

THE EARLY YEARS OF MINNESOTA TRACK & FIELD

1914

In an early meet, May 2nd, at Hamline, Louis Hauser of Mechanic Arts won the mile in 4:41 which was billed as a "new" State Record. Fred Watson in 1912 had run 4:39 in Chicago and 4:41 at the Northwestern Interscholastic at the U of M. Apparently they didn't have *The Minnesota Track & Field Annual* in 1914 to keep track of their records. In fact, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* gave him another State Record on May 10th when he ran 4:42 2/5. Hauser finally breaks all records, both new and forgotten, at the Northwestern Interscholastic when he recorded a 4:38 1/5.

The Athletic Committee at Carleton College decided to offer a Twin City Championship on their beautiful cinder track. It had been laid two years earlier and had settled into the "fastest in the State." Carleton also had a 220 yard straightaway to eliminate the turn in the furlong race. Athletes arrived in Northfield on a special train over the Dan Patch line on Saturday morning, May 9th. They participated in the meet on a very windy day, enjoyed the "shower baths, swimming pool, and rubbing rooms in the gymnasium, and then attended a banquet in the Sayles-Hill gymnasium. The Minneapolis Central band provided them with music at the banquet. Late that evening their special train returned the athletes, the band, and the 700 rooters, 500 from Minneapolis and 200 from St. Paul, to the Twin Cities.

The two star Keewatin athletes had had very successful high school careers elsewhere before attending the Prep School. The world record at this time was :09 3/5, so Robinson's mark was exceedingly fast. The Minneapolis schools threatened to not participate in 1915 if Keewatin was invited back. They were not, but the University did continue to invite other out of state track powers.

At the Hamline Relay Carnival, two State Records were set. Coach Jackson's Minneapolis North squad ran 3:44 for the Mile Relay, an event that was infrequently contested. Another All-Time State Record was set by Drew of Minneapolis West in the Discus with a throw of 116'0.

In a meet run at Princeton University on May 23rd, a National High School Record was set in the Two Mile Run. Charles Broughton of Central High of Newark, New Jersey, ran 9:51 3/5 to break the old record by over a second.

SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN INTERSCHOLASTIC

Saturday, May 30, 1914 - Northrop Field, U of M, Minneapolis

Teams: Keewatin Academy (Prairie du Chien, Wis) 38, Shattuck 32, Minneapolis Central 11, Minneapolis West 11, Hector 10, Minneapolis North 9, Saint Paul Central 8, Saint Paul Mechanic Arts 8, Northfield 6, & Minneapolis East 6

100 Yard Dash

- 1 Robinson, Keewatin :09 4/5 (:10 flat pre)
- 2 Niles, Shattuck (:10 1/5 prelim)
- 3 Krafft, Mpls Central (:10 3/5 prelim)
- 4 Sacks, Mpls North (:10 4/5 prelim)

120 Yd High Hurdles

- 1 Goelitz, Keewatin :16 flat
- 2 Carrier, Mpls North
- 3 Kadletz, Shattuck
- 4 Moorhead, Mpls Central

Mile Run

- 1 Hauser, Mechanic Arts 4:38 1/5
- 2 Beebe, SP Central
- 3 Shannon, SP Central
- 4 Fisher, Mpls Central

High Jump

- 1 Dement, Shattuck 5-6 3/4
- 2 Goelitz, Keewatin
- 3 Carrier, Mpls North
- 4 Wyman, Mpls South

Shot Put

- 1 Goelitz, Keewatin 45-11.5
- 2 Carrier, Mpls North
- 3 Waldron, Mpls West
- 4 Carey, Mpls East

220 Yard Dash

- 1 Robinson, Keewatin :21 4/5 (:21 3/5 prelim)
- 2 Niles, Shattuck (:23 flat prelim)
- 3 Clark, SP Central
- 4 Fisher, Mpls Central (:23 4/5 prelim)

220 Yard Low Hurdles

- 1 Goelitz, Keewatin :24 4/5 sec.
- 2 Kadletz, Shattuck
- 3 Parker, Shattuck
- 4 Annan, Keewatin

Half-Mile Relay

- 1 Shattuck 1:35 2/5 (Parker, Wallace, VanNest, Niles)
- 2 Keewatin
- 3 Mpls Central
- 4 SP Central

Broad Jump

- t1 Robinson, Keewatin 20-2
- t1 Smith, Northfield 20-2
- 3 Morrison, Mpls West
- 4 Peterson, Mpls Central

Discus Throw

- 1 Goelitz, Keewatin 113-6
- 2 Carey, Mpls East
- 3 Drew, Mpls West
- 4 Dement, Shattuck

440 Yard Run

- 1 Cummings, Hector :51 2/5
- 2 Casper, Shattuck
- 3 Rich, Mpls Central
- 4 Johnson, SP Central

Half-Mile Run

- 1 Cummings, Hector 2:02 1/5
- 2 Kasper, Shattuck
- 3 Nicholson, Mechanic Arts
- 4 L. Hauser, Mechanic Arts

Pole Vault

- 1 Putnam, Mpls West 10-8
- t2 Kelly, Mpls Central
- t2 Bjoraker, Northfield
- 4 Taylor, Mpls East