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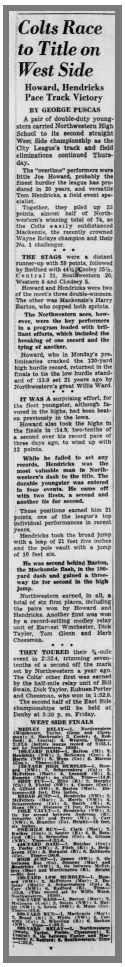

Colts Race to Title on West Side

Howard, Hendricks Pace Track Victory

BY GEORGE PUSCAS

A pair of double-duty youngsters carried Northwestern High School to its second straight West Side championship as the City League's track and field eliminations continued Thursday.

The "overtime" performers were little Joe Howard, probably the finest hurdler the league has produced in 20 years, and versatile Tom Hendricks, a field event specialist.

Together, they piled up 23 points, almost half of Northwestern's total of 74, as the Colts easily outdistanced Mackenzie, the recently crowned Wayne Relays champion and their No. 1 challenger.

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THE STAGS were a distant runner-up with 39 points, followed by Eastern with 20½, Central 11, Southeastern 10, Western 8 and Chadsey 5.

Howard and Hendricks were two of the meet's three double-winners. The other was Mackenzie's Harry Barton, who copped both sprints.

The Northwestern aces, however, were the key performers in a program loaded with brilliant efforts, which included the breaking of one record and the tying of another.

Howard, who in Monday's preliminaries cracked the 120-yard high hurdles record with a 15.0 finish to tie the low hurdle standard of :15.0 set 21 years ago by Northwestern's great Willis Ward.

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IT WAS A surprising effort, for the fleet youngster, although favored in the highs, had been beaten previously in the lows.

Howard also won the highs in the finals in :14.9, two-tenths of a second off the record pace of three days ago, to wind up with 12 points.

While he failed to set any records, Hendricks was the most valuable man in Northwestern's dash to the title. The durable youngster was entered in four events. He came off with two firsts, a second and another tie for second.

Those positions earned him 21 points, one of the league's top individual performances in recent years.

Hendricks took the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet five inches and the pole vault with a jump of 10 feet six.

He was second behind Barton, the Mackenzie flash, in the 100-yard dash and gained a three-way tie for second in the high jump.

Northwestern earned, in all, a total of six first places, including the pairs won by Howard and Hendricks. Another first was won by a record-setting medley relay unit of Earnest Winchester, Dick Taylor, Tom Glenn and Herb Cheesman.

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THEY TOURED their ¼-mile event in 2:22.4, trimming seven-tenths of a second off the mark set by Northwestern a year ago. The Colts' other first was earned by the half-mile relay unit of Bill Hall, Glenn, Taylor and Cheesman. They won in 1:32.8.

The second half of the East Side championships will be held at Denby at 3:30 p. m. Friday.

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