

# After Nine Track Titles, Miller Loses to Pershing by 2-3 Point

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After years of effort, Pershing High is enjoying the greatest athletics success in the school's history.

Pershing won the Metropolitan League cross country and football championships for the first time last fall. Then yesterday, in the closest down-to-the-wire finish, Pershing gained the East Side track title by one-third of a point over Miller, champion for the last nine years.

There was more excitement than usual. The meet was close all the way and the crowd was kept on edge as the running score was announced after each event.

## LESS THAN POINT

With only the half-mile relay remaining, Miller led, 65 3/4 to 65, and was favored to beat Pershing as it did in the Wayne Relays.

It didn't turn out as expected. Pershing and Miller ran in the same heat, and Al Wright, Pershing's first runner, picked up a long lead. His teammates lost little ground. Pershing placed fourth and Miller fifth on time. The three points gave Pershing 68 to Miller's 67 3/4.

Other schools were far back. Northern had 35, followed by Cass, 33; Eastern, 31 5/6; Northeastern, 22; Southeastern, 9 1/2; Denby, 4.

## KEY MAN IN DRIVE

Wright was the key man in the closing drive, placing second in the low hurdles when he hadn't been figured on for better than fourth, and third in the broad jump. He opened the meet with a surprise victory over favorite John Dowdell, of Miller, in the high hurdles and was Pershing's high scorer with 15 3/4 points.

Willie Adkins, of Northeastern, was the meet's individual star. He scored 21 points on firsts in the low hurdles and pole vault, a tie for first in the high jump and second in the broad jump. The 18-year old one-man team won the hurdles in 12.9 seconds, clipping a tenth of a second off the old mark set by Willis Ward, Northwest-

ern, in 1930. Joe Howard, in 1951 and Lloyd Swanson, Northwestern, tied Ward's time. Miller, equalled it last year.

## East Side Results

**120-YARD HIGH HURDLES:** 1. Alex Wright (Persh); 2. John Dowdell (Mill); 3. Artemus Clover (Persh); 4. Tom Harper (Mill); 5. Paul Jones (Persh); 6. Tom Davis (East). Time: 15.1.

**MEDLEY RELAY:** 1. Northern (Dan Thomas, Charles Taylor, Ad McDonald, Roosevelt Wilson); 2. Pershing; 3. Miller; 4. Eastern; 5. Denby; 6. Northeastern. Time 2:35.1.

**100-YARD DASH:** 1. Fred Hopgood (East); 2. Clarence Willis (North); 3. Loman Gardner (Cass); 4. Bill Pierce (Cass); 5. Marvin Fettway (Mill); 6. Jerry Green (Mill). Time 2:10.

**MILE RUN:** 1. Ernie Richardson (Mill); 2. Ron Wheeler (Persh); 3. Wilbert Wilson (Mill); 4. Gurney Beach (Persh); 5. Jerry Bocci (Denby). Time 4:36.6.

**440-YARD RUN:** 1. Paris Whittington (Cass); 2. Harreld Adams (Persh); 3. Lee Daniels (North); 4. Dave Hill (SE); 5. Alonzo Smith (East); 6. Sam Edwards (Mill). Time 51.8.

**SHOT PUT:** 1. Ermin Crownley (Mill); 2. Calvin Vinson (North); 3. Dwight Smith (North); 4. Dowdell (Mill); 5. Herman Jones (SE); 6. Morris Adams (East). Distance 52 ft. 1/2 in.

**120-YARD LOW HURDLES:** 1. Willie Adkins (NE); 2. Wright (Persh); 3. Harper (Mill); 4. Dowdell (Mill); 5. Howard Chapman (Persh); 6. John Mayhew (East). Time 12.9. New league record.

**220-YARD DASH:** 1. Hopgood (East); 2. Willis (North); 3. Pierce (Cass); 4. Fettway (Mill); 5. Herman Crutcher (Cass); Jim Singleton (SE) disqualified for leaving lane. Time 22.4.

**HALF MILE RUN:** 1. Bob Williams (Persh); 2. Ron Hodge (Persh); 3. Art DeMombreaum (Cass); 4. Henry Holston (Mill); 5. Al Marshall (North); 6. Levi Davis (Mill). Time 2:04.4.

**HIGH JUMP:** 1. Tie between Dowdell (Mill), John Jackson (Mill); Charles Mitchell (Cass); Ken Harrington (Persh) and Adkins (NE); 6. tie between Luther Hill (Mill); Alvin Clark (Mill) and Bob Bullock (East). Height 6 ft.

**POLE VAULT:** 1. Adkins (NE); 2. tie between Ed McQueen (Persh) and Henry Burgen (Mill); 4. a tie between Bill Hagler (Persh) Percy Rollins (Mill); 6. a tie between Tom McDonald (SE) and Gary Allen (East). Height 11 ft. 4.

**BROAD JUMP:** 1. Hopgood (East); 2. Adkins (NE); 3. Wright (Persh); 4. Singleton (SE); 5. Al Day (Persh); 6. Rollins (Mill). Distance 22 ft. 8 1/2.

**HALF MILE RELAY:** 1. Cass (Loren Gardner, Crutcher, Whittington, Pierce); 2. Eastern; 3. Northern; 4. Pershing; 5. Miller; 6. Southeastern. Time 1:31.5.

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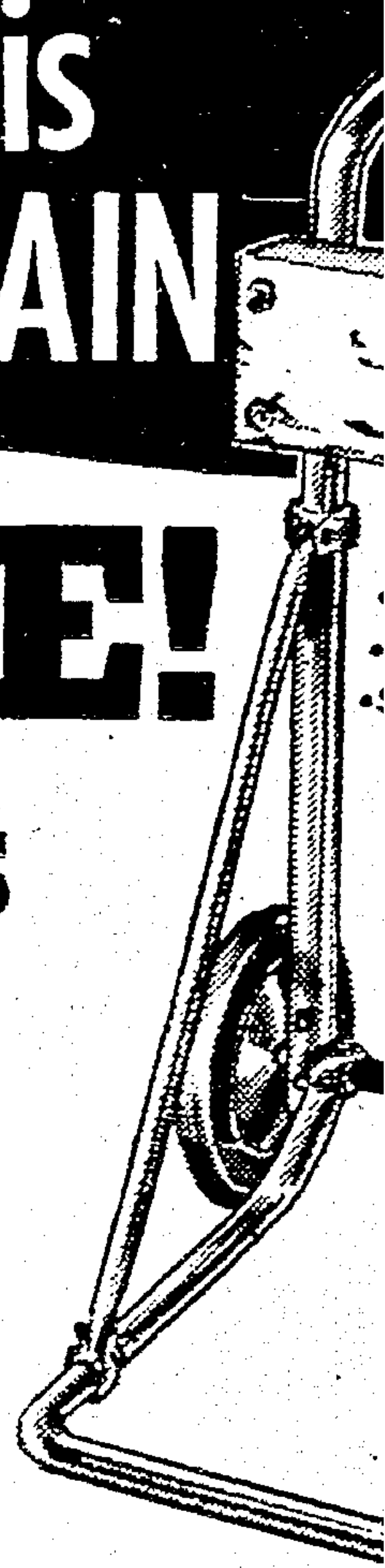
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