

THE EARLY YEARS OF MINNESOTA TRACK & FIELD

1911

Shattuck defended its title at the Fifth Annual Interscholastic. The individual star of the meet was 'Cap' Townsend who won the 200 and the Discus, placed third in the 100, and moved his relay team up from 3rd to 2nd on the anchor leg. Well over twenty teams participated and seventeen scored points. Twelve of the fifteen starters in the mile run finished, which was judged by the *Mpls. Journal* as a good effort by the lads.

The Range schools got together for an Interscholastic, but this meet was not run every year. In years when it was not contested, most Range schools had a field day where the classes competed against each other. In Duluth, freshman Matt Brown, began four years of dominating track & field in the Port City. His sophomore year he was captain and, according to the *Duluth News-Tribune*, organizing meets.

This was the inaugural year for both the Minneapolis and St. Paul City Meets.

At the Carleton Invitational, the Northfield squad voted unanimously to allow Stillwater to take home the championship trophy (the two teams had tied). Local newspapers applauded their sportsmanship. After meets run at colleges, it was customary for the competitors and their coaches to be hosted at a banquet provided by the school. Carleton would frequently combine their Track Invite with a musical show. In meets run at Hamline, schools that won the Debate competition the night before were awarded up to 40 points toward their track team's score.

FIFTH ANNUAL INTERSCHOLASTIC

Saturday, May 20, 1911 - Northrop Field, U of M, Minneapolis

Shattuck 40.5, St P Central 25, Mpls West 10, Centerville (SD) 10, Mpls North 9, Mechanic Arts 8, Mpls Central 7.5, Howard Lake 7, Madison (Wi) 7, Mpls East 6, Annandale 5, Grand Forks Model(ND) 5, Menomonie(Wi) 4, St P Johnson 3, Buffalo 3, Mpls South 2, Hudson(Wis) 2

100 Yard Dash

- 1 Wilkins, Shattuck :10 1/5 sec.
- 2 Hay, Shattuck
- 3 Townsend, SP Central
- 4 Davis, Mpls West

120 Yd High Hurdles

- 1 Hamilton, Mpls North :16 3/5 sec.
- 2 Strauch, Mpls North
- 3 McVeedy, Howard Lake
- 4 Ford, SP Central

Mile Run

- 1 Zepoy, Grand Forks Model School(ND) 4:46
- 2 Merrill, SP Central
- 3 Scott, Mpls West
- 4 Watson, Mpls West

High Jump

- 1 McVeedy, Howard Lake 5-6.5
- 2 Warner, Shattuck
- 3 Levering, Shattuck
- 4 Lano, Annandale

Shot Put

- 1 Little, Madison(Wis) 39-4
- 2 Wilkins, Shattuck
- 3 Hans, Buffalo
- 4 Waldron, Mpls West

220 Yard Dash

- 1 Townsend, SP Central :22 3/5 sec.
- 2 Hay, Shattuck
- 3 Stowell, SP Central
- 4 Walter, Menomonie(Wis)

220 Yard Low Hurdles

- t1 Martin, Mpls East :26 3/5 sec.
- t1 Warner, Shattuck (Martin wins)
- 3 Thomas, SP Central run-off)
- 4 Strauch, Mpls North

Half-Mile Relay

- 1 Shattuck 1:34 3/5 (Hay, McIntosh, McKey, Wilkins)
- 2 St Paul Central
- 3 Minneapolis West
- 4 Minneapolis East

Broad Jump

- 1 Capser, SP Mechanic Arts 20-3
- 2 Walter, Menomonie(Wis)
- 3 Robinson, Madison(Wis)
- 4 Wilkins, Shattuck

Twelve Pound Hammer

- 1 Peterson, Centerville(SD) 120-3
- 2 Lano, Annandale
- 3 Wilkins, Shattuck
- 4 Hans, Buffalo

440 Yard Run

- 1 McKey, Shattuck :51 4/5 sec.
- 2 Robertson, Mpls West
- 3 VanDyne, Shattuck
- 4 Tomasek, SP Central

Half-Mile Run

- 1 Sill, Mpls Central 2:03 2/5
- 2 Harkness, SP Mechanic Arts
- 3 Savage, Mpls South
- 4 Ward, SP Central

Pole Vault

- 1 Peterson, Centerville(SD) 10-6
- 2 Johnson, Shattuck
- 3 Kelly, Hudson(Wis)
- t4 Bros, Shatt. & Holp, Mpls Central

Discus Throw

- 1 Townsend, SP Central 100-8
- 2 Ostergren, SP Johnson
- 3 McLeod, Mpls Central
- 4 Lano, Annandale