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3 Teams in Battle for Crown

Trojan Ace Tosses 52 Feet 3½ Inches

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Miller High School's Walter Jenkins shattered the 21-year-old City League shot put record Wednesday as the Trojans continued a three-way battle with Cooley and Northwestern for the track and field championship.

The powerful Trojan ace heaved the shot 52 feet, 3½ inches, far below the tosses he had made unofficially in previous meets. But it still was good enough for official sanction, wiping out the mark of 52 feet ¼ inch set by Ed Turaschoff, of Cass Tech, in 1928.

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DESPITE JENKINS' record-breaking effort, however, the Trojans and Cooley's defending champions suffered near fatal losses in the semifinal qualifying round over a Denby track swept by chilling winds and a light rain.

Locked in a close battle with Cooley and Northwestern for the team title, Miller saw its 880-yard relay team withdraw in the middle of its heat.

Sylvester Jones, running the first 220-leg of the relay, fell as he made the exchange with Isaac Groves. When Groves was late in his exchange with Jim Shivers for the third leg, Shivers went outside the restraining zone and pulled out of the race.

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COOLEY SUFFERED in the hurdle events, in which it had three qualifying places for the semifinals. Norton Foley, in each, and Don Rebtoy, with a berth in the lows, failed to win spots in the finals.

Despite that, however, the Cardinals still were able to retain a co-favorite's spot in defense of their third straight league championship.

They will hold eight spots in the finals, along with two relay teams which led the field Wednesday. Northwestern has an equal number of representatives, while Miller has seven spots and one relay berth.

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FLETCHER GILDERS, Northwestern's pole vault ace, failed in a bid to crack his league record of 12 feet, 7⅞ inches, after leading the qualifying at 10 feet.

Two of the finest races coming up in Thursday's finals pit Cooley's Joe LaRue, Southwestern's George Reese, and Northeastern's Jim Keaton. That trio waged a nip-and-tuck battle for dash honors in the semifinals, LaRue winning the 220 and Keaton and Reese each leading the century in :10.7.

Closeness of the battle for the title was demonstrated by the surprising strength of the less powerful squads.

Western grabbed seven final berths; Southwestern 4; Redford 4; Northeastern 5; Northern 2; Mackenzie 2; Eastern 3; Denby 3; Chadsey 2; Central 6 and Southeastern 8.

Prep Track Qualifiers

FINAL QUALIFIERS

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Smith (NW), Bostick (Mac), Martine (W), Berry (Dy), Rebtoy (Cent), Foley (Cent). Best time by Smith and Bostick :15.7.

MEDLEY RELAY—Cooley (Wilson, Pawelkiw, Dilworth and Shreve); Miller, Northwestern, Eastern, Northern, Redford. Best time by Cooley, :1:39.7.

100-YARD DASH—Reese (SW), Keaton (NE), LaRue (Co), Smith (W), Rayford (Mac), Jones (SE). Best time by Reese and Keaton, :10.7.

440-YARD DASH—Lobb (Cent) Witherspoon (Co), Cairns (NW), Shivers (M), Felzer (E), Ketchut (SE). Best time by Lobb, :54.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES — Smith (NW), Lucas (Cass) Lorenz (SE), Hodney (N), Connelly (E), Thompson (Ch); Best time by Smith, :15.

220-YARD DASH—LaRue (Co), Keaton (NE), Reese (SW), Shipp (E), Wier (NE), Smith (W), Rayford (Mac). Best time by LaRue, :23.

880-YARD RUN—Banks (NW), London (Mill), Barton (Co), Harris (M) Kleth (D), Hatcher (Cent). Best time by Banks, 2:07.

880-YARD RELAY—Cooley (Felzer, Dilworth, Witherspoon, LaRue); Northeastern, Northwestern, Eastern, South western, Chalmers, Redford. Best time by Cooley, 1:31.7.

BROAD JUMP—Thompson (Ch), LaRue (Co), Mann (Mill), Gilders (NW), Rebtoy (Co), Hardesty (E), Brock (Mill). Best jump by Thompson, 20 feet 1½ inches.

SHOT PUT—Jenkins (M) (Mill), Wilson (SE), Markison (SE), Metrouskios (SW), Morphe (NW), Salakouis (W), Knapp (Cent). Best distance by Jenkins, 52 feet, 3½ inches, unofficial; previous mark, 52 feet ¼ inch, set by Turnachoff, of Cass Tech, in 1928.

POLE VAULT—Gilders (NW), Powers (W), Meyer (D), Foley (Co), Claudas (SE), Rebtoy (CO), Gesell (SE). Qualifying height, 10 feet.

HIGH JUMP—Johnson (Cent), Powers (W), Kress (K), Owens (NW), Kelley (Mac), Johnson (M), Marine (NW), Charleston (SE). Height, 5 feet, 10 inches.

ONE-MILE RUN—(Sectional qualifiers running for first six places in finals) Iverson (E), Parks (Mill), Evans (NW), Cassidy (Mac), Hodgson (Co), Hoffmeyer (Cent), Walrath (NW), Bell (Mac), Hall (Mill), Kotlark (D), Reibel (K), Stopp (P). Best qualifying time by Iverson, 4:41.7.

Happy Ending for Kazoo Nine

KALAMAZOO—(AP)—Kalamazoo College wound up its first baseball season in 20 years with an 11-5 victory over Olivet.

The victory was Kalamazoo's second over Olivet and gave the Hornets a record of five games won and eight lost.

Central Netters Rule West Side

Central won the West Side tennis championship, edging Northwestern, 3 to 2.

U. of D. gained the final round of the City League golf playoffs, trouncing Southeastern, 17 to 1, Wednesday.

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