

Wright Injured

Thursday's Finals Now Wide Open

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Before the start of the Metropolitan League's semi-final track events at Redford Tuesday most of the coaches were conceding the championship to Miller because of its balance. They weren't so sure when the meet ended, even though Miller led the qualifiers with 14 individuals and two relays.

A slight ankle sprain, suffered by Willie Wright, Miller's captain and ace, leaves the outcome of Thursday's finals in the balance. That, plus the fine showing made by Northwestern, Northern placed 12 runners, jumpers and shot putters, as well as two relays, while Northwestern qualified for 11 places and one relay.

Northwestern also has two point possibilities in the mile, in which time trials were not held.

Wright suffered the ankle injury in the pole vault after turning in the best time in both the low and high hurdles. He aggravated the injury while running anchor in the sprint relay.

Coach Leroy Dues of Miller admitted his team's hopes rest entirely on Wright's condition.

Fourteen schools placed contestants in the finals, starting at 3 p. m. Thursday. Back of the three top teams were: Redford and Central, each six and one relay; Northeastern and Southeastern, each three and one relay; Mackenzie, two and one relay; Western, Cooley, Pershing and Chadsey, each two individuals; Southwestern one relay; Denby, one individual.

Tuesday's qualifiers:

POLE VAULT: Willie Wright (Miller); Wili Atkins (NE); Allan Jefferson (Northern); Werner Boelstler (Denby); Curtis Brock (Mill); Dick Anderson (Red); Ralph McQueen (Red). Qualifying height—10 ft. 4 in.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Wright (Mill); Zeb Dannard (NW); Alvin Jackson (North); Lloyd Swanson (Mill); Jim Phillips (Mill); Sam Ellowitz (West). Best time by Wright—:14.7.

MEDLEY RELAY: Northern, Mackenzie, Miller, Southeastern, Southwestern, Northeastern. Best time—2:35.9 by Northern (Dennis Gibson, Warren Gauthier, Marcellus Walker, David Humphrey).

100-YARD DASH: Dan Marcus (Cent); Eoliver McGowan (Cent); Gene Williams (NW); Chuck Sherrill (North); Bill Swain (NW); Rex McLeod (Mill). Best time by Marcus—:10.2.

40-YARD RUN: Walter Hoddo (NW); Tod Klerekoper (Mack); McCuin (North); Bob Corsini (Cool); Don Thomas (Miller); Gerald Spann (NW). Best time by Hoddo—:5.6.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES: Wright (Mill); George Fields (SE); Phillips (Mill); Jackson (North); Dannard (NW); Swanson (Mill). Best time by Wright—:13.4.

220-YARD DASH: Bob Farmer (North); Hal Bailliff (Cent); McGowan (Cent); Sherrill (North); Swain (NW); Jim Atkinson (Persh). Best time by Farmer—:22.2.

HALF-MILE RUN: John MacKenzie (Mack); Jesse Underwood (Mill); Jim Wheeling (Red); Bob Backus (NW); Jay Mackenzie (Persh); Leon White (NW). Best time by MacKenzie—2:03.8.

SPRINT RELAY: Northern, Miller, Northeastern, Northwestern, Central, Redford. Best time—1:32.2, by Northern (McCuin, Jackson, Farmer, Sherrill).

HIGH JUMP: Rex McLeod (Mill); Jesse Cokley (NE); Jack Vivian (Cool); Chuck Worthington (Red); Jim Landrum (North); Clyde Howard (NW); Dannard (NW); Bill Maleske (West); Louis Turner (SE). Qualifying height—3 ft. 8 in.

SHOT PUT: Harold Steen (North); Leo Faldys (Chad); Bob McLendon (Mill); Reddie Robinson (Mill); Calvin Vinson (North); Jim Berger (Red); Mel Bleitz (Red). Best distance by Steen—45 ft. 11 1/2 in.

BROAD JUMP: Charles Stewart (North); Bill McIntosh (North); Fields (SE); John Givens (NE); Bailliff (Cent); Arie Smith (Chad); Ray Hood (Cent). Best distance by Stewart—21 ft. 11 1/2 in.

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