kendall (M) 13' 10"
High Jump: Theoret (G), Knispel (M), Hartman (M) 4' 7"

U. P. Girls Track Records (No Classification)				
Event	Contestant	School	Year	Record
80 Yd Hurdles	Mocin	Iron Mtn.	1973	12.2
880 Yd Run	Falzurich	Marquette	1973	2:38.8
100 Yd Dash	Slater	Pickford	1973	12.05
Mile Run	LaCombe	Marquette	1973	6:08.3
22 Yd Dash	Slater	Pickford	1973	27.4
440 Yd Dash	Ebeling	Norway	1973	37.0
Medley Relay		Iron Mtn.	1973	2:05.1
440 Relay		Marquette	1973	35.0
High Jump	Batno	Pickford	1973	4' 10"
Long Jump	Rector	Gwinn	1973	15' 7 1/2"
Shot Put	Conery	N. Dickinson	1973	33' 1 1/2"

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