

Lead Qualifiers For Finals Tomorrow

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Cooley High School athletes are an almost certain choice to run, jump and heave their way to their third city track championship since last Fall in the finals of the outdoor prep championships at the U. D. Stadium tomorrow afternoon.

No Cooley team ever won a city-wide track crown before the 1937-38 season. Last October the Cardinal harriers broke the ice when they won the cross country laurels in the loping at Rouge Park. With the winning habit underway Cooley went on to take the indoor track championship at Central High in April.

Al Thomas and Dave Wall, both blonds and both handsome, and Dick Slevin, another well-muscled youngster who might well be the hero of the high school play, are the outstanding lads on Coach Claude Snarey's well-balanced Cooley team. The first two are sprinters and hurdlers while Slevin is the city's pole vault champion. Wall also is a star high jumper.

TOP QUALIFIERS

Semifinals were held in 10 of the 12 events yesterday at the U. D. Stadium and when the dust kicked up by the runners and jumpers had subsided Cooley led all the other schools with 14 qualifiers.

Southeastern was next with 12, followed by Redford with seven, Northwestern with six, and Hamtramck, defending champion, with five. Southwestern and Pershing placed two each and Highland Park, Central, Denby and Miller one apiece.

The Jungaleers boast considerable balance but are not expected to produce enough winners to match Cooley in the finals. Cooley athletes placed in every event except the 880, while one or more Southeastern boys made the grade in every start.

Thomas and Wall started the Cooley point procession by topping their heats in the 120-yard high hurdles with the same times of 15.2.

For the first time in many a prep moon the stop watches in the 100-yard dash stopped before the 10-second point was reached when Thomas and Eddie Hall of Pershing breezed in to win their heats. Both were clocked in 9.8 but the 16-mile wind at their backs prevents the time, which might have been a new city record, from being official.

Thomas has been beaten by his teammate, Wall, on three different occasions in hurdle races this Spring. Bob Sawyer of Redford edged him out in the 100 in a triangular meet two weeks ago. Thomas squared things yesterday with Sawyer by running away from the Redford runner in the century. Sawyer, however, is just getting started at this distance. He showed his speed later in the afternoon when he led his heat in the furlong by approximately 7 yards. He was clocked in 22.4 as compared to Hall's 22.8 in the other 220 trial.

Sawyer's 22.4 beats Eddie Tolan's mark by two-tenths of a second but will not stand because of the following wind which prevailed.

HE MUST WATCH HENRY

Bob Wingo of Hamtramck ran as expected in turning in the best time of the two heats, 52 seconds, in the 440. Judging by yesterday's running, Henry Jefferson of Southwestern, who was at Wingo's shoulder at the finish, appears to be his most dangerous competitor.

Paul Downey of Southeastern was clocked in 13 seconds in the 120-yard low hurdles in winning his heat, while Thomas, unpressed, was registered with a time of 13.4.

One of the surprises in the 880 yesterday was the elimination of Jack McGloyn of Hamtramck, regarded as one of the stronger entries in the event.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

First heat—Won by Al Thomas (Coo); Powell Hamilton (H), second; Paul Downey (SE), third. Time, :15.2.

Second heat—Won by Dave Wall (Coo); Henry Davis (SW), second; Al Novitzki (H), third. Time, :15.2.

440-YARD RUN

First heat—Won by Allan Olds (Cen); Walter Hartley (Coo), second; Bruno Wrobel (H), third. Time, :54.2.

Second heat—Won by Bob Wingo (H); Henry Jefferson (SW), second; Jules Benoit (EP), third. Time, :52.6.

100-YARD DASH

First heat—Won by Ed Hall (P); Al Pinnock (R), second; Bruce Stevens (Coo), third. Time, :09.8.

Second heat—Won by Thomas (Coo); Bob Sawyer (R), second; Russ Conat (E), third. Time, :09.8.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES

First heat—Won by Thomas (Coo); Bud Rand (SE), second; Carl Nagy (SW), third. Time, :13.4.

Second heat—Won by Downey (SE); Hamilton (H), second; Wall (Coo), third. Time, :13.

220-YARD DASH

First heat—Won by Sawyer (R); George Hackman (SE), second; Stevens (Coo), third. Time, :22.4.

Second heat—Won by Hall (P); Pinnock (R), second; Eddie Cooners (H), third. Time, :22.8.

880-YARD RUN

First heat—Won by Mac Umstatt (NW); Bob Roediger (D), second; Gordon Smith (R), third. Time, 2:01.2.

Second heat—Won by Dale Brown (SE); Alvin Campbell (NW), second; Scotson Eason (R), third. Time, 2:06.

SHOT PUT

Qualifiers—Gene Hirsch (SE); Bob Roehrs (SE), Ralph Betker (SW), John Wade (MI), Mike Maloney (Coo). Best put by Hirsch, 47 feet.

BROAD JUMP

Qualifiers—James Harrold (NW); Lloyd Brown (SE), Dick Burrows (R), Dick Chalmers (E), Bob Nichols (NW). Best jump by Harrold, 20 feet 2 1/2 inches.

HIGH JUMP

Qualifiers—Richard Peterson (SE), Willie Marsh (P), Bob Taylor (Coo), Wall (Coo), Bob Jenkins (SE), George Lang (Coo). All cleared 6 feet 1 inch.

POLE VAULT

Bernard Steinbacher (NW), Brennan Clark (NW), Dick Steven (Coo), Sibley Toukin (Coo), Bill Hock (SE), Marsh (P). All cleared 11 feet.