

## BLAME IT ON O'BRIEN

# Preps Put Shot Backwards

**BY GEORGE FUSCAS**

High school athletes and their coaches are great followers of fashion. There is, to be sure, a "fashion" in sports.

A. Ted Williams wears his baseball pants almost to the ankle, a DiMaggio spreads his stance at the plate, a smooth and methodical delivery is developed by an Art Houtteman.

All these are quick to gain response from eager young athletes and their ambitious coaches.

A NEW FAD has hit the high schools, and a husky, powerful shotputter named Pary O'Brien makes it work, of course, as the league's East Side champion.

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Despite his strange style, City League shotputters are copying it, hoping that someone O'Brien's formula will work for them.

It did not work as O'Brien makes it work, of course, as the league's East Side champion.

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Two of the fashion followers are Miller's Leroy Dues, the former National shotput champion who developed the great Charley Fosville, later a world record-holder at Michigan, and young Bruce Waha, a freshman coach at Eastern and a keen track and field student.

Waha is tutoring two of his shotmen in the O'Brien style. O'Brien is probably the first great shotputter to turn his back directly to the throwing field before beginning his powerful windup and heave.

"IT'S AN IDEAL technique," Waha said. "It gets a big man across the circle much faster than the usual style."

Dues, however, is fashioning Miller's Ermin Crowley not after O'Brien, but after Darryl Hooper, the big Texan who won the 1948 Olympic championship.

"Crowley is too big (216) for O'Brien's technique," Dues said. "If he turned as much as O'Brien does, he'd get lost."

"Hooper is not quite extreme as O'Brien. Crowley has taken to the technique—I only started him with it the first of May—and he should become a fine shotputter."


Crowley certainly wasn't hampered with his new style. He tossed the shot 81 feet 7½ inches to lead the shotput qualifiers.

EASTERN'S two O'Brien models, Morris Adams and Clarence Cheslin, also made the Wednesday finals with throws of 43-8½ and 43-1½.

Miller was just as poised in other phases. The Trojans took dead aim on their ninth straight sectional title by qualifying in 21 positions. Challenging Pershing was next with 15 spots, Eastern followed with 11.

For the most part, it went as expected, Miller placing in all events. Pershing, relying on its distance power, Pershing got one surprise, however, when Miller's Ernie Richardson snipped cross-country champion Ron

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Ermin Crowley throws his weight around

Photo by JERRY HERMAN

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### Detroiters Are Deposed

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The Marboefer Weiners of Chicago took over team leadership in the Women's International Bowling Congress Tournament Monday with a 2734 tally.

They were 13 pins better than the previous leaders, B&B Chevrolet of Detroit.

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### Hillsdale Slips Past Titans, 7-1

Hillsdale hung the 11th defeat of the season today on the University of Detroit, trimming the Titans, 7-1, in a non-conference baseball game.

The victory gave Hillsdale a 4-11 season record compared to Detroit's 0-11.

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# Prep Track

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Wheeler at 4:39.9 of a stirring mile heat.

Northeastern had the real bright boy. He was Willie Adkins, who led the low hurdle qualifiers in :13.1, the broad jump at 22-1 and made the high jump and pole vault finals.

The scene shifts at 2 p. m. Tuesday to Mackenzie, for the West Side preliminaries.

**EAST SIDE QUALIFIERS**

**SHOT PUT**—Crownley (M), 51-7½; Vinson (N), 49-2½; Stith (N), 45-1½; Dowdell (M), 43-10; Jones (SE), 43-0½; Adams (E), 43-0¾; Cheatham (E), 43-1½.

**POLE VAULT**—Smith (E); Rollins (M); Otto (C); Meduen (P); McDonald (SE); Allen (E); Burgen (M); Hagler (P); Adkins (NE). Qualifying height—10 feet, four inches.

**130-YARD HIGH HURDLES**—Dowdell (M), Wright (P), Harner (M), Clover (P), Jones (P), Davis (E). Best time by Dowdell—:15.4.

**HIGH JUMP**—Adkins (NE), Jackson (M), Jones (SE), Hill (M), Adams (N), Harrington (E), Bullock (E), Mitchell (C), Dowdell (M), Clark (M). Best height by Adkins and Jackson—5 feet, 10 inches.

**MILE**—Richardson (M), Wheeler (P), Karn (SE), Boel (D), Wilson (M), Beach (P). Best time by Richardson—4:39.9.

**100-YARD DASH**—Hopgood (E), Gardner (C), Green (M), Willis (N), Pettway (M), Pierce (C). Best time by Hopgood—:10.3.

**440-YARD RUN**—Smith (E), Whittington (C), Daniels (N), Adams (P), Edwards (M), Hill (SE). Best time by Smith—:51.3.

**120-YARD LOW HURDLES**—Adkins (NE), Mavhon (E), Chapman (P), Dowdell (M), Wright (P), Harper (M). Best time by Adkins—:13.1.

**BROAD JUMP**—Adkins (NE), 22-1; Hopgood (E), 21-3¾; Wright (P), 21; Singleton (SE), 20-10½; Day (P), 20-3¼; Rollins (M), 20-2½; Mills (D), 20-1.

**HALF MILE**—DeMombrem (C), Marshall (N), Hodge (P), Williams (P), Holston (M), Davis (M). Best time by DeMombrem—2:04.3.

**220-YARD DASH**—Hopgood (E), Willis (N), Singleton (SE), Pierce (C), Pettway (M), Crutcher (C). Best time by Hopgood—:22.4.

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