

NINE SPORTS PARTICIPATION RECORDS BROKEN

A continuation of the upward trend in sports participation among the member schools of the Association is shown in a summary of athletic participation for the 1939-1940 school year. More than 21,000 boys took part in the ten approved sports during the year, representing an increase of approximately 400 over the previous high established in 1938-1939.

Altogether nine new records were established as old marks were broken in football, basketball, track, tennis, wrestling, golf, and softball in addition to the total number.

With 73 schools reporting six-man football teams, the number of schools playing football jumped to 391, an increase of 24 over the preceding year and the highest number participating in the gridiron sport since 1931-32. There were 318 eleven-man football schools with 10,631 boys competing, while the 73 six-man schools had 1,127 boys reporting. The combined total of 11,758 was the largest number of individual football participants since

records have been kept and was a hike of more than 700 over last year.

Although four less schools played basketball, the number of pupils continued to climb and reached 13,937, another record, and an increase of approximately 350 over the former mark. Track turned in a double record as eight new schools took up the spring sport for a total of 490, and a record-smashing total of 8,815 boys turned out for the cinder competition. The number of tennis schools dropped off slightly, but more boys than ever before participated.

Wrestling increased both in the number of schools and in the number of grapplers as 346 boys took part as representatives of 19 schools. The total of 50 schools having golf teams tied the number in 1935-36 and also in 1937-38, but the individual total of 278 was an all-time high. Twenty schools playing softball had 358 players, another record.

| Year | Football | | 6-man Football | | Basketball | | Track | | Tennis | | Baseball | | Wrestling | | Golf | | Softball | | Swimming | | Totals | |
|---------|----------|--------|----------------|-------|------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|------|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|---------|--------|
| | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys | Schools | Boys |
| 1928-29 | 398 | | | | 629 | | 431 | | 190 | | 199 | | 11 | | 20 | | | | 2 | | 645 | 13,417 |
| 1929-30 | 392 | | | | 638 | | 456 | | 218 | | 186 | | 21 | | 41 | | | | 3 | | 660 | 13,641 |
| 1930-31 | 419 | | | | 646 | | 455 | | 238 | | 281 | | 19 | | 26 | | | | 3 | | 665 | 15,128 |
| 1931-32 | 399 | | | | 635 | | 462 | | 233 | | 278 | | 26 | | 47 | | | | 3 | | 654 | 15,730 |
| 1932-33 | 388 | | | | 631 | | 443 | | 236 | | 320 | | 25 | | 39 | | | | 3 | | 646 | 15,876 |
| 1933-34 | 372 | | | | 644 | | 432 | | 232 | | 319 | | 18 | | 45 | | | | 3 | | 656 | 16,765 |
| 1934-35 | 348 | 8,914 | | | 648 | 11,324 | 413 | 5,921 | 219 | 999 | 324 | 4,464 | 14 | 215 | 35 | 176 | | | 5 | 61 | 661 | 17,193 |
| 1935-36 | 347 | 9,376 | | | 634 | 11,778 | 437 | 6,358 | 215 | 929 | 336 | 4,840 | 19 | 232 | 50 | 200 | 8 | 127 | 4 | 63 | 655 | 18,123 |
| 1936-37 | 339 | 9,579 | | | 644 | 12,181 | 433 | 7,035 | 183 | 970 | 321 | 4,862 | 16 | 271 | 49 | 206 | 6 | 76 | 4 | 79 | 658 | 18,736 |
| 1937-38 | 330 | 9,764 | | | 661 | 12,843 | 462 | 7,743 | 195 | 1,022 | 311 | 5,073 | 16 | 274 | 50 | 207 | 13 | 182 | 5 | 106 | 668 | 19,521 |
| 1938-39 | 367 | 11,027 | | | 664 | 13,571 | 482 | 8,671 | 207 | 1,129 | 316 | 5,034 | 18 | 302 | 47 | 260 | 23 | 357 | 6 | 131 | 668 | 20,924 |
| 1939-40 | 318 | 10,631 | 73 | 1,127 | 660 | 13,937 | 490 | 8,815 | 196 | 1,134 | 298 | 4,625 | 19 | 346 | 50 | 278 | 20 | 358 | 6 | 109 | 667 | 21,343 |