

PERSHING WINS FIRST TRACK TITLE

One-Third of Point Ends 10-Year Miller

BY GEORGE FUSCAS They dreamed up a new payroll Wednesday. There's Win, Place Show and now Ha-Ha! Ha-Ha is the last laugh surging Pershing High believed as it streaked on the strength of an ordinary fourth-place finish in the meet's final event—to the City League's East Side track and field championship.

The margin of victory was a mere one-third of a point, the doughty Doughboys overwhelming Miller, 65 to 67½, in perhaps the tightest sectional title meet in 25 years.

IT WAS PERSHING'S first track title, the first time in 10 years that long-time champion Miller goes untrounced. Overhadowed completely were:

Prep Track Summaries

EAST SIDE FINALS TEAM TOTALS—Pershing 68, Miller 67½, Northern 67, Eastern 65, Eastern B 61, Eastern C 58, Eastern D 55, Eastern E 52, Eastern F 49, Eastern G 46, Eastern H 43, Eastern I 40, Eastern J 37, Eastern K 34, Eastern L 31, Eastern M 28, Eastern N 25, Eastern O 22, Eastern P 19, Eastern Q 16, Eastern R 13, Eastern S 10, Eastern T 7, Eastern U 4, Eastern V 1.

personal accounting of 21 of Northeastern's 22 points, plus a brilliant 19½-point effort by triple-winner Fred Hoggood, of Eastern.

There was clear evidence that the duel between the East Side powers would be a strenuous one, and it developed just that way on the Dgny track.

After 15 events, Miller held a 65½-65 edge over Coach Carl Holmes' Pershing squad. The Trojans needed only to stay ahead of Pershing in the final and climactic event, the 880-yard relay. It was an ideal setting, the perfect showdown.

BUT SO intent were Miller and Pershing that they paid no heed to other racers. A speedy Cass unit, Eastern and Northern romped off with the first three places. But there came Pershing in fourth with Miller's anchorman Jerry Green five yards back watching the title run away from him.

Miller Coach Leroy Dues had predicted long before that Miller's weakness in the sprints would cost it the title. The Trojans sagged badly in the 100

and 200. While Pershing was blanked in these events, the Doughboys delivered magnificently where they figured. A 1-3-5 FINISH by Wright, Art Clover and Paul Jones gave Pershing a 12-point cluster in the high hurdles. A 1-2 push by Bob Williams and Ron Hodge in a 2:04.4 half-mile gave the Doughboys another 11-point collection. Pershing won only those two events but scored in all except relay unit.

Adkins' 112.9 in the low vault erased the 113 record set by Willis Ward in 1930 and tied by Joe Howard in 1950—both of Northwestern. He also won the pole vault at 11' 4", took second in the broad jump and tied for first in the high jump at six feet.

Hoggood whipped up a 110 flat winning 100, took the 220 in 22.4, the broad jump at 22' 8¼" and ran a leg with Eastern's 880. Eastern, only team to win more than two events, finished fifth with 31 5/8 points behind Northern with 35 and Cass with 33.

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