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But Injury Hits Trojans

Sprained Ankle May Sideline Wright

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Miller, the 1950 champion, and Northern, a rising power in City League track, are favored to fight it out for the conference championship Thursday at Sawyer Field.

Both enjoyed a slight qualifying edge over Northwestern, the only team remaining with a chance to catch the East Siders, after semifinals had been completed over a track slowed by early rains Tuesday.

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LEROY DUES, veteran Miller coach, almost saw his team's chances buried in the muddy oval after completion of the 880 relay, final event of the day.

Anchorman Willie Wright, the team's brightest star, limped home with a sprained ankle and collapsed at the finish. Wright, a converted 440 man, is the league's foremost hurdler and a good bet to win the pole vault.

Dues rushed his ace to a diathermy specialist.

"These sprains usually respond with treatment after 24 to 36 hours," Dues said hopefully. "We must have Willie or we're through. That boy is my team."

Dues' concern was confirmed after a quick check of the qualifying sheets. Wright won both his hurdle heats in the best times of the aftrenoon, taking the high barriers in :14:7 and the lows :13.4.

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IF WRIGHT responds to treatment the Trojans will put their hurdle strength against Northern's great array of sprinters.

Northern did surprisingly well in the field events Tuesday, and this unexpected help might swing the final count in favor of Coach Buck Weaver's Eskimos.

Northern qualified 10 individuals in 12 of the 13 events and placed both its relay teams. Miller countered with nine individual performers in 10 events and got two relay teams into the finals.

Northwestern must depend on eight individuals in nine events and its 880-yard relay quartet.

Bob Farmer, Northern sprinter, came within a tenth of a second of a league record in winning his 220-yard heat in :22.2 despite the slippery footing.

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES—Wright, Swanson and Phillips, M; Dannard, NW; Jackson, N; Eliowitz, W. Best time, Wright, :14.7.

MEDLEY RELAY—Northern, Mackenzie, Miller, Southeastern, Southwestern, Northeastern. Best time, Northern, 2:35.9.

100-YARD DASH—Sherrill and Farmer, N; Swain and Williams, NW; McLeod, M; McGowan, C. Best time, Farmer, :10.2.

440-YARD DASH—Hoddo and Spann, NW; Klerekoper, Mac.; McCuin, N; Corsini, Co.; Thomas, M. Best time, Hoddo, :51.6.

120-YARD LOW HURDLES—Wright, Swanson and Phillips, M; Fields, SE; Jackson, N; Dannard, NW. Best time, Wright, :13.4.

220-YARD DASH—Sherrill and Farmer, N; Swain, NW; Atkinson, P; Bailiff and McGowan, C. Best time, Farmer, :22.2.

880-YARD RUN — Mackenzie, Mac.; Mackenzie, P; Backus and White, NW; Wheeling, R; Underwood, M. Best time, Mackenzie, Mac., 2:03.8.

POLE VAULT—Adkins, NE; McQueen and Anderson, R; Jefferson, N; Boelstler, D; Wright and Brock, M. Qualifying height—10'4.

HIGH JUMP—Vivian, Co.; Cokley, NE; McLeod, M; Landrum, N; Maleske, W; Worthington, R; Turner, SE; Howard and Dannard, NW. Qualifying height—5'6.

BROAD JUMP—Stewart and McIntosh, N; Bailiff and Hood, C; Givens, NE; Fields, SE; Smith, Ch. Best distance, Stewart, 21'11⅞.

SHOT PUT—Steen, N; Naidys, Ch.; McClendon and Robinson, M; Vinson, N; Berger and Bleitz, R. Best distance, 45'11⅞.

880-YARD RELAY—Northern, Miller, Northeastern, Northwestern, Central, Redford. Best time, Northern, 1:32.2.

KEY: M, Miller; NW, Northwestern; N, Northern; W, Western; C, Central; Mac., Mackenzie; Co., Cooley; SE, Southeastern; P, Pershing; R, Redford; NE, Northeastern; D, Denby; Ch., Chadsey.

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