

RULE AGAINST COLORED ATHLETES ANGERS DREW

Says He Will Never Compete in Games Under Auspices of B. A. A.

Howard P. Drew, the colored sprinter of Springfield high school, whose remarkable running has made him without question the fastest 100-yard man in the world, explained yesterday his reason for declining to compete in the Boston Athletic association games to be held Feb. 8 in Boston.

Although he has been running in New York for a long time, Drew has never appeared in a B. A. A. meet. The Boston sprint fans have been asking to have him brought there that they may see him in action, and he was sent entry blanks for the B. A. A. meet. He did not fill them out and paid little attention to them.

Last week he received a letter from George V. Brown, manager of the Boston Athletic association, asking him why he did not fill out the entry blanks, also asking if it meant that he would not compete in the Boston games. Mr. Brown continued by saying that Drew was running in New York every week, but that every effort to have him compete in the B. A. A. had failed. He asked what the trouble was.

Drew said last night that he answered him by saying that he had nothing against the fellows down there, for they had always given him the best possible treatment upon every occasion he had anything to do with them. But he recalled that there is a notice posted on a bulletin board in the club which says that no negro shall ever represent it in any way.

Drew said last night: "As long as the B. A. A. has this rule I shall never appear there. The club states specifically that it does not want negroes and under the conditions I think it would be foolish for me to appear there as a money-making attraction for them. I find enough races to take up my time without entering any of the B. A. A. events and am content to let matters rest where they are."

Drew was complaining of a sore leg last night, and speaking of his New York races said that in the 65-yard handicap the officials were a little too liberal and as a result he was beaten. He was only defeated by inches, however. In the 65-yard scratch event Drew led the field, finishing in 7 seconds. He was trailed by A. T. Myers of the Irish-American A. A., C. B. Clark of the Xavier club, New York, Stephenson, Trinity club, New York, and Donald Lippincott, University of Pennsylvania.

Drew competes in New York again tomorrow night. He has become a favorite with the sprint followers in that city.